

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Presley, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Manager

Absent: Alderperson Guin, Attorney Bradford

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Presswood

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens – Donna Frazier introduced Gene Sweet, who is the Interim Fire Chief for Caddo Parish Fire District One. He was congratulated by everyone present. Motion made by Lee, second by Fuller, to approve the Special meeting minutes of September 6, 2022 and Regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2022. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Ordinance 12 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard to include certain rights-of-way with the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Introduced July 12, 2022)

The public hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against the ordinance, the hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 12 of 2022

ORDINANCE 12 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO INCLUDE CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY
WITH THE PARISH OF CADDO, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING
WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the following described property is located within the Parish of Caddo, to-wit:

The right-of-way for Wasson Road located in Sections 26, 27 and 34, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and,

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo received a written request from the Town of Blanchard requesting the consent of the Parish of Caddo to the annexation of the above described right-of-way; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Caddo Parish Commission, through the Caddo Parish Administrator, in due, regular and legal session convened, authorized the annexation of the

Wasson Road right of way from the existing Blanchard Town Limits to its intersection with Louisiana Highway 538, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as shown by attached Resolution 42 of 2022 and Exhibit “A” attached thereto and made a part hereof, dated September 30, 2022; and

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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Said Ordinance having been read and introduced on the 12th day of July, 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, seconded by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was held:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 12 of 2022 was adopted on this 11th day of October, 2022.

Meeting with Mayor Festervan of Vivian regarding blight (i.e. dilapidated houses, junk, unkempt yards, etc)

There will be a meeting next week to discuss the process of addressing blight in our town – environmental court, property standards; Jimmy Whittington and Chuck Wilson from the Caddo Parish Commission will attend.

Discussion of Blue Cross Blue Shield healthcare 2023 renewal

The renewal is for January 1, 2023, and will be discussed further at a meeting next week with the BCBS agent, Mrs. Anderson.

Guide to the 2022 Constitutional Amendments on November 8, 2022 Ballot

A handout was given explaining the amendments that will be on the ballot on November 8, 2022. They are available at Town Hall for anyone that would like to familiarize themselves prior to election day.

Update on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 audit held on October 3, 4, and 5, 2022

Auditors from Cook & Morehart were here for the annual audit. An exit review meeting will be held when everything is complete.

September 2022 financials

The financials will be emailed as soon as they are completed.

REPORT FROM:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – pressure testing begun on Bel-Di-Gil line, next is flushing and chlorinating. The project for the lines to the sewer plant should begin in the next week or so.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – waiting on new police unit; waiting on information for part time and full time officers; also a present part time officer may be moving to full time employment.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR – October 8 Fall Market was a great success with 60+ vendors, and wonderful weather. The next Fall Market is Saturday, November 12 from 9 to 3. There will also be a vendor market at the Small Town Christmas event Saturday, December 10. These will be held at the First Baptist Church parking lot across from The Well.

There being no further business, motion by Whittington, second by Presley to adjourn. All voted yea. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk