

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Whittington

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and statements by citizens – None

Motion by Lee, second by Fuller to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, February 2 and February 9 of 2021. All voted yea.

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

Public Hearing was opened at 6:04. Question was asked by Ms. Tappe, and Attorney Bradford explained the purpose of this ordinance. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 17 of 2020, the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 17 of 2020

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**

Copy of complete ordinance available at Blanchard Town Hall.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 10th day of November, 2020 by Whittington, 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 Lee, second by Fuller, 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 17 of 2020 was adopted on this 9th day of March, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – 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.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:06. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 5 of 2021, the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 5 of 2021

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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

Section 1. Section 3.8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Section 3.8 Establishing Compensation for Elected and Appointed Officials

“The monthly/annual salaries of the elected and appointed officials are as follows:

Town Clerk	\$45,526.00	Annually
Effective March 13, 2021		

Section 2. 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 that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 3. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town hereby ratifies any payments heretofore made to any such public officials.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of the 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 provision, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby replaced.

Said Ordinance having been read and introduced on the 12th day of January, 2021 by Jim Galambos, 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, seconded by Lee, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 5 of 2021 was adopted this 9th day of March, 2021.

Introduction of Ordinance 6 of 2021 – An Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and 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; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds, designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds, providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest, authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Mayor Galambos introduced and read the title to Ordinance 6 of 2021.

Introduction of Ordinance 7 of 2021 – an Ordinance to amend and restate Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances for the town of Blanchard, requiring commercial water customers or customers required to possess authorization to conduct commercial business in the town of Blanchard to remain current on all local licenses and related fees in order to maintain water service from the town of Blanchard, Blanchard Utilities; requiring notice by certified mail to all non-compliant customers; authorizing the disconnection of water services thirty (30) days following notice by the utility to the customer, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Whittington introduced and read the title to Ordinance 7 of 2021.

Introduction of Ordinance 8 of 2021 – an Ordinance to amend and restate Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances for the town of Blanchard regarding the sale of alcohol, to provide for administrative delays and to set forth local distance measurement parameters, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Whittington introduced and read the title to Ordinance 8 of 20201

Resolution 5 of 2021 – Acknowledging that the Town Council has Reviewed an Internal Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report Concerning the Town’s Waste Water Treatment Facility

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED AN INTERNAL “MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT” CONCERNING THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD’S WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

WHEREAS, the state permits under which the Town of Blanchard’s Wastewater Treatment Plant operates require an internal survey form to be completed annually and submitted to the Town Council for review; and

WHEREAS, forms for the past year have been completed by Town administrative personnel after consultation with engineering and operational personnel, and are attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

That the Town Council acknowledges that it has reviewed the attached survey forms for the year 2020, and that the following actions have been set forth to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number **LA0038903**,

- a. Continue to carry out the comprehensive plan for phased implementation of major equipment rehab/replacement as required by the amended compliance order. (Enforcement Tracking No. WE-C-11-00144A, A1 No. 40806)
- b. Continue to be proactive with reporting and preventative maintenance programs.
- c. Continue to modify and improve the collection system to reduce inflow and infiltration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or items of this resolution or the application hereof is held 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 severable.

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

Motion made by Lee, second by Whittington to accept Resolution 5 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 5 of 2021 was adopted on this 9th day of March, 2021.

Proclamation declaring the week of April 5th through 9th, 2021 as “Community Development Week” – to recognize the Community Development Block Grant Program in operation since 1974

Motion by Lee, second by Whittington, declaring the week of April 5th through 9th, 2021 as “Community Development Week”. All voted yea.

Proclamation declaring the month of April 2021 as “National Fair Housing Month” – recognizing the 53rd anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law passed in 1968

Motion by Lee, second by Fuller, declaring the month of April, 2021 as “National Fair Housing Month”. All voted yea.

Recognition of our young volunteers during our water giveaway –Landry Pharr, Tyler Guin, Crew Galambos

Passed to April 2021 meeting

Changes to Employee Handbook

Passed to April 2021 meeting

Eagle Water documents

Passed to April 2021 meeting

February 2021 financials (to be emailed when completed)

The February 2021 financials will be emailed as soon as they are completed

REPORT FROM:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – For the month of February – 6 meter sets, 2 leaks repaired, 18 locates, 20 locates called in. Engineers advised that the drawings and specs are being finalized for the water line to the wastewater treatment plant.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – nothing to report. Whittington expressed his appreciation to Chief Presswood for the police departments work during the snow storm.

Kevin Sandifer, Historian – not present

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

There will be a volunteer cleanup day at the Blanchard ballpark on Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. First Baptist Church will be assisting with their chainsaw ministry.

ADJOURN - There being no further business, Whittington made motion to adjourn. Second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk