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Advertisement for Bids

The City of Blanchard/Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive separate sealed bids for the Replacement of Existing Sanitary Sewer Line. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010, until **11:00 am, on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at **11:00 AM** at City Hall.

Project to include replacing approximately 360 l.f. of existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line with or without excavation.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The City/Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

Board of Adjustment

The January meeting of the Blanchard Board of Adjustment scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

Carbon-monoxide Warning

Due to the upcoming extreme cold and power outages, please be aware of the hazards of the following types of heating:

- ◆ **Never** use gas grills, propane grills, charcoal grills in a house, garage or enclosed area;
- ◆ All gas fire heaters **MUST** be vented to the outside to remove carbon monoxide from an enclosed area; and
- ◆ **Please** read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater.

Chamber Luncheon

The January luncheon for the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, January 16th at 12:00 Noon in the Chamber Building, 115 N. Main sponsored by Spencer's and catered by Dakota's. Lunch is \$5.00.

Consumer Confidence Report

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority's 2018 Consumer Confidence Report is available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. It will be mailed out in the February billing.

The Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). You may find a copy of our report by entering in the following link into your web browser or control and enter:

<http://sdwis.deq.state.ok.us/DWW/CCReports/OK3004710.pdf>

Council Action

The governing body on Monday nite (6th) appointed Jim Cloud to serve as Ward 1 Councilman until April 2021 due to David Miller's resignation. Jim was serving on the Planning Commission.



The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for full- and part-time employment for the following positions:

- Cook ~ Nutrition Center (Part-time position with Benefits);
- Dispatcher ~ Police Dept; and
- Public Works Director ~ Public Works Dept.

Applications and Job Descriptions are available online at www.cityofblanchard.us

For more information, please contact the City at 405.485.9392.

Invitation to Bid

The City of Blanchard will receive separate sealed bids for the construction of a new Fire Station No.

2. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010, until **2:00 pm**, on **Thursday, January 23rd, 2020**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at **2:00 PM** at City Hall.

Project to include new construction of a 4800 +/- sf fire station on 55th Street NE and Ward Acres.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

Meeting Calendar

JANUARY

13Th ~ BPS Board of Education

21St ~ Board of Adjustment [**Canceled**]

23Rd ~ Code/Juvenile Court

28Th ~ Traffic Court

28Th ~ City Council

28Th ~ BMIA

Oil 'n Gas Complaints

With the increase of oil and gas drilling activities in and around Blanchard, comes an increase in complaints of trucks, noise and odor.

All drilling activities complaints are to be reported directly to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 580-255-0103 (Duncan Field Ofc) or 405-521-2111 (OKC).

The Oklahoma Department of Health is the official agency to investigate all

noise complaints. Their number to call is 405-271-5779.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the authorized agency to investigate all air and water quality complaints to include odor. Their complaint hot line is 1-800-522-0206.

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs, etc) are to be filed with the Blanchard Police Department at 405-485-9392.

Oil 'n Gas Permits

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported NO permits for oil and gas drilling were issued within the City limits of Blanchard this week.

The OCC is the only state agency that issues permits for oil and gas drilling.

PC Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission met last nite (Thursday, January 9th) and recommended approval of an application rezoning 12 acres of land from S-1 to A-1. The City Council will conduct their public hearing on the PC's recommendation on January 28th. They also approved a lot split application from the same owner subject to approval of rezoning by the City Council.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity for:

1/4 ~ MORROW, Ayona arrested on possession of CDS and paraphernalia;

1/4 ~ MORE, Nathan arrested of CDS and paraphernalia;

1/4 ~ FRAIRE, Javier arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

1/4 ~ HADLEY, Lindsey arrested for Driving Under Suspension;

1/5 ~ GIBSON, Debi arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

1/6 ~ BROWN, Nathan arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

1/6 ~ HAGER, Zachary arrested for Driving Under Suspension; and

1/9 ~ FULTON, Timothy arrested for VPO violation.

Public Hearings

The Blanchard City Council will conduct "Public Hearings" at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28th, 2020, during its regularly scheduled meeting at the Blanchard Municipal Courthouse, 300 N. Main St, Blanchard, Oklahoma, for the discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve changes and additions to Section 21-401 of Article 4, Section 21-511 of Article 5, Sections 21-712, 21-732, 21-742 of Article 7, and Section 21-921 of Article 9, all in Chapter 21 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Blanchard pertaining to Home Occupations, Conditional Use Permits, Medical Marijuana Industries, and Wrecker Service Impound Yards, at which time an ordinance adopting the changes may be voted upon.

For more information contact City Planner at 405.485.9392.

Request for Proposals

The City received one (1) RFP for underground utility locate services.

The proposal is currently under evaluation.

A contract is anticipated to be awarded.

Sales Tax Collections

The City's January Sales Tax collections are more than eighteen (18.06%) percent less than the budgeted amount based on the November retail sales of \$5,435,788.75 but it is more than eleven (11.28%) percent less than last month's collections in December:

Month	Collections	Prior Yr Δ
Jul 2019	\$238,935.35	10.29%
Aug 2019	\$224,605.68	-30.30%
Sep 2019	\$330,518.23	34.89%
Oct 2019	\$258,405.27	-4.75%
Nov 2019	\$233,016.24	-20.36%
Dec 2019	\$241,952.56	-34.78%
Jan 2020	\$217,431.55	-20.09%
Feb 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
Mar 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
Apr 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
May 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
Jun 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
TOTALS	\$1,744,522.88	-12.26%

Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at 11:30am.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:
(January 13 ~ January 17)

Monday ~ Chicken Fritter, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Chips, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Smoke Sausage, Cabbage, Mac 'n Cheese, Cornbread, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal. If you need a ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS.

For more information call 485-9260.

Statewide Road Conditions

If you are traveling out of state this winter, for road conditions in Oklahoma call 844.465.4997.



For road conditions in neighboring states call the following:

Arkansas, 501.569.2374;

Colorado 303.639.1111;

Kansas 866.511.5368;

Missouri, 888.275.6636;

Nebraska 800.906.9069;

New Mexico 800.432.4269; and

Texas 800.452.9292.

Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (Police, Fire, 911 services), public facilities, projects, programs and services. Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-profits. If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local. Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and your community.

Top Ten

Blanchard was ranked near the top of the 10 "Safest Cities" in Oklahoma for 2020 after FBI's latest crime report for violent crime and property crime statistics for every city with over 5,000 residents were analyzed.

In addition, Blanchard was ranked one of the top ten best places to live in Oklahoma for 2020.

Use Tax Collections

The City's January Use Tax collections are more than twenty (20.12) percent less than the budgeted amount based

on the November purchases of \$1,603,604.50 but it is more than eleven (11.89%) more than last month's collections in December:

Month	Collections	Prior Yr Δ
Jul 2019	\$106,769.53	21.82%
Aug 2019	\$112,883.70	24.09%
Sep 2019	\$121,458.85	88.48%
Oct 2019	\$252,544.84	138.81%
Nov 2019	\$150,710.74	82.60%
Dec 2019	\$ 56,520.34	-74.29%
Jan 2020	\$ 64,144.18	9.96%
Feb 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
Mar 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
Apr 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
May 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
Jun 2020	\$-0-	0.00%
TOTALS	\$865,032.18	21.91%



A "Public Hearing" before the City Council will be held on **Tuesday, January 28th**, to approve or deny the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an application to re-zone 12-acres located in the NW4 of Section 2-T7N-R5W in Grady County from S-1 to A-1.

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