

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Whittington, Wm. Bradford, Attorney, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance led by Whittington

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens – Linda Estes, on Sand Valley – had questions about 211 Jo Lacey property and Atty Bradford brought her up to date.

Motion made by Whittington for approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022 and Special Meeting of May 3, 2022, second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**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.**

Whittington made motion to accept the Act of Dedication from Wimwall LLC, seconded by Fuller. Whittington advised that the plat of the subdivision would be signed and recorded within the next week or so, and that the roads in this subdivision would be parish maintained. All voted yea.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing – Ordinance 9 of 2022 - An Ordinance to Change the Two-Way Intersection of 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.**

The public hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

**Vote on Ordinance 9 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 9 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE TWO-WAY INTERSECTION OF 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**

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard (“Town”) on behalf of all residents and citizens who frequent the streets of Northwood Hills Subdivision in Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, particularly the two-way stop intersection of Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive, the Town hereby makes public its concern for the safety of all residents and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the two-way intersection located at Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive is a dangerous intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the Town has been approached by concerned residents and citizens advocating for a four-way stop intersection at Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, for all of the reasons stated herein, the Town hereby changes the two-way stop intersection at Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive to a four-way stop intersection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Town of Blanchard hereby changes the two-way stop intersection at Magnolia Wood Avenue and Northwood Hills Drive to a four-way stop intersection for the safety of all residents and citizens.

**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 hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been read and introduced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 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 Lee, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guin, Presley

And Ordinance 9 of 2022 was adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**Resolution 7 of 2022 – Vote on Resolution 7 of 2022 – to adopt the millage rate on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Blanchard**

**RESOLUTION 7 OF 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 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 2022, 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 7 of 2022. Second by Lee.

The roll was called on the adoption thereof, and Resolution 7 of 2022 was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin, Presley

ABSTAINED: None

And Resolution 7 of 2022 was adopted on this 10th day of May, 2022.

**Choosing Official Journal for FY July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

Lee made motion to adopt The Inquisitor as the official journal of the Town of Blanchard for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

**The April 2022 financials will be emailed when completed**

Mayor Galambos advised the April 2022 financials will be emailed when completed.

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – 1 road bore, 3 outside, 14 meter sets, 4 leaks repaired

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Whittington advised that Chief Presswood was prepared for the Poke Salad Festival this weekend

Comments by the Mayor – signed contract for land purchase for proposed police and fire station.

Water meter is turned on for Oil City.

Meetings are gearing up for the annual fourth of July event at Northwood Hills Golf Club. Possibly charge a fee of \$5.00 per car for parking.

Paperwork for the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce has been sent to the IRS and all donations will be tax deductible.

Caddo Parks and Recreation will be delivering jump houses, frac lights and port-a-lets for the festival this Saturday.

The Spring Market is stocking the shelves and will having an opening on May 25, 2022.

The Farmer's Market will be open at the parking lot across from the First Baptist Church on Saturday, May 21, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 on motion of Whittington, seconded by Lee. All voted yea.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk