

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Bradford, Perry Fuller, Jennie Ashby Absent: Candy Foshee, Clerk

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fuller

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens - None

Motion made by Fuller, second by Lee to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12 and Special Meeting of November 2, 2021. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing – Ordinance 21 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**

Public Hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 21 of 2021, the public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

**Vote on Ordinance 21 of 2021**

**ORDINANCE 21 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**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Alderpersons for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana has the authority pursuant to the Laws of Louisiana, particularly, but not limited to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:381.2, to call a special election to determine whether the office of Chief of Police for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana shall be an elected or an appointed position.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Alderpersons desire that a Special Election be called wherein a majority of the qualified electors voting therein authorizing the Mayor to thereafter appoint a Chief of Police with the approval of the Board of Alderpersons or provide for the election of a Chief of Police.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED ON THE 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.**

**SPECIAL ELECTION:**

There is hereby called a Special Election wherein a majority of the qualified electors of the Town of Blanchard, voting therein may authorize the Mayor to thereafter appoint a Chief of Police for the Town of Blanchard with approval of the Board of Alderpersons or provide for the election of the Chief of Police for the Town of Blanchard. Once such election has been called and held, no further or other election on the same question shall be held for at least four (4) years.

If the people of the Town of Blanchard vote to authorize the Mayor to appoint the Chief of Police, the first such appointment shall be made at the end of the term of the Chief of Police in office at the time the election is held unless at the term the office of Chief of Police is vacant.

If the people of the Town of Blanchard vote to elect the Chief of Police, the term for the elected Chief of Police shall begin at the end of the term of the Chief of Police in the office at the time the election is held unless at the term the office of Chief of Police is vacant.

Said Special Election shall be held in accordance with Louisiana Law and held at a time and place established by the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Said Ordinance having been read and introduced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021 by 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 Fuller, 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 21 of 2021 was adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

**Donation of Water lines and fire hydrants – from ASB Utility Construction for North Club West, Units 1, 2 and 3**

Motion made by Whittington to accept the donation from ASB Utility Construction for North Club West, Units 1, 2, and 3. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**Authorization from Council for the Mayor to proceed with plans to establish a Blanchard Chamber of Commerce.**

Motion made by Whittington to authorize the mayor to proceed with plans to establish a Blanchard Chamber of Commerce. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**October financials**

Will be emailed when completed.

**REPORT FROM:**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – October – Four meter sets, 72 One Calls, all projects are progressing and water plant is running well.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Officer Anthony will be soon be through with his training and ready for night shift duty.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 on motion of Whittington, second by Fuller. All voted yea.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Jennie Ashby