

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fuller

Invocation given by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens – Donna Valentine, Community Development Coordinator with Hillcrest Funeral Home – Dignity Memorial, presented a Funeral Benefit plan for all employees of the town of Blanchard, at no cost to the town. It will be taken under advisement.

Approval of Regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2022 by Whittington, seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

A motion was made by Whittington to suspend the rules and add a matter not on the agenda under New Business as line item 21, which is:

“A Resolution Providing for Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Special Election held in the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, and to Promulgate the Results thereof, Accompanied by the Process Verbal and Proclamation of the Canvass.”

Seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

Mayor Galambos advised that the matter of suspending the rules and adding the above matter to the agenda has been moved and seconded and is now open for public comment at 6:08 p.m. There being no public comment in favor of or against, public comment was closed at 6:09 p.m., and the motion moves to a vote:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

The motion passed unanimously and Item #21 is added to the end of the agenda.

A motion was made by Whittington to suspend the rules and move Agenda Item #17 to the beginning of the agenda.

“Discussion re: 2022 Poke Salad Festival Carnival.”

Seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

Mayor Galambos advised that the matter of suspending the rules and moving the above matter to the beginning of the agenda has been moved and seconded and is now open for public comment at 6:12 p.m. There being no public comment in favor of or against, public comment was closed at 6:13 p.m., and the motion moves to a vote:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lee

The motion passed unanimously and Item #17 was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion re: Poke Salad Festival Carnival**

Neil Kalberg, president of the Poke Salad committee, brought to the council a proposition from Gold Star Amusement for the Poke Salad Festival. The carnival company wants a \$5,000 non-refundable deposit, in addition to a guaranteed \$35,000 in ticket sales for a two day carnival, (Friday, May 13, 2022 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 2022 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., with a possibility of Sunday, May 15, 2022. In the event the carnival did not generate \$35,000, Mr. Kalberg asked the council for the town to make up any difference. After discussion with Attorney Bradford and the council, Whittington made motion to not accept this proposition, seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 2 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include a 5.608 acre tract, more or less, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 14 West and the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto (LA Hwy. 1 ROW)**

The public hearing was opened at 6:22 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m,

**Vote on Ordinance 2 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 2 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO INCLUDE A CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID TRACT CONTAINING 5.608 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (LA HWY. 1 NORTH RIGHT OF WAY)**

**WHEREAS** Section 180 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation of a public road; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has consented to the annexation within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard the **UNPAVED PORTION** of right-of-way LA Hwy. 1 North, to-wit:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Begin at a found 1/2 inch iron pipe marking the Southwest corner of Lot 1, North Caddo Medical Center Subdivision, per plat recorded in Book 9050, Page 31, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on the Northerly right of way line of LA Highway 1 (North Market Street) for the Point of Beginning and the Northwesterly corner of the tract herein described;

From the Point of Beginning measure South 59 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds East, along the Northerly right of way line of said LA Highway 1 (North Market Street), for a distance of 244.13 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe adjacent to a 5 inch by 5 inch concrete right of way monument; thence measure South 62 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 200.25 feet to a found 5 inch by 5 inch concrete right of way monument; thence measure South 56 degrees 32 minutes 57 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 100.12 feet to a found 5 inch by 5 inch concrete right of way monument; thence measure South 59 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds East, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 971.02 feet to found 5 inch by 5 inch concrete right of way monument marking the intersection of the Northerly right of way line of said LA Highway 1 (North Market Street) and the West right of way line of Roy Road Extension; thence leave the West right of way line of said Roy Road Extension and measure South 63 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds East, along the Northerly right of way line of said LA Highway 1 (North Market Street) for a distance of 66.40 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod marking the Southwest corner of Lot 2, One North Place Commercial Subdivision, per plat recorded in Book 2150, Page 341, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and the Northwesterly corner of the Town of Blanchard's previous Annexation per Ordinance 9 of 2021, recorded under Instrument Number 2849579, Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, marking the Northeasterly corner of this tract; thence leave the Northerly right of way line of said LA Highway 1 (North Market Street) and measure South 30 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West, perpendicular to the Southerly right of way line of said LA Highway 1 (North Market Street), for a distance of 159.45 feet to a point located on the said Southerly right of way line marking the Southeasterly corner of this tract; thence measure North 59 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 1581.39 feet to a point being the Southwesterly corner of this tract; thence leave the said Southerly right of way line and measure North 30 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East, perpendicular to the Northerly right of way line of said LA Highway 1 (North Market Street), for a distance of 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 5.608 acres, more or less, and is all in accordance with an Exhibit Map dated October 14, 2021, prepared by Don R. Wood, II and Polaris Services, L.L.C. for the Town of Blanchard. Bearings and Horizontal distances are grid based on the Louisiana State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, NAD 1983, as determined from GPS observations.

**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 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 read and introduced on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 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 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 2 of 2022 was adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 3 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include two certain parcels or tracts of land, both located in Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 2.18 acres and 7.728 acres, more or less, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Sara Denler Hudson)**

The public hearing was opened at 6:24 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m,

Vote on Ordinance 3 of 2022

### **ORDINANCE 3 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO INCLUDE TWO (2) TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 2.18 ACRES OF LAND AND 7.728 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (SARA DENLER HUDSON)**

**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:

**Lot 1, LEANING OAKS SUBDIVISION**, a subdivision of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 4000, page 106 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, being a 2.18 acre tract, more or less. (#191432-048-0001-00)

**AND**

A tract of land containing 7.728 acres, more or less, more fully described as follows: The West 233.5 feet of the East 400.19 feet of that part of the West one-half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, lying South of Highway #8

(LA Hwy. 1), less Leaning Oaks Subdivision, recorded in Book 4000, page 106 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and less right of way. (#191432-000-0226-00)

**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 “Industrial 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 read and introduced on the 8th day of March, 2022, 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 Whittington, second by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 3 of 2022 was adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 4 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include a parcel or tract of land, located in Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana containing 18.06 acres, less and except 0.519 and 0.91 acres, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (KCL Construction LLC)**

The public hearing was opened at 6:26 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m,

**Vote on Ordinance 4 of 2022**

#### **ORDINANCE 4 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO INCLUDE THE W/2 OF THE NW/4 OF THE NW/4 LESS AND EXCEPT A 0.91 AND 0.519 ACRE TRACTS, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (KCL CONSTRUCTION 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:

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (W/2 of NW/4 of NW/4) of Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 14 West, Caddo parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT: That certain tract of land estimated to contain 0.91 acres conveyed to the Parish of Caddo in that certain Dedication, dated February 3, 1926, and being recorded in Conveyance Book 236, page 146, Registry Number 26274 of the records of Caddo parish, Louisiana, and that certain tract of land estimated to contain 0.519 acres conveyed to the Caddo parish Police Jury in that certain deed dated May 17, 1982 and being recorded in Conveyance Book 1937, page 111, Registry Number 909448 of the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. (181406-000-0007-00)

**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 read and introduced on the 8th day of March, 2022, 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 Whittington, second by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

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

And Ordinance 4 of 2022 was adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 5 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include a parcel or tract of land, located in Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana containing 0.646 acres, more or less, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Willis Knighton Medical Center)**

The public hearing was opened at 6:28 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:29 p.m,

**Vote on Ordinance 5 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 5 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO INCLUDE A .646 ACRE TRACT, MORE OR LESS, IN THE SW/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (WILLIS KNIGHTON MEDICAL CENTER)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statues 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 .646 acres, more or less, more fully described as follows:  
FROM the Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, run North 0 deg. 1 min. West 295.7 feet, thence South 60 deg. 24 min. 30 sec. East along the Northeasterly right of way line of LA. Hwy 1, 207.17 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 29 deg. 35 min. 30 sec. East 300 feet to the South line of One North Place Subdivision, thence South 60 deg. 24 min. 30 sec. East 100 feet, thence South 29 deg. 35 min. 30 sec. West 300 feet to the North line of said highway, thence North 60 deg. 24 min. 30 sec. West with same, 100 feet to point of beginning, less right of way. (#191430-003-0193-00)

**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 “**R/M – Other Residential**”.

**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 read and introduced on the 8th day of March, 2022, 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 Whittington, second by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 5 of 2022 was adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**Public Hearing – Ordinance 6 of 2022 – 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.**

The public hearing was opened at 6:30 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m,

**Vote on Ordinance 6 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 6 OF 2022**

**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 \$50,000.00 Annually

Effective April 9, 2022

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 8th day of March, 2022 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 Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 6 of 2022 was adopted this 12h day of April, 2022.

**Resolution 4 of 2022 – A Resolution Requesting an Ordinance from the Caddo Parish Commission to Change the Two-Way Stop Intersection at Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive located in the Northwood Hills Subdivision, in Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to a Four-Way Stop Intersection and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Motion made by Whittington, seconded by Fuller, requesting an ordinance from the Caddo Parish Commission to change the two-way stop intersection at Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive located in the Northwood Hills Subdivision, in Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to a four-way stop intersection and otherwise providing with respect thereto. All voted yea.

**Resolution 5 of 2022 – Declaring the week of April 11-15, 2022 as National Community Development Week**

Motion made by Fuller, seconded by Presley, declaring the week of April 11-15, 2022 as National Community Development Week

**Amendment to “Section 1 - Services to be Performed by Town” of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement executed December 11, 2012 between the Town of Blanchard and the Blanchard Athletic Club**

Motion made by Whittington, seconded by Fuller, to amend “Section 1 – Services to be Performed by Town of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement executed December 11, 2012 between the Town of Blanchard and the Blanchard Athletic Club, to 50,000 gallons. All voted yea.

**Act of Dedication – from Wimwal LLC dedicating the water system of Northwood Oaks Subdivision, Unit 2, to the Town of Blanchard, including but not limited to all water lines, valves and fire hydrants**

This item was passed to the May 10, 2022 council meeting

**Authorization from the council for Mayor Galambos and/or William Bradford, Attorney, to pursue a property purchase from Aramco, Inc. of Lots 1-4 and Lots 9-12, Block 20, Town of Blanchard, Louisiana**

Motion made by Whittington, seconded by Guin, authorizing Mayor Galambos and/or William Bradford, Attorney, to pursue a property purchase from Aramco, Inc. of Lots 1-4 and Lots 9-12, Block 20, Town of Blanchard. All voted yea.

**Canvass of election results from March 26, 2022 election**

See #21 below

**Discussion re: 2022 Poke Salad Festival Carnival**

Already discussed as this item was moved to beginning of agenda

**Discussion re: DOTD Maintenance Agreement for Period January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022**

After discussion, motion made by Whittington, seconded by Fuller, to not renew the Maintenance Agreement with DOTD for the period beginning January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. All voted yea.

**Discussion re: KCS Permit for Encroachment – cancellation**

The Agreement with KCS pertaining to the property west of the railroad tracks containing 8.00 acres, more or less, will be cancelled. Motion by Whittington, seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

**A Resolution Providing for Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the Special Election held in the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, and to Promulgate the Results thereof, Accompanied by the Process Verbal and Proclamation of the Canvass**

The following Resolution 6 of 2022 and the attached Proces Verbal and Proclamation of the votes cast at the special election held in the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, was read into the minutes by William Bradford, Attorney, as follows:

**RESOLUTION 6 of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND  
DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE  
TOWN OF BLANCHARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY,  
MARCH 26, 2022, AND TO PROMULGATE THE RESULTS THEREOF,  
ACCOMPANIED BY THE PROCES VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF  
THE CANVASS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**") of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**") that:

**SECTION 1. Canvass.** This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held by the Town on **SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2022**, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election.

**SECTION 2. Procès Verbal.** A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Caddo, who shall record the

same in the Mortgage Records of the Parish; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Governor; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

**SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results.** The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

**SECTION 4. Election Cost.** The cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State was \$13,000.00.

Motion made by Presley, seconded by Guin to accept Resolution 6 of 2022. After being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

And Resolution 6 of 2022 was adopted on this 12th day of April, 2022.

**PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022.**

**BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED** that on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at six o'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Blanchard, Louisiana, the Town Council, acting as the governing authority (the "**Governing Authority**") of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**") and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, March 26, 2022, did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

**TOWN OF BLANCHARD PROPOSITIONS**

“Shall the Mayor of the Town of Blanchard, with approval of the Town of Blanchard Town Council, be authorized to appoint a marshal who is the Chief of Police for the Town of Blanchard?”

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election in favor of and against, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling places, to-wit:

“Shall the Mayor of the Town of Blanchard, with approval of the Town of Blanchard Town Council, be authorized to appoint a marshal who is the Chief of Police for the Town of Blanchard?”

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION  
 PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE TOWN IN CADDO PARISH**

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLL PLACE NAME</u>	<u>POLL PLACE LOCATION</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>VOTE TABULATION</u>	
				<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLL PLACE NAME</u>	<u>POLL PLACE LOCATION</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>VOTE TABULATION</u>	
				<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
00-137	Northwood High School	5939 Old Mooringsport	Blanchard	2	11
00-158	Blanchard Elementary School	402 Birch Avenue	Blanchard	52	199
00-160	Donnie Bickham Middle School	7240 Old Mooringsport	Blanchard	0	0
00-161	Donnie Bickham Middle School	7240 Old Mooringsport	Blanchard	0	0
00-166	Donnie Bickham Middle School	7240 Old Mooringsport	Blanchard	0	0
			Early Voting	38	50
			<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>260</b>

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 94 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 260 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. **THE PROPOSITION DULY FAILED.**

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth **DULY FAILED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Town on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** at Blanchard, Louisiana, on this the 12th day of April, 2022.

**March 2022 financials to be emailed when completed**

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**REPORT FROM:**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – getting prices for rehabbing of two lift stations.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR –**

Met with Jessica Hall on April 13, 2022 regarding new town limit signs.

The developers with Falcon Bay have decided not to annex into Blanchard.

Attorney Bradford is working on the Charles Julian property at 211 Jo Lacey, and should know something within the next couple of weeks.

The two farmer’s markets held March 12 and April 9, 2022 in the parking lot at First Baptist Church were a great success, with many vendors participating.

The job fair held at town hall for the new Brookshire Spring Market resulted in 30 employees being hired.

A soft opening will be held on May 20, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m., on motion of Fuller, seconded by Whittington. All voted yea.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk