

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

Meeting was 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 Fuller, second by Lee to approve the Regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2022. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation – Blanchard 12U All Stars**

Mayor Galambos read the following:

**PROCLAMATION  
“BLANCHARD 12U Allstars”  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022**

**WHEREAS,** Coaches Robby Carver, Nick Brown and Harold Carver coached a team of age twelve and under boys as follows: Kane Carver #23, Hagen Ashby #3, Taylor Brown #27, Hosten Jones #13, Keagan Permenter #9, Emilio Olvera #12, Tyson Weed #80, Landon Schenck #00, Carter Durrett #8, Nolin Head #6, Aiden Polk #57 and Trace Carver #24;

**WHEREAS,** their summer of 2022 was devoted to two and three practices a week in 100 degree weather and these practices certainly paid off, as the Blanchard 12U Allstars were undefeated, and were District and State Champions of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** August 5, 2022 found the team in Lumberton, North Carolina at the Dixie Youth World Series, where eleven states were represented: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia;

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Blanchard is very proud of these coaches and players for this once in a lifetime achievement and for the community coming together with fundraisers and donations,

and **WHEREAS,** the Town of Blanchard wishes to honor the “Blanchard 12U Allstars” by proclaiming Wednesday, August 10, 2022 as “Blanchard 12U Allstars Day”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GALAMBOS**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim **WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2022**, as “**BLANCHARD 12U ALLSTARS DAY**”.

**New Public Bid Laws in Effect August 1, 2022**

Allows for the purchase of a new or used vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle up to \$40,000.00 (formerly \$20,000.00) without advertising and bid; written specs and quotes may be obtained instead. Also, the bid threshold for materials and supplies was amended to \$60,000.00 (formerly \$30,000.00 and to raise the quote threshold to \$30,000.00 (formerly \$10,000.00)

**Discussion of Violation of Alcohol Ordinance**

Postponed to September 6, 2022 Workshop

**Discussion of Blanchard Farmer’s Market**

Jackie Cooper has stepped down from the Blanchard Farmer’s Market and Jessica Lima will be taking her place. After discussion, Whittington made motion to have Jackie Cooper removed as a signer on the Freedom Business Checking account at Barksdale Federal Credit Union, entitled Town of Blanchard, Account # -----206, and replaced with Jessica Lima, and that new signature card(s) be executed by Jessica Lima and Jim Galambos, who is the other signer on the checks. Second by Presley. All voted yea.

**Discussion of Increase of Mayor’s Salary**

After discussion, motion by Guin to increase the mayor’s salary by \$500.00 per month. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

**Introduction of Ordinance 13 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 3.8 of the Code of ordinances for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, to Increase the Salary of the Mayor and Otherwise Providing with Respect Thereto**

Title to Ordinance 13 of 2022 was read by Lee.

**Discussion of Sustainable Management Action Plan**

After presentation by Perry Fuller, motion by Lee to adopt the Sustainable Management Action Plan authored by the Louisiana Rural Water Association. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

**Update on Wasson Road Annexation**

Whittington advised that the ordinance from the Caddo Parish Commission would hopefully be completed by their September 2022 meeting and then we can move forward with the annexation.

**July 2022 financials**

The July 2022 financials will be emailed to the council when completed.

**REPORT FROM:**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – 2 road bore meter sets, 1 on-side, repaired 4 service leaks, 1 main leak, rebuilt 3 meters.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Fuller made motion to hire a new officer for the Blanchard Police Department based on Chief Presswood’s recommendation. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Galambos discussed the point system of the water sector program and the possible sewer plant consolidation project with Eagle Water, which would result in a new sewer treatment plant, new lift stations and 260 new sewer customers. The CEA has been signed by the Caddo Parish Commission for the water line to the Love’s Truck Stop. The closing on the Julian house at 211 Jo Lacey will hopefully be completed this week and the clean-up will begin soon after.

Mayor Galambos read a congratulatory note into the record from Attorney Tom Arceneaux addressed to the Mayor and Council as follows: “Ladies and Gentlemen, Congratulations to you all on your reelection without opposition. What a superb testimony to the wonderful job you all do to work together for the betterment of Blanchard. Best wishes in your new terms. Sincerely, Tom Arceneaux.”

There being no further business, Lee made motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk