

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present – Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Whittington, Town Clerk Candy Foshee, Perry Fuller, Utility Supervisor, Attorney William Bradford

Absent - Presley

Meeting called to order by Mayor Galambos at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Guin

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens - None

Motion by Whittington, second by Fuller to approve the Regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2022 and Special meeting minutes of May 26, 2022. All present voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Gardner of Horn Holdings– discussion of video poker v. off-track betting parlors

After discussion, Whittington made motion to mirror and adopt the ordinance prepared by the Caddo Parish Commission relative to occupational licenses, enacting provisions regarding video poker truck stops, parimutuel facilities and off tract wagering facilities and to prohibit within a certain distance from particular facilities or properties. Second by Fuller. All present voted yea.

Update on submitted LGAP and CWFEE grant applications

Both applications have been “submitted for review” as of May 27, 2022. The grants requested are for in car video cameras for the police department and for a tank mixing system for the elevated water tank on La. Hwy. 169.

Update on property closing on June 13, 2022 - 281 Alexander – from ARAMCO

The closing was held at Sunbelt Title in Bossier City. This purchase of property at 281 Alexander is where a combination fire department/police department will be built in the future. Atty. Bradford will prepare a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town of Blanchard and Caddo Parish Fire District 1.

Bid opening set for Thursday – 10:00 am on June 23, 2022 – Highway 173 project

Bids will be accepted and opened on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the water line project, said line to run from Hwy. 173 to the wastewater treatment plant.

Update on Love’s Truck Stop water line

Attorney Bradford advised that the documents from the Caddo Parish Commission for the water line to the Love’s Truck Stop should be signed this week. Also, the final sale of the property for Ivy’s Lumber should be finalized this week or next.

Discussion of funds for “pet project”

Senator Greg Tarver was able to secure \$100,000.00 for the town of Blanchard to be used for any project. It has been discussed that part of the funds will be used to repair or replace the weirs at the wastewater treatment plant.

Update on Bel-Di-Gil projects – Phase I and II

Phase I waiting on a road bore, and Phase II waiting on locating of existing water lines.l

Update on Oil City bulk water

The valve was opened on June 14, 2022 for the first time.

Update on cleaning of elevated and ground storage tanks

Perry Fuller reported that the cleaning had started on the elevated and ground storage water tanks with no outage of service.

May 2022 financials to be emailed when completed

The mayor reported that the May 2022 financials are being worked on and will be emailed when completed.

REPORT FROM:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – May 2022 - two road bore meter sets, 5 service leaks and 3 main leaks repaired, installed on fire hydrant

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Please plan on attending the Sunflower Trail & Festival this Saturday, Highway 3049, Gilliam, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m., motion by Fuller, second by Guin. All present voted yea.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk