

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Candy Foshee, Town clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Supervisor, William Bradford, Attorney, CPS Deputy Norwood and others

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by J. Fuller

Invocation given by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens – None

Motion by Fuller, second by Presley to approve the meeting minutes of May 11 and June 4, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Amendment 1 to Ordinance 4 of 2021 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 4 of 2021 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), to correct the zoning from “Light Commercial” to “Commercial Industrial”**

Motion by Whittington to adopt Amendment 1 to Ordinance 4 of 2021 as presented, second by Fuller. All voted yea.

2. **Amendment 1 to 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**

Motion by Whittington to withdraw Item 2 “Amendment 1 to Ordinance 6 of 2021” from consideration, second by Fuller. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

And Item 2 “Amendment 1 to Ordinance 6 of 2021 was withdrawn from consideration upon unanimous vote.

3. **Public Hearing – Ordinance 10 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 (Introduced June 4, 2021)

Public hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 10 of 2021, the public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

4. **Vote on Ordinance 10 of 2021**

ORDINANCE 10 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

Said Ordinance having been read and introduced on the 4th day of June, 2021 by Mayor Galambos, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, on motion of Whittington, second by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lee
ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 10 of 2021 was adopted on this 8th day of June, 2021.

ORDINANCE 10 OF 2021 IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT BLANCHARD TOWN HALL, DURING THE HOURS OF 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., MONDAY – FRIDAY. CALL 318-929-7593

5. **Report from the Economic Development & Zoning Board – Rezoning of Lot 7, Lacey Gardens Subdivision from Permanent One Family Residential (R/P) to Mobile Home Residential (R/O) – Frank Breithaupt, Jr.**

At the Public Hearing, the Economic Development & Zoning Board heard from residents of the surrounding property. After discussion, a vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously against the rezoning of Lot 7, Lacey Gardens Subdivision from “Permanent One Family Residential (R/P)” to “Mobile Home Residential (R/O)”.

6. **Vote on rezoning of Lot 7, Lacey Gardens Subdivision**

Based on the recommendation of the Economic Development & Zoning Board, Fuller made motion to deny the rezoning of Lot 7, Lacey Gardens Subdivision from “Permanent One Family Residential (R/P)” to “Mobile Home Residential (R/O)”, second by Fuller. All voted yea.

7. **Introduction of Ordinance 11 of 2021 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to Include a Tract of Land Containing 9.48 acres, more or less, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (Red River Land & Investment Co., Inc.)**

and

8. **Introduction of Ordinance 12 of 2021 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to Include a Tract of Land Containing 1.148 acres, more or less, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (HP Investment LLC)**

Whittington introduced “in globo” by title only Ordinance 11 of 2021 and Ordinance 12 of 2021

9. **Accept annexation petition of Betty Baucum Jackson, LLC and others – of a 76.50 acre tract of land in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana**

Whittington made motion to accept the annexation petition of Betty Baucum Jackson, LLC and others of a 76.50 acre tract of land in Section 4, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

10. **Resolution 8 of 2021 - A Resolution to declare a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe II as surplus, providing the means of sale and establishing a minimum price for said equipment, and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Whittington made motion to adopt Resolution 8 of 2021 to declare a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe II as surplus, providing the means of sale and establishing a minimum price for said equipment, and otherwise providing with respect thereto, second by Fuller. All voted yea. (Available for review at Blanchard Town Hall, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Call 318-929-7593)

11. **Resolution 9 of 2021 – A Resolution Memorializing Support for Lowering the Speed Limit along Highway 1 between 5948 North Market Street (LA Highway 1 North) and North Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Fuller made motion to adopt Resolution 9 of 2021, second by Presley. All voted yea. (Available for review at Blanchard Town Hall, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Call 318-929-7593)

12. **Authorization for Mayor Jim Galambos to:**
(1) open a new checking account at Citizen’s Bank & Trust Co., to be titled “Blanchard – Meter Deposit Account”,
(2) establish the three (3) designated signers on the checks and their titles, and,
(3) set the required number of signers on all checks as any two (2) of the three (3) designated signers

Whittington made motion to authorize Mayor Jim Galambos to open a new checking account at Citizen’s Bank & Trust Co., to be titled “Blanchard-Meter Deposit Account”, to establish the three (3) designated signers on the checks as Jim Galambos – Mayor, Patsy Lee – Alderwoman/

Mayor Pro Tem and Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, and to set the required number of signers on all checks as any two (2) of the three (3) designated signers. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

13. May 2021 financials (to be emailed when completed)

The May 2021 financials will be emailed when all the bank statements are received and reconciled.

REPORT

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – Total of six road bores, 20 locates. Altitude valve is in place, will be calibrated when in service and will produce a constant pressure for the area. Bel-Di-Gil project is progressing; the rain has held it back.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – working on data program to supply monthly statistics.

Kevin Sandifer, Historian – obtaining oral history from longtime residents, planning for Small Town Christmas which will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR – Mayor Galambos expressed his thanks to Mike Busada with Butler Snow, Pam Mobley with RSI Group LLC and our attorney William Bradford with Blanchard Walker O’Quin & Roberts for all the hard work on the bond refunding, which resulted in substantial savings to the town.

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

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk