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After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewerline breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, 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.

BMIA Action

The BMIA Board of Trustees met in regular session on **Tuesday, October 26th**, and discussed, considered and took action including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Approved single-axle trailers to off-load at the Citizen's Collection

Center and charge \$35 for dual axle trailers.

- Tabled request by the Public Works Director, for the approval of a proposal by IMR Systems to provide an enzyme treatment and bimonthly maintenance on the City's Total Retention Lagoon system for \$1,530 per month for a one-year contract in the total amount of \$18,360.

- Approved Consent Agenda.

The complete Agenda Packet can be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/minutes-and-agendas.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, November 9th**.

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! It is a violation of the Municipal Code of any of the following:

- * Allow the accumulation of trash and/or debris and our junk on your property.

- * Allow tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk) to exceed 12-inches or higher.
- * Accumulation of inoperable and/or junk vehicles and parts on your property.
- * Parking of trailers, boats, and RVs in alleyways or in front of the building line.
- * Allowing tree limbs over hang the street with less than 8-foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys or between sidewalk and pavement.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

Any questions, please contact Carol Mueller at City Hall.

Council Action

The City Council met in regular session on **Tuesday, October 26th**, and discussed, considered and took action including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-45 approving the CDBG Section 3 requirements.
- Accepted quotes and selected Samara for the purchase of a new GPS tracking system for all city-owned vehicles.
- Authorized the solicitation of bids for the purchase and construction of a new building to serve the Parks

Department; and authorize the City Manager to seek local banks for financing.

- Engaged Municipal Finance Services to provide financial services, to include but not limited to, the financing and the construction of street improvements as recommended by the Roads Ad Hoc Committee.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 745 amending Section 17-101 of Article 1 of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Blanchard by providing that the mowing, trimming and maintenance of grass, trees, shrubs and other vegetation within streets, alleys and public ways shall be the responsibility of the owner of the owner and occupant of the adjacent property; that the adjacent property owner is responsible to remove trees and shrubs that are detrimental to the public welfare and assigning to citizens the maintenance thereof; that the owner and occupant of property shall have the duty to maintain various vegetation in front, on the side and at the rear of their property in a non-dangerous condition and so that vegetation or landscaping is not a traffic hazard, an obstruction to

view or a hazard to the health, safety, or welfare of the public; providing for severability; declaring repealer; and declaring an emergency.

- Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 745.
- Discussed the City of Tuttle's response to oil and gas related costs and directed the City Manager to survey cities and towns the size of Blanchard and their fee structure for oil and gas.
- Approved engineering paving plans for NE 10th Street as prepared by Glenn Sullivan and Associates; and authorized City Engineer to submit to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- Adopted Resolution No. 2021-46 authorizing the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Main Street and Bailey Street, as requested by a Traffic and Safety Petition.
- Approved Consent Agenda.
- Held Executive Session.

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Daylite Saving Time



FALL BACK SUNDAY, **November 7th**, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.** Clocks will "fall back" one-hour.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

Halloween

'Trick or Treat' nite in Blanchard will be **Saturday, October 30th** from **6 pm to 9 pm**.

Please drive carefully with caution and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

For Halloween safety tips for your kids, pets, etc. please go to <https://nnw.org/halloween-safety-tips>.

Holiday Closing

City offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th**, for the observance of Veteran's Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash service will be as usual.

City Offices will reopen on Friday, **November 12th**.

Job Openings

The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for employment for the following positions:

- Police Officer (2-vacancies) full-time
- Dispatcher (2-vacancies) full-time
- Park Laborer (3-vacancies) - Seasonal

An application can be downloaded or filled out on line at the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us under Forms and Applications.

Please email to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

November Meeting Calendar

- 1st: BPS Board of Education [6pm]
- 4th: Planning Commission [6pm]
- 9th: City Council [6pm]
- 9th: BMIA Board of Trustees
- 16th: Traffic Court [2pm]
- 16th: Board of Adjustment [6pm]

November Special Events

- 2nd ~ Election Day (7am-7pm)
- 7th ~ Daylite Saving Time Ends
- 11th ~ Veterans Day (City Hall Closed)
- 13th ~ Veterans Day Parade (10am)
- 25th ~ Thanksgiving Day (City Hall Closed)
- 26th ~ Thanksgiving Day After (City Hall

Closed)

26th ~ Black Friday

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since October 22nd that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Oklahoma Heritage Week



The signing of the Statehood Proclamation on November 16, 1907,

was the most significant action in the history of the State of Oklahoma. The week of November 10th through the 16th has been declared 'OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK' in the State of Oklahoma.

All Oklahomans should pause during this time and reflect on our Oklahoma heritage, as well as our national heritage. Blanchard has the obligation and privilege to play an important role in the observance of this great week! So the Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of November 10th thru the 16th to be 'Oklahoma Heritage Week' in Blanchard

and encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, business organizations and schools in Blanchard to give personal attention to all special Statehood Day observances, to fly the State Flag and the National Colors, to participate in and help sponsor programs, projects, and activities emphasizing the heritage of our great State.

On the PC Agenda

The Planning Commission will hold its November regular session on **Thursday, November 4th** to discuss, consider and take possible action, including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Public Hearing on rezoning property from S-1, Suburban District to A-1, Agricultural District.
- Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the above zoning request.
- Lot Split Application splitting a 20-acre tract into three (3) lots.
- Lot Split Application of 13.49 acres of land into three (3) tracts.
- Amending the Zoning Regulations regarding the A-1, Agricultural District and manufactured housing units and mobile homes.
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan progress and status.

- Consent Agenda.

The Agenda Packet is available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, December 14th**.

Parade Marshal

Ulon Killmer was born October 21, 1924,



in Brady OK. He grew up in the Blanchard area and attended Blanchard School until he left for California to be a welder in the shipyards at age 18. He then enlisted in

the Naval Seabees (127th Naval Construction Battalion) August 2, 1943, in Williamsburg, Virginia, and served 2 years, 8 mos, and 8 days, whereupon he was honorably discharged April 3, 1946.

Ulon held the ratings of AS, SF3c (CB)(W), SF2c (CB)(W). He served at Pearl Harbor after it was bombed, and later served in the Philippines, building roads, runways, ammunition dumps, etc. After the bombing in Japan, Ulon was shipped to Japan where he served in support of the occupation forces.

On February 28, 1948, Ulon married Vivian Lee Killmer in Blanchard OK. They were married 59 years before she passed in 2007. To this union were born 2 children, Janean Killmer Lamb and Steve

Killmer. Ulon has 4 grandchildren: Kenna Brooks (Greg), Derek Lamb (Chandra), Christopher Killmer (Jenn), Michael Killmer (Amy); and 9 great-grandchildren: Kaylee Brooks Williams (Sam), Chloe Brooks, Cooper Brooks, Deklyn Lamb, Emma Lamb, Vivian Killmer, Karsten Killmer, Raylee Killmer, and Madalyn Killmer.

Ulon worked as a heavy equipment operator and farmed prior to becoming a union carpenter for many years. He built houses in the Blanchard area, dormitories at OU, and numerous commercial buildings in the Oklahoma City area. He returned to farming in 1972 when he and Vivian moved to Weleetka OK. Ulon moved back to Blanchard in 2010.

Ulon volunteered with the Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief for many years, where he traveled all over the United States and to foreign countries to assist in restoring areas where disasters had occurred. He also volunteered building churches with Baptist Builders.

Ulon just celebrated his 97th birthday, October 21st.

Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster:

- 10-21 ~ TREVIN, Robert arrested on Canadian County Warrants - released per Canadian County.
- 10-27 ~ HORN, Jillian arrested on

Domestic Assault and Battery - transported to McClain County for District Charges.

- 10-27 ~ SHUPERT, Johnny arrested on Chickasaw Nation Warrant for FTA. Suspect is Tribal and arrested by Tribal Police and in their custody - our warrants were put on hold per the Judge.
- 10-29 ~ RODRIGUEZ-LOZANO, Mateo arrested on Local Warrants.

PumpkinFest

Are you ready for a real SPOOKY GOOD TIME?

The City's annual PumpkinFest will be held tomorrow (**Saturday, October 30th**) from 6pm to 9pm on Main Street. Activities include:

- Costume Contest (Ages 0-10) (11-18) & (19-over)
- Pet Costume Contest (all pets must be on a leash)
- Face Painting
- Free Candy & Refreshments
- Games and Trunk or Treats
- Safe Candy Walk & Music

For more information, please contact Chris Wittenbach at 248.6521.

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. **MENU**

- 11/1 ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.
- 11/2 ~ Breakfast Sausage, Potatoes, Biscuits, Dessert.
- 11/3 ~ Tetrizzini, Sweet Potato, Vegetable, Dessert.
- 11/4 ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.
- 11/5 ~ Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens. 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 or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade
- Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins
- Friday, 12-24 ~ Christmas Eve
- Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day
- Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve

Veterans Day



Originally Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00am, on November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Congress. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held around the nation honoring our veterans. Please consider spending some time on-line learning more about our nation's true HEROES [the American Veteran] who have served our country in time of peace and war.

Veterans Day Parade



Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday, November 13th**.

The Parade Marshal will be Ulon Killmer of Blanchard.

Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.