

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Bradford, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fuller

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens – Guests Jessie Williams, Marie Ketterman and Jayne Tappe

Approval of Regular meeting minutes of August 9, 2022 and Special meeting minutes of September 6, 2022 – Motion by Fuller to approve, second by Whittington. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Brian Anderson – retiring from the Blanchard Police Department with twenty-four years of service**

Brian Anderson retired from the Blanchard Police August 31, 2022, and Mayor Galambos and the council recognized his twenty four years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Blanchard and the Blanchard Police Department. He was wished all the best in the next phase of his life – retirement! Brain advised that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Blanchard.

**Public Hearing – 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 (Introduced August 9, 2022 by Lee)**

The public hearing was opened at 6:02 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

**Vote on Ordinance 13 of 2022**

**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**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, 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 August 2022 financials will be emailed as soon as they are completed.

**REPORT FROM:**

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – waiting on new 2022 vehicle. Candidate for the Blanchard Police Department did not pass the background check.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR** – The Holy Smokers BBQ competition fundraiser on Sunday, September 11, 2022 was a success. It was coordinated by several churches in the area. There were ten competitors, gospel music, jump house for the kids and plates of ribs, brisket, sausage and hamburgers were sold for \$10.00. The proceeds were donated to Caddo Parish Fire District #1 and the Blanchard Police Department. This will be an annual event.

There will be a meeting next week with the water plant supervisors to go over the accident that occurred at the water plant this week, when a regulator blew off a chlorine bottle. Discussion will be had regarding what happened, how to prevent same from happening again, and future safety measures.

The water line to the sewer plant has been approved by the State.

We received a correction from the Louisiana State Treasurer, correcting our town population from 3214 to 3556 as of the July 1, 2021 population estimate submitted to their office.

There being no further business, motion by Guin to adjourn, second by Presley. All voted yea. The meeting was adjourned at 6.36 p.m.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk