

# BLANCHARD E-NEWSLETTER

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## *After Hours*

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, sewer backups, low-water pressure, no water, etc.) please call 405.485.9391. The City's Central Dispatch is manned 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

## *BETA Action*

The Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) held their December meeting on **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- 1 ~ discussed Economic Development.
- 2 ~ discussed Farmer's Market.
- 3 ~ Approved the 2021 Schedule of Meetings.
- 4 ~ Approved Consent Agenda.

The next meeting of the Trust will be Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## *Bid Opening*

The City received eight (8) bids for the removal of storm damaged debris from the public right-of-way. The bids were based on removal of debris per cubic yard as follows:

TFR Enterprises Inc ~ \$5.30  
Arbor Masters Tree Svc ~ \$6.45  
GreenBelt Turf Mgmt ~ \$6.74  
Neal Machinery & Const LLC ~ \$8.25  
Harris Contracting LLC ~ \$10.50  
Ceres Environmental Svcs Inc ~ \$14.68  
Anaconda Construction & Trucking ~ \$17  
Southern Clean Up Crew ~ \$18.

TFR Enterprises submitted the lowest responsible bid. They have a pre-positioned agreement with the City of Norman. It is anticipated that the City Council will award a contract to TFR Enterprises on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

However, NO work can commence until a written contract is executed and proof of insurance is provided to the City.

## *BMIA Action*

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority (BMIA) held their December meeting on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- 1 ~ Acceptance of FYE2020 Audit Report.
- 2 ~ Approved a pickup truck purchase from Knippelmier Chevrolet.
- 3 ~ Approved Emergency Declaration for repair of sanitary sewer line.

#### 4 ~ Approved Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

## Christmas Break

The Blanchard Public Schools will be closed for the Christmas Holidays. Students in the Blanchard School District will be out of school from **December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020** to **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

No classes will be held during this period.

## Christmas Parade



**Blanchard's**  
**A Magical Disney Christmas**  
**Lighted Christmas Parade**  
**December 12th @ 6 PM**

**FREE Picture with Santa**  
**2-4 pm @ Senior Center on Main**

**Carriage Rides**  
**2-4 pm**

**Christmas Concert @ 5 pm**

**Main Street Blanchard, OK**

**Shop Blanchard Give-a-ways**  
**4-6 pm**

The poster features a central image of a Disney castle illuminated with lights, set against a dark blue background with falling snow and colorful fireworks. Silhouettes of a man and a woman are visible in the foreground.

## Council Action

The Blanchard City Council held their December meeting on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- 1 ~ Held Public Hearing for FY2021 CDBG Grant.
- 2 ~ Approved Citizen's Participation Plan.
- 3 ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-29 authorizing grant application.
- 4 ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-30 on Leveraged (Matching) Funds for FY2021 Proposed CDBG.
- 5 ~ Approved a Residential Anti-Displacement Plan.
- 6 ~ Read & issued a Fair Housing Proclamation.
- 7 ~ Approved Agreement for grant administration with Parkhill Cardinal.
- 8 ~ Accepted FYE2020 Audit Report.
- 9 ~ Adopted Ordinance No. 726 amending oil and gas regulations.
- 10 ~ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 726.
- 11 ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-31 calling a General Election in April 2021.
- 12 ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-32 accepting AG's Safe Oklahoma Grant in the amount of \$20,000.
- 13 ~ Discussed Special Meeting scheduled for 12/15/20.
- 14 ~ Approved Consent Agenda.
- 15 ~ Held Executive Session.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

## Debris Removal Update

As of Monday (December 7<sup>th</sup>) the City has received over 2275 cy of storm debris at its Temporary Debris Staging and Reduction Site (TDSRS).

## Free Breakfast & Lunch

The Blanchard Public School has announced that the USDA is allowing the school district to feed breakfast and lunch to children 1-18 years of age, for FREE! This will last until December 31, 2020, or until funds run out.

They are working on getting everyone's accounts credited for the meals they have charged. If your child still has a balance on their account, please continue to pay this off, as the USDA will not pay for past charges.

If you would like to receive a meal, please contact Jamie Romine, [jromine@blanchard.k12.ok.us](mailto:jromine@blanchard.k12.ok.us) or by phone 405-485-3391 ext 270, please leave a message stating how many you request to pick up.

## Holiday Closing



City offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** and on Christmas Day, **Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911.

If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391.

Offices will reopen on **Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## Meeting Calendar

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ Municipal Court

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ BOA

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ City Council (Special)

## Major Disaster Declaration

Governor Kevin Stitt requested a Major Disaster Declaration from the federal government related to the devastating early season ice storm that began on October 26 on November 13, 2020.

The thirteen (13) counties included in this request are: Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Dewey, Grady, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Logan, Noble, Oklahoma, Payne, Pottawatomie, and Roger Mills.

The multi-day storm system produced up to two (2) inches of ice in some areas,

left hundreds of thousands without power and caused millions of dollars in damages for local governments and tribes.

Damage assessments are ongoing, but in these thirteen (13) counties alone, the storm resulted in an estimated \$27 million in debris removal and other damages.

Due to FEMA policies as a result of the pandemic, damage assessments had to be conducted virtually by state and local emergency management using photos, videos, measurements and GPS data and then validated manually by FEMA Region 6 in Texas.

If approved, the designation would deliver federal funding to assist municipalities, counties, tribes and rural electric cooperatives with debris removal, infrastructure repairs and other costs associated with responding to the storm. Governor Stitt stressed that the state will continue to request additional counties be added to the Major Disaster Declaration in the coming weeks.

As of today, President Trump has not signed the Major Disaster Declaration.

## *Notice of Continuance*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission gave notice that the hearing on the administrative authorization to drill and complete the Goose 1-4, as a commercial saltwater disposal well proposed to be

located in the SE/4 of the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 4-T8N-R4W, McClain County (north side of NE 55<sup>th</sup> and east of Rockwell Avenue) has been continued from January 8, 2021 to February 5, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m., Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 North Lincoln Blvd, OKC, OK 73105.

## *On the BOA Agenda*

The Blanchard Board of Adjustment will hold their December meeting on **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6pm, Municipal Courthouse to discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- 1 ~ 2021 Schedule of Meetings.
- 2 ~ Consent Agenda.

The full agenda packet will be found later on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

## *Ordinance*

The Blanchard City Council adopted Ordinance No. 726 at their December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Ordinance pertains to the Oil and Gas Regulations by amending a part of Section 14-101 and Sub-paragraph 1 of Paragraph C in Section 14-105 all in Article 1 of Chapter 14 of the Blanchard Municipal Code pertaining to the

definition of Protected Land Uses and Setbacks/Location of oil and gas well sites.

## *Planning Comm Action*

The Blanchard Planning Commission held their December meeting on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- 1** ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-15 recommending approval to the City Council regarding a Conditional Use Permit for medical marijuana growing facility at 1197 NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 2** ~ Held Public Hearing on a proposed Conditional Use Permit for a medical marijuana growing and processing facility at 240 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 3** ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-16 recommending approval to the City Council of Conditional Use Permits for a medical marijuana growing and processing facility at 240 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 4** ~ Held Public Hearing on a proposed Conditional Use Permit for a medical marijuana growing facility at 1153 Red Bird Glen.
- 5** ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-17 recommending approval to the City Council of Conditional Use Permits for a medical marijuana growing facility at 1153 Red Bird Glen.

**6** ~ Held Public Hearing on a proposed rezoning from A-1, Agricultural District to R-E, Residential Estates District.

**7** ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-18 recommending approval of a proposed rezoning from A-1, Agricultural District to R-E, Residential Estates District.

**8** ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-19 approving Final Plat for Walnut Creek Estates Phase II.

**9** ~ Tabled a Final Plat for Oasis Ranch Section 4.

**10** ~ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-20 recommending revisions to the Subdivision Regulations regarding design standards.

**11** ~ Approved Consent Agenda.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2021.

## *Police Blotter*

Jail activity:

**12/8** - MAY, James arrested for Eluding, Pursuit, Possession of Stolen Vehicle.

**12/8** - CARPENTER, Jesse arrested on DUI.

**12/9** - SEABOURN, Franci arrested on Possession of Stolen Firearm.

## *Public Comments*

Each year, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation proposes changes in the administrative rules that govern hunting and fishing in Oklahoma, and this

year's public comment period will continue thru January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Many proposed changes are simple housekeeping matters, but some may be more substantial. For example, new aggregate bag limits for trout have been proposed, and various changes have been proposed for hunting season dates, open hours and bag limits in wildlife management areas. For a summary, go to [www.wildlifedepartment.com/public-meeting](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/public-meeting) and click on Rule Change Proposals 2021.

Comments may be made online at that same site. Letters can be sent to P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, OK 73152. People might also choose to attend a public hearing beginning at 7:00p.m., January 7<sup>th</sup> at the John D. Groendyke Wildlife Conservation Building, 1801 N. Lincoln Blvd in OKC.

Members of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission are expected to consider proposed changes at their regular meeting set for February 1, 2021.

## *Sales Tax Collections*

The Sales Tax collections for the month of December was more than fourteen (14.33%) higher than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$6,550,049.50 retail sales in Blanchard.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>+/-</i>
July 2020	271,270.11	13.70
August 2020	283,592.81	26.26
September 2020	284,896.09	-13.80
October 2020	271,522.76	5.08
November 2020	287,045.45	23.19
December 2020	262,001.98	8.29
January 2021		
February 2021		
March 2021		
April 2021		
May 2021		
June 2021		
TOTALS	1,660,329.20	8.72

## *Senior Nutrition*

Curbside pickup and home deliveries will continue for the Blanchard Senior Citizens Center. The dining area will reopen with a limited occupancy of twelve (12), so RESERVATIONS ONLY.

### **LUNCH MENU**

**(December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday** ~ Enchiladas, Salad, Beans, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Salmon, Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Sliced Ham, Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Salad, Roll, 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.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal or RESERVATION. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day. The Center is still delivering lunches daily.

## *Shop Local*

Citizens are encouraged to stay local and spend their money where they live all year long, however, during these dates, they can keep their receipts and turn them into the Chamber on Saturday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** to win multiple items donated by local businesses and Chamber members.

Shop Blanchard sponsored by the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce ends tomorrow (**December 12<sup>th</sup>**).

## *Special Events*

- 12/12<sup>th</sup> ~ Magical Disney Parade
- 12/21<sup>st</sup> ~ Winter Begins
- 12/21 - 1/1<sup>st</sup> ~ School Holidays
- 12/24<sup>th</sup> ~ Xmas Eve (**Closed**)
- 12/25<sup>th</sup> ~ Xmas Day (**Closed**)
- 12/31<sup>st</sup> ~ New Year's Eve
- 1/01<sup>st</sup> ~ New Year's Day (**Closed**)

## *Special Events*

The Blanchard City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the Board of Adjustment meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- 1 ~ Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a medical marijuana growing facility at 1197 NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 2 ~ Resolution approving the CUP as recommended by the Planning Commission for a medical marijuana growing facility at 1197 NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 3 ~ Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a medical marijuana growing & processing facility at 240 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 4 ~ Resolution approving the CUP as recommended by the Planning Commission for a medical marijuana growing & processing facility at 240 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 5 ~ Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a medical marijuana growing facility at 1153 Red Bird Glen.
- 6 ~ Resolution approving the CUP as recommended by the Planning Commission

for a medical marijuana growing facility at 1153 Red Bird Glen.

**7** ~ Resolution approving the Final Plat for Phase II of Walnut Creek Estates as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**8** ~ Ordinance revising the subdivision regulations by amending private road standards, fire hydrant valve requirements and incorporating new standard details illustrating subdivision regulation requirements, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**9** ~ Emergency Clause for Ordinance.

**10** ~ Award contract to TFR Enterprises Inc being the lowest responsible qualified contractor for storm debris removal.

**11** ~ Possible acceptance of storm debris from County residents, if they have a current Transfer account.

**12** ~ Possible fee charged for storm debris disposal by County residents, if they have a current Transfer account.

**13** ~ Proceed in exploring an Operating Agreement with the ACOG 911 Association for 911 services to Blanchard.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>+/-</i>
July 2020	93,410.49	-12.51
August 2020	77,952.78	-30.94
September 2020	78,265.11	-35.56
October 2020	85,472.26	-66.16
November 2020	73,911.74	-50.96
December 2020	82,342.61	45.69
January 2021		
February 2021		
March 2021		
April 2021		
May 2021		
June 2021		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>491,354.99</b>	<b>-38.65</b>

## Ways to Shop Local



\* Connect with local owners and let them know that you support them!

- \* Buy a local gift card for use later!
- \* Shop online or by phone!
- \* Order take-out!
- \* Order food ahead of time (don't wait in line!)
- \* Utilize delivery options!
- \* Send online flowers or gifts!

## Winter Solstice



The Use Tax collections for the month of December was more than seventeen (17.66%) lower than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$2,058,565.25 sales in Blanchard.

The winter solstice is one of the two time each year that the Sun is at its farthest point from the Equator and appears to stand still. It occurs on Monday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>** at **4:02 p.m. CST.**