

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Supervisor, William Bradford, Attorney.

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Guin
Invocation by Lee
Questions and Statements of Citizens – None

Motion by Whittington to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2020. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

Lee made a motion to suspend the rules and add a matter not on the agenda under *New Business* as line item 15, which is “Amendment to Resolution 12 of 2020.” Seconded by Whittington
Mayor Galambos advised there was a motion to suspend the rules and add a matter not on the agenda, and opened the matter for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion was moved to a vote as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Ordinance 17 of 2020 – An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances and authorize the creation of a Renter’s Code, Housing Code, Manufactured Homes Code, Enforcement Management provisions, to provide the Mayor with authority to designate an individual to manage all matters related therewith, and to provide for all other matters related thereto

and

Vote on Ordinance 17 of 2020

Motion by Whittington to postpone this matter until the next council meeting. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation recognizing Mandy Wall, Principal of Donnie Bickham Middle School

Mayor Galambos read the Proclamation recognizing Mandy Wall, principal of Donnie Bickham Middle School. Mrs. Wall expressed her gratitude and thanked Mayor Galambos and the council for the honor.

Cook & Morehart CPA – Audit report for FY2019-2020

Vickie Case with Cook and Morehart CPA presented the audit report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. There were no findings and the changes that have been implemented are working very well. Ms. Case also suggested that the Employee Handbook of the town be revised and brought up to current standards.

Proclamation – Recognizing January 24 – January 30, 2021 as “School Choice Week”

Motion made by Lee recognizing January 24 – January 30, 2021 as “School Choice Week. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

Resolution 1 of 2021 – A Resolution to apply for funding through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) administered by the office of Community Development, State of Louisiana, for the purchase of a new police vehicle and the purchase of the necessary equipment to be installed on said vehicle

RESOLUTION 1 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED ON SAID VEHICLE

WHEREAS, The Town of Blanchard has its own Police Department, and,

WHEREAS, the Blanchard Police Department is in need of a new police vehicle and the necessary equipment to be installed on said vehicle, to aid in the safety of the police officers and citizens of the Town of Blanchard;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Council of the Town of Blanchard do hereby request funding in the amount of Thirty Five Thousand & NO/100 (\$35,000.00) DOLLARS, to assist in the purchase of a new police vehicle and the purchase of the necessary equipment to be installed on said vehicle.

If any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

All Resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion made by Fuller, second by Lee to accept Resolution 1 of 2021.

After being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 1 of 2021 was adopted on this 12th day of January, 2021.

Resolution 2 of 2021 – A Resolution authorizing Mayor Jim Galambos to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana and the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

RESOLUTION 2 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JIM GALAMBOS TO EXECUTE AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARISH OF CADDO, LOUISIANA
AND THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH
RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard, (“Town”) desires to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Caddo Parish (“Parish”), and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14© of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provide that, “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivision...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the Unites States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 33:1324 provides that “[A]ny parish, municipality or political subdivision of the state, or any combination thereof, may make agreements between or among themselves to engage jointly in the construction, acquisition or improvements of any public project or improvement, the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking or the exercise of any power, provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized under a provision of general or special law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking. Such arrangements may provide for the joint use of funds, facilities, personnel or property or any combination thereof necessary to accomplish the purposes of the agreement...;” and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to improve proposed water infrastructure facilities from an eight (8) inch water main to a twelve (12) inch water main; and

WHEREAS, this agreement allows increased clean water distribution capacity from the Town of Blanchard into northern Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, this increased capacity serves a public good while decreasing expected improvement costs to the Parish of Caddo; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will multiply the value of the infrastructure dollars invested by the Town of Blanchard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Town Clerk on or before February 2, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion made by Lee, second by Fuller to accept Resolution 2 of 2021.

After being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Whittington

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 2 of 2021 was adopted on this 12th day of January, 2021.

Authorization for Mayor Jim Galambos to execute any and all documents with reference to the Oil City Bulk Water Contract

Motion made by Whittington, second by Fuller, to authorize Mayor Jim Galambos to execute any and all documents with reference to the Oil City Bulk Water Contract. All voted yea.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 18 of 2020 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the town of Blanchard to include a tract of land located in the West Half of Section 32 and the East Hal of Section 31, both in Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian, containing 7.945 acres, more or less, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto (LA Hwy. 1 North Right of Way)

Public hearing on Ordinance 18 of 2020 was opened at 6:21 pm. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 18 of 2020, the public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 18 of 2020

ORDINANCE 18 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO INCLUDE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 32 AND THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 31, BOTH IN TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CONTAINING 7.945 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (LA HWY. 1 NORTH RIGHT OF WAY)

WHEREAS, Section 180 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation of a public road; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has consented to the annexation within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard the *unpaved* portion of right-of-way LA Hwy. 1, to-wit:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 32 AND THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 31, BOTH IN TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commence at a found axle marking the West Quarter Corner of said Section 32 and measure South 89 degrees 15 minutes 49 seconds East, along the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 32, for a distance of 174.00 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod; thence leave the said South line and measure South 00 degrees 44 minutes 11 seconds West for a distance of 151.35 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe located on the Northerly right of way line of LA HWY. 1 (North Market Street) marking the Point of Beginning and the Northeasterly corner of the tract herein described;

From the Point of Beginning leave the said Northerly right of way line and measure South 30 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West, along a line perpendicular to the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 150.41 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of LA HWY. 1 (North Market Street) being the Southeasterly corner of this tract; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 90.97 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure North 70 degrees 42 minutes 51 seconds

West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 50.99 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 50.00 feet to a point; thence measure North 50 degrees 52 minutes 24 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 101.12 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 300.00 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure North 60 degrees 50 minutes 11 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 200.06 feet to a point; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 200.00 feet to a point; thence measure North 58 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 300.04 feet to a point; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 470.00 feet to a point; thence measure South 30 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 55.00 feet to a point; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 326.22 feet to a found DOTD right of way monument marking the intersection with the Westerly right of way line of Interstate 49 being the Southeasterly corner of the Town of Blanchard's Previous Annexation per Ordinance 1 of 2020 recorded under Instrument No. 2791327, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and a corner at the intersection of the Southerly right of way line of LA HWY. 1 (North Market Street) and the Easterly line of the Town of Blanchard's Previous Annexation per Ordinance 7 of 2020 recorded under Instrument No. 2791328, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, marking the Southwesterly corner of this tract; thence leave the said Southerly right of way line and measure North 30 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds East, along a line perpendicular to the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 250.00 feet to a point located on the Northerly right of way line of LA HWY. 1 (North Market Street) being the Northeasterly corner of the Town of Blanchard's Previous Annexation per Ordinance 1 of 2020 recorded under Instrument No. 2791327, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and the Northwesterly corner of this tract; thence measure South 59 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 326.22 feet to a point; thence measure South 30 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 40.00 feet to a point; thence measure South 58 degrees 11 minutes 07 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 470.11 feet to a point; thence measure South 59 degrees 24 minutes 08 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 470.18 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod; thence measure South 59 degrees 27 minutes 49 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 447.17 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure South 59 degrees 27 minutes 19 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 107.63 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure South 75 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 52.20 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure South 59 degrees 58 minutes 08 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 75.18 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure South 41 degrees 36 minutes 33 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 52.84 feet to a found DOTD concrete monument; thence measure South 59 degrees 46 minutes 58 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 90.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 7.945 acres, more or less, and is all in accordance with a Preliminary Exhibit Map dated September 22, 2020, prepared by Don R. Wood, II and Polaris Services, L.L.C. for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana. Bearings are grid based on the Louisiana State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, NAD 1983, as determined from GPS observations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said Town the above described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby described severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 8th day of December, 2020 by Lee, notice of a public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, on motion of Whittington, second by Presley, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 18 of 2020 was adopted on this 12th day of January, 2021.

Introduction by title only – Ordinance 1 of 2021 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the town of Blanchard to include Northwood Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said tract containing 35.99 acres, more or less, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Turnkey Mortgage)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 1 of 2021.

Introduction by title only – Ordinance 2 of 2021 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the town of Blanchard to include Lot One (1) Oswald Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and otherwise providing with respect thereto (5849 North Market Street – McDonald’s)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 2 of 2021.

Introduction by title only – Ordinance 3 of 2021 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the town of Blanchard to include a tract of land described as 6.770 acres, more or less, in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Highmark Holdings, LLC)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 3 of 2021.

Introduction by title only – Ordinance 4 of 2021 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the town of Blanchard to include a tract of land described as 8.462 acres, more or less, in Sections 31 and 32, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (JEME, LLC)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 4 of 2021.

Introduction by title only – Ordinance 5 of 2021 – An Ordinance to amend Section 3.8 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, establishing compensation for elected and appointed officials and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 5 of 2021.

December 2020 financials (to be emailed when completed)

December financials will be emailed when completed.

Amendment to Resolution 12 of 2020

Attorney Bradford explained the reason for the amendment to Resolution 12 of 2020 was to change the final maturity date of the Refunding Bonds from March 1, 2033 to no later than **March 1, 2034**.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 12 OF 2020

A Resolution authorizing the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana to proceed with the issuance of not to exceed Eleven Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,600,000) of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; appointing Bond Counsel, Independent Registered Municipal Advisor and Underwriter/Placement Agent; authorizing the execution of certain documents and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**"), has heretofore issued its (i) \$2,657,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B, dated January 12, 2010 (the "**Series 2010B Bonds**"); (ii) \$8,400,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, dated August 10, 2012 (the "**Series 2012A Bonds**"); and (iii) \$4,930,000 Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, dated August 7, 2014 (the "**Series 2014 Bonds**") and, together with the Series 2010B Bonds and the Series 2012A Bonds, the "**Prior Bonds**"; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service savings, the Town, acting through its governing authority, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana (the "**Governing Authority**"), is authorized to and believes it to be in its best interest to refund all or a portion of the Prior Bonds (the "**Refunded Bonds**") pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 14 and 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and La. R.S. 39:1430 (collectively, the "**Act**") and other constitutional and statutory authority, through the issuance of the hereinafter-defined Refunding Bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, the Town desires to accomplish the refunding through the issuance of not to exceed \$11,600,000 of its Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the "**Refunding Bonds**"), to be secured by and payable from the income and revenues derived by the Town from the operation of its waterworks system (the "**System**") after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the "**Pledged Revenues**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, it is now the desire of the Town to adopt this Resolution giving preliminary approval for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds for the purposes of (i) refunding the Refunded Bonds; (ii) funding a reserve fund or purchasing a reserve fund surety, if necessary; and (iii) paying costs of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, including the cost of bond insurance premium, if required; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to authorize the filing of an application with the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "**Commission**") requesting that the Commission grant approval to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes, finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of Bond Counsel, Independent Registered Municipal Advisor, and Underwriter/Placement Agent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Authorization. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Town does hereby authorize the issuance of not exceeding \$11,600,000 of Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, in one or more series, of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana. The form and details of the Refunding Bonds, the exact principal amounts and interest rates thereof shall be established pursuant to a subsequent ordinance of the Town, provided that the interest rate on the Refunding Bonds will not exceed six percent (6%) *per annum*. The Refunding Bonds will have a final maturity date no later than March 1, 2034. The Refunding Bonds will be issued only as fully registered bonds, in minimum denominations of no less than \$5,000. The Refunding Bonds will be secured by and payable from Pledged Revenues, and will be sold at private sale in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

SECTION 2. Employment of Bond Counsel. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, and accordingly Butler Snow LLP, Bond Counsel, is hereby employed and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the Town for the purposes stated hereinabove. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale of the bonds, and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof. The fee of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the Town is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional services in the issuance of bonds, based on the amount of said bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "*out-of-pocket*" expenses. Bond Counsel fees may be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and shall be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Refunding Bonds. The Mayor, on behalf of the Town, is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Town hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter in the form presented at this meeting. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated. No compensation will be due unless and until the Refunding Bonds are delivered.

SECTION 3. Employment of Independent Registered Municipal Advisor. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of an independent registered municipal advisor to the Governing Authority in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and therefore the firm of RSI Group, LLC is hereby engaged. The fee to be paid for such services may be paid from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and shall be in an amount agreed to by the Governing Authority. No compensation will be due unless and until the Refunding Bonds are delivered.

SECTION 4. Employment of Issuer's Counsel. A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of counsel to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and therefore the firm of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, PLC, is hereby employed as Issuer's Counsel.

SECTION 5. Designation of Underwriter/Placement Agent. Duncan-Williams, Inc. is hereby designated as Underwriter/Placement Agent in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds.

SECTION 6. State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "**Commission**"), for approval of the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Town. By virtue of the Town's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Commission's approval resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval is expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "*State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.*", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006 (the "**Policy**"), as to the borrowing and other matters subject to the approval, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap or other products or enhancements covered thereby.

SECTION 7. Prescriptive Period. A copy of this Resolution shall be published immediately after its adoption in one (1) issue of the official journal of the Town. For thirty (30) days after the date of publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this Resolution, any provision of the Refunding Bonds, the provisions herein made for the security and payment of the Refunding Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the Refunding Bonds. After the said thirty (30) days, no person shall have any cause of action to test the regularity, formality, legality, or effectiveness of this Resolution, and the provisions hereof, for any cause whatever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have the authority to inquire into any of these matters after the said thirty (30) days.

SECTION 8. Authorized Officers; Execution of Documents. The Mayor and the Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute such documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, such documents shall include (but are not limited to) a Preliminary Official Statement and a Bond Purchase Agreement within the terms and the parameters set forth herein.

SECTION 9. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions and Parts Thereof. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed including Resolution 12 of 2020.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Motion made by Whittington, second by Fuller to accept the amendment of Resolution 12 of 2020.

After being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 12 of 2020 as amended, was adopted on this 12th day of January, 2021.

REPORT FROM:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – In December, the utility department set three meters and repaired three leaks. The final specifications for the water line to the WW treatment plant are being prepared by the engineer. The Bel-Di-Gil project will begin at the end of January, 2021.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Nothing to report

Kevin Sandifer, Historian – The celebration of the Quasiquicentennial (125th anniversary) of the town of Blanchard was to be held the second Saturday of May, 2021 in conjunction with the Poke Salad Festival. With the uncertainty of people gathering for any event this year, there is no guarantee that we will be able to hold a festival or parade this year. We will plan at this time on a Proclamation to commemorate the occasion and then wait and see if the festival or parade is possible.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Galambos attended the board meeting of the Blanchard Athletic Club to discuss how the town, through economic development, could help the ball park grow and improve. Several suggestions: Change from a “501(c)” (tax exempt) to a “501(c)3” (allows donors to take tax deductions on contributions); apply for available grants; made suggestions on saving money on supplies such as weed killer and Trufuel for the mowing equipment; set up meeting with Danny Paine of McGriff Insurance Services to give quotes on liability insurance. Alderman Guin suggested two gentlemen’s names that possibly could help with donations. Representatives with Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation will meet with Mayor Galambos on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 to tour the ball park for ideas to help; procure road millings from the parish to improve the parking lot; Randal Liles will work in repairing the BAC sign on Main Street.

Alderman Whittington wanted to express his thanks to the town employees for a good job during these unprecedented times and for the good audit report.

There being no further business, Whittington made motion to adjourn. Second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 o’clock p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk