

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

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Chief Presswood, Attorney William Bradford, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Manager and guests

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 5:58 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bradford

Invocation given by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens - None

Motion made by Lee, second by Fuller to approve the Regular meeting minutes of November 8, 2022. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 14 of 2022 - An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 3, Section 3.7, Municipal Officers, Of The Code Of Ordinances, Town Of Blanchard, Relating To The Compensation Of The Chief Of Police Of The Town Of Blanchard, And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto.**

Public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 14 of 2022, the public hearing was closed at 6:01.

**Vote on Ordinance 14 of 2022**

**ORDINANCE 14 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.7, MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF BLANCHARD, RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 3, Section 3.7(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

**SECTION 3.7: Establishing Compensation for the Police Chief**

(d) Expiration. The provisions of this Ordinance shall expire at the end of the term of office January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026, of the Police Chief, and shall not apply to any additional term or any successor to the current Police Chief.

Section 2. Severability. If any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application there of is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions. Items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 8th day of November, 2022, by Fuller, 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 Lee, seconded by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was held:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Whittington

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 14 of 2022 was adopted on this 13th day of December, 2022.

**Resolution 13 of 2022 – A Resolution Providing for Supplemental Pay for the Police Chief of the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR  
THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AND  
OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Blanchard, in due, legal and regular session convened, finds that Gerald Allen, the duly elected Chief of Police of the Town, holds certification as a police officer by the State of Louisiana and presently works full-time as a Patrol Officer with the Town of Blanchard, precluding alternative employment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14 of 2022 of the Town of Blanchard, that commencing on January 1, 2023, during all times and only during such times while Gerald Allen holds certification and works full-time in his capacity as Chief of Police, he shall be entitled to supplemental pay in the amount of Fifty Three Thousand & NO/100 (\$53,000.00) Dollars per year; provided that the continuation of this Resolution is in the best interest of the Town of Blanchard. Should he cease full-time employment or should lose certification, Gerald Allen shall no longer be entitled to supplemental pay from the Town.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion to accept Resolution 13 of 2022 made by Fuller, second by Presley and a roll call vote was had:

YEA: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABESENT: Whittington

And Resolution 13 of 2022 was adopted this 13th day of December, 2022.

**Introduction of Ordinance 15 of 2022 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7, Article C – Alcoholic Beverage Handling Employee Card, Sections 7.50 – 7.59 to Comply with “TIPS” – Training Intervention Procedures and Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto**

Introduction of Ordinance 15 of 2022 was read by Galambos

**Discussion of establishing an Employment Agreement i.e. employee training**

Motion made by Fuller, second by Presley to give authorization to Mayor Galambos to pursue an Employment Agreement to be presented at a future workshop. All voted yea.

**Discussion to accept the resignation of Don Jones from the Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board of Commissioners**

Appreciation and thanks were extended to Don Jones for his twenty-seven plus years of service as an appointed member of the Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board. Fuller made motion to accept his resignation, second by Lee. All voted yea.

**Discussion and vote on appointment of Douglas McCoy as member of the Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board of Commissioners**

Doug McCoy, longtime resident of Blanchard, was in attendance and expressed his interest in being appointed to the Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board of Commissioners. Lee made motion to appoint Doug McCoy as a member of the Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board of Commissioners, second by Fuller, effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. All voted yea.

**Update from Craig Bond on first year as member of the Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board of Commissioners**

Craig Bond reported on his first year as a member of the Caddo Fire #1 Board – his first year has been a learning experience, many ups and downs, but is getting better. A new Interim Chief was appointed. Tony Moffatt was appointed a new member by the Caddo Parish Commission. Mr. Bond will come each quarter to give the board an update.

**Adoption of 2023 Council, Workshop Meeting and Mayor’s Court Schedule**

Fuller made motion to approve and adopt the 2023 Council, Workshop Meeting and Mayor’s Court Schedule, second by Lee. All voted yea.

**Update on 211 Jo Lacey property**

No new updates at this time, hopefully after the first of the year.

**November 2022 financials**

The November 2022 financials will be emailed as soon as all bank statements are reconciled.

**REPORT FROM:**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – three meter sets, repaired two water leaks.

Bel-Di-Gil Project Phase 1 – There is water to 169 South to Dixie, almost to Belcher and Bel-Di-Gil

Project Phase 2 – Water from Hwy. 530 to Lynn Plantation. Will be pulling samples this week.

Wastewater plant – water line is laid to plant, will fill up on December 14, 2022 and pull samples next week.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Waiting on additional paperwork for hiring applicant for police department. Transition is going smooth for new elected chief, Gerald Allen to take over effective January 1, 2023.

### **COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Galambos expressed his congratulations to Chief Presswood on his retirement effective December 31, 2022 and advised the town will miss his knowledge and guidance.

The Love's Truck Stop is out for bid for a general contractor. Ivy's Lumber is waiting for price of metal to decrease. Pre-construction meeting held December 13, 2022 - the water line to Love's will be started first week of January, 2023.

The Small Town Christmas was held December 10, 2022 and was a great success. It kicked off at 10:00 with a parade and then moved to The Well at Blanchard First Baptist Church with arts and craft vendors and food trucks. Activities for the kids were sponsored by various Blanchard businesses - Blanchard Medical, Healthcare Express, Shreve Memorial Library, Spring Market, Dignity/Hillcrest Funeral Home and the Lady's Lagniappe Group - letters to Santa, making reindeer food, face painting, balloon animals, decorating cookies, a photo booth, a cake walk and pictures with Santa Claus. The vendor fees from the Farmer's Market during the Spring and Fall along with donations from businesses make this event a success. And it would not be such a success if it wasn't for the volunteers.

There being no further business, motion made by Fuller, second by Presley to adjourn. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk