

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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, CPSD C. Davis

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 – Jayne Tappe inquired reference the Turning R Properties on Hwy 1, Mayor Galambos advised Willis Knighton had purchased.

Motion by Whittington, second by Fuller to approve the meeting minutes of March 9, 2021. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mayor Galambos recognized our young volunteers and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town, for their help is distributing water after the snow storm in February.

Changes to Employee Handbook

Lee made motion to approve the changes made in the Employee Handbook. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Eagle Water documents – authorization for Mayor Galambos to sign any and all documents related to the Eagle Water system.

Lee made motion to authorize Mayor Galambos to sign any and all documents related to the Eagle Water system. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 6 of 2021 – Vote on Resolution 6 of 2021 - to adopt the millage rate on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Blanchard

RESOLUTION 6 OF 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Blanchard:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony	6.40 mills
Sewer System	4.43 mills
Total Millage	10.83 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Motion made by Whittington to adopt Resolution 6 of 2021. Second by Fuller.

The roll was called on the adoption thereof, and Resolution 6 of 2021 was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

And Resolution 6 of 2021 was adopted on this 13th day of April, 2021.

Resolution 7 of 2021 – Vote on Resolution 7 of 2021 - to declare a 2008 Komatsu Hydraulic Excavator, Model PC35MR-2 as surplus, providing the means of sale and establishing a minimum price for said equipment, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

RESOLUTION 7 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A 2008 KOMATSU HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR, MODEL PC35MR-2 AS SURPLUS, PROVIDING THE MEANS OF SALE AND ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PRICE FOR SAID EQUIPMENT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Utility Department of the Town of Blanchard (“Town”) has removed from service that certain 2008 Komatsu Hydraulic Excavator, Model PC35MR-2; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to declare that the excavator is no longer needed for Public Purposes, and wishes to sell the excavator and establish a means of sale of such property pursuant to LA. R.S. 33:4712 and other applicable law;

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

Section 1. The Excavator is hereby declared no longer needed for public purposes.

Section 2. The Excavator shall be sold for a minimum of Five Thousand & NO/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars, to any private or public person or entity at a public or private sale on a date to be set with an auctioneer retained by the Town. The price shall remain in effect until August 31, 2021.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion made by Whittington to adopt Resolution 7 of 2021. Second by Fuller.

The roll was called on the adoption thereof, and Resolution 7 of 2021 was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

And Resolution 7 of 2021 was adopted on this 13th day of April, 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

Passed to May 11, 2021 meeting.

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

Passed to May 11, 2021 meeting.

Discussion of annual Mowing Contract with the DOTD and the Town of Blanchard

After discussion, Lee made motion to authorize Mayor Galambos to sign the annual Mowing Contract with the DOTD on behalf of the Town of Blanchard. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

March 2021 financials to be emailed when completed

The March 2021 financials will be emailed when completed

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – Month of March 2021, 10 meter sets, 29 locates called in, sewer plant is operating well, Bel-Di-Gil project is making good progress after only 15-20 days of construction.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – nothing to report

Kevin Sandifer, Historian – Angela Tappe will be assisting on working to secure history of Donnie Bickham Middle School and Northwood High School, setting up new list of narrators, and securing history on Blanchard Church of Christ.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Will be working on the budget in the next few weeks. Also getting together a list of projects for the ARP funds due to the town. Julian court date is set for Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 9:30 am.

There being no further business, motion made by Whittington to adjourn. Second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk