

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Bradford, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk and others

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Presswood.

Invocation given by Lee.

Motion by Lee, second by Fuller, to approve the meeting minutes of June 8 and June 28, 2021. All voted yea.

Questions and Statements of Citizens – Laura Neubert, on behalf of herself and other residents on Dixie-Blanchard Road, expressed questions pertaining to the new Dollar General Store being built, regarding a turning lane, traffic, delivery trucks, signage, fencing and other matters. Mr. John Flippo, who works for the developer, was in attendance and answered these and other questions satisfactorily.

Gerald Allen, with the Blanchard Police Department, announced he is running for Blanchard Police Chief in the next election and was not in support of changing the position from elected to appointed. Jeff Akes also was not in support of changing the position from elected to appointed. Mayor Galambos advised that Ordinance 16 of 2021 is merely for the calling of a special election for the voters to decide if the position of Blanchard police chief should be changed from elected to appointed. The mayor or town council does not make that decision

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing - 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.)

Public hearing was opened at 6:12. After discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 11 of 2021

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 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO]
(RED RIVER LAND & INVESTMENT CO., INC.)**

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and,

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than the required percentage in value of the area described below has been filed with the Town Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land containing 9.48 acres, more or less, more fully described as follows: Commence at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West;

Thence South 72 feet, being a point on 60 feet right of way of Old Mooringsport Road, and the Point of Beginning;

Thence South 77 degrees East 576.80 feet;

Thence South 0 degrees 37 minutes West 748.60 feet;

Thence South 42 degrees 48 minutes West 187.53 feet to the Easterly line of Maurice Place Subdivision; Thence North 47 degrees 39 minutes West 139.10 feet;

Thence North 37 degrees 15 minutes West 108.58 feet;

Thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes 27 seconds West 57.87 feet;

Thence North 31 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds West 31.13 feet;

Thence North 47 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds West 47.16 feet;

Thence North 49 degrees 19 minutes 46 seconds West 34.36 feet;

Thence North 59 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds West 33.52 feet;

Thence North 62 degrees 40 minutes 22 seconds West 25.07 feet;

Thence North 57 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds West 18.74 feet;

Thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 05 seconds West 67.54 feet to the West line of said Northeast Quarter;

Thence North 01 degrees 06 minutes East 720.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, less right of way described in Conveyance Book 1765-165, 1769-462, 1769-345 and 4008-749, Geographical #191431-000-0281.

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 property described above be zoned "Light Commercial".

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 June, 2021, 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 Whittington, second 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 11 of 2021 was adopted this 13th day of July, 2021.

Public Hearing - 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)

Public hearing was opened at 6:14. After discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 12 of 2021

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 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO]
(HP INVESTMENT LLC)**

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and,

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than the required percentage in value of the area described below has been filed with the Town Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property described above be zoned “Light Commercial”.

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.

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, said tract being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at a found angle iron being 30 feet East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 27, said point being on the East Right of Way Line of the Dixie-Blanchard Hwy (La. Hwy. No. 173), thence run along said East Right of Way, North 1° 15' 10" East, a distance of 250.00 Feet to a set 1/2

diameter iron pipe at the Point Of Beginning of the tract herein described; from said Point of Beginning, continue along said East Right of Way, North 1° 15' 10" East, a distance of 250.00 feet to a set 1/2 diameter iron pipe, thence run South 88° 44' 50" East a distance of 200.00 feet to a set 1/2 diameter iron pipe, thence run South 1° 15' 10" West, a distance of 250.00 feet to a set 1/2 diameter iron pipe, thence run North 88° 44' 50" West a distance of 200.00 feet to the Point Of Beginning.

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 June, 2021, 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 following was had:

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

And Ordinance 12 of 2021 was adopted this 13th day of July, 2021.

Introduction of Ordinance 9 of 2021 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include a certain parcel or tract of land located in Sections 30 and 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, and in Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, said tract containing 3.542 acres, more or less, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (LA Hwy. 1 North Right of Way)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 9 of 2021

Introduction of Ordinance 13 of 2021 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include a portion of the right of way for Blanchard-Furrh Road located in Sections 4 and 9, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Blanchard-Furrh Road ROW)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 13 of 2021

Introduction of Ordinance 14 of 2021 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include Lot 2, Gross Acres and adjacent thirty-five (35') foot strip and fifty (50') foot strip out of Lot 32, Blanchard Estates Addition and otherwise providing with respect thereto (W. P. Baucum, Inc.)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 14 of 2021

Introduction of Ordinance 15 of 2021 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include a tract of land containing 76.50 acres, more or less in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Betty Baucum Jackson, LLC and others)

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 15 of 2021

Introduction of Ordinance 16 of 2021 – An Ordinance Relating to the Election or Appointment of the Chief of Police for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana; calling for a special election, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Mayor Galambos introduced and read by title only Ordinance 16 of 2021

Dedication from Lagniappe Lending LLC to the Town of Blanchard of the water system of Homeland Countryside Subdivision, Unit II, including but not limited to all water lines and fire hydrants.

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Whittington, to accept the dedication from Lagniappe Lending LLC of the water system of Homeland Countryside Subdivision, Unit II, including but not limited to all water lines and fire hydrants. All voted yea.

June 2021 financials (to be emailed when completed)

The financials will be emailed when completed.

REPORT FROM:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – eight meters sets for the month of June. Everything is running smoothly. The altitude valve project is complete. This will regulate the tanks and provide additional water pressure.
Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – will be attending the LACP conference next week
Kevin Sandifer, Historian – was not in attendance due to illness

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR – paperwork submitted for the infrastructure projects. Fourth of July fireworks show was a great success at the Northwood Hills Golf Course.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 on motion of Whittington, second by Lee. All voted yea.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk