



# BLANCHARD E-NEWSLETTER

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## *ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS*

Notice is given that the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main, Blanchard, Oklahoma, until 1:00PM on February 18, 2021, for: Waterline and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, King Row to Oak Dr. along S.H. 62.

Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before the time set for opening of bids, as well as bids received after the time set for opening of bids, shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be made in accordance with this Advertisement for Bids, the plans and specifications, and the bid forms, which are on file and available for public examination at the Office of the Purchasing Agent at City Hall at the address listed above.

Complete sets of general conditions, plans, specifications, and other bidding documents may be obtained at the Morris Engineering and Surveying office, 617 NW 27<sup>th</sup> St., Moore, OK 73160, please call ahead 405-912-2775.

Plans and specifications may be purchased for One Hundred Dollars (100.00) per set.

Purchases are non-refundable. Digital copies are free and will be emailed upon request.

Bids filed with the Purchasing Agent shall be opened publicly and read aloud at City Hall at the time stated above or later. The City Manager shall consider all bids prior to the award of the contract on or before February 18, 2021, to the lowest and best bidder meeting specifications and time schedule.

Sales Tax Exemption. Title 68, Oklahoma Statutes (1991), Section 1356(1), exempts sales to municipalities and their contractors from sales taxes on the sale of "tangible personal property or services." All bids for Authority projects shall be assumed to have been made based on such statutory exemption as effective on the bid date.

The bidder must use the Authority's bid forms and affidavits, and all forms must be signed and notarized/attested. The bidder must file the bid in a sealed envelope. The envelope must bear a legible notation thereon stating that it is a bid for the project proposed. The bid must be filed with the Purchasing Agent at Blanchard City Hall. All bids must be typewritten or in ink.

Timing is of the essence on portions of the Sanitary Sewer Line "A" and all of Sewer Line "B" must be complete, tested, and accepted no more than thirty (30) calendar days after awarding the contract. If not

complete, liquidated damages will apply until complete and accepted.

The bidder must attend the mandatory pre-bid conference at 1:00 PM on February 11, 2021, in the Conference Room at Blanchard City Hall, 122 N. Main, Blanchard, Oklahoma. Attendance is required in order to be qualified to submit a bid.

The following documents comprise the complete bid package and must be submitted. Incomplete bid packages will be rejected.

1. Blanchard standard bid bond or surety bid bond form.
2. Certification of Pre-bid Site Inspection, a letter acknowledging such from Bidder.
3. Statement of Bidder's Qualifications.
4. A letter from the bidder of previous projects.
5. Business Relationships Affidavit, Bid Affidavit.
6. Non-Collusion Affidavit.
7. ALL Addendum Acknowledgment(s) (if applicable).

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Blanchard City Manager  
The Blanchard City Manager and Project Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

## *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.

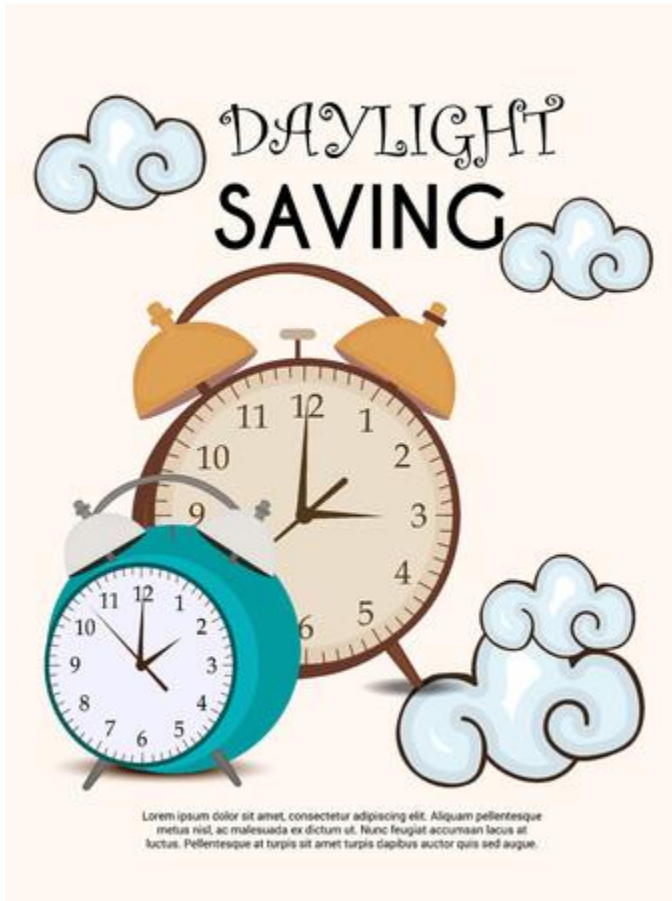
## *Carbon-monoxide Warning*

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 are; and
- ♦ **Please** read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater.

## *Daylite Saving Time*

When we change our clocks ... Change smoke detector batteries on March 14<sup>th</sup>



when most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March.

The country reverts back to standard time on the first Sunday in November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

## *Debris Removal Update*

As of 2/8/2021, the total debris picked up are:

- ◆ Contractor - 95,209.20 cubic yds
- ◆ Citizens Drop-off - 8,107.94 cubic yds

Total debris - 103,317.14 cubic yds

This amount exceeds our original estimate by 59.13% of the debris from the October Ice Storm.

Debris collection will be suspended next week due to impending weather.

All storm debris pickup will occur on the public right-of-way **ONLY**. **NO** household trash, **NO** construction material, and **NO** bags of leaves.

## *Fire Station Update*

The City's second fire station is under construction at 785 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE. As of 2/05/2021, it is more than 50% complete.

## *Heart Health Month*

February is Heart Health Month! Are you at risk for diabetes? If so, you may also be at risk for heart disease. The American Heart Association says 65 percent of people with diabetes die



from some form of heart disease or stroke. Do you have diabetes? Some

symptoms of diabetes to look for include frequent urination, frequent hunger and thirst, blurry vision, feeling very tired, bruises and cuts that heal very slowly, unexplained

weight loss, and numbness/tingling in the hands and feet. You may take the diabetes risk test at [www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/](http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/) by answering some basic health questions and your risk for diabetes will be calculated. For more information about diabetes prevention and education, you may contact the American Diabetes Association.

## *Meeting Calendar*

February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Board of Adjustment  
 February 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Juvenile/Code Court  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Traffic Court  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> ~ City Council  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> ~ BMIA

## *Municipal Election*

Blanchard voters will choose among 5 candidates at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election for the Blanchard Council seats in Wards 1 and 4.

## *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 55th and east of Rockwell Avenue) has been continued from February 5, 2021 to **March 5, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.**, Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 North Lincoln Blvd, OKC, OK 73105.

## *Oil 'n Gas*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since February 5<sup>th</sup> that NO oil wells were completed or permitted in Blanchard, McClain or Grady County.

## *PC Action*

The Blanchard Planning Commission did not have a quorum to conduct their February meeting on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Those items that appeared on the Agenda will be heard at the March meeting.

The March meeting will be **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

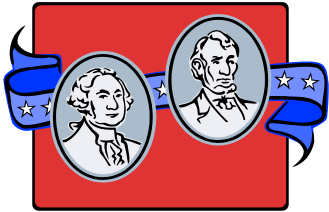
## *Police Blotter*

The following people were arrested and jailed by the BPD:

- 2/6/21 ~ GARCIA, Luis arrested on DUI.

## Presidents Day

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> of February, will be observed as President's Day.



In the United States, Presidents Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February.

Trash service is unaffected. City Offices are open for business.

## Public Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), The City of Blanchard will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

## Real ID

Oklahoma has recently begun distributing licenses which will satisfy the REAL ID standards for Oklahoma residents. In October all persons boarding commercial planes or entering



federal facilities, including military bases, will be required to present a REAL

ID compliant card. If you already hold a passport or military ID then your identification will meet these standards. State residents are not required to obtain an Oklahoma REAL ID. However, if you plan to fly, even on domestic airlines, federal law requires that you must possess a REAL ID compliant license. The state has provided a resource for educating residents on the implementation of REAL IDs. You may access this resource on the following website <https://www.realid.ok.gov>. If you have questions regarding your need to obtain a REAL ID or if you are wondering how to obtain a REAL ID, please visit the state's REAL ID website.

## Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of February was more than sixteen percent (16.59%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$6,679,627.25 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '20	271,270.11	13.70
Aug '20	281,592.81	26.26
Sep '20	284,896.09	-13.80
Oct '20	271,522.76	5.08
Nov '20	287,045.45	23.19
Dec '20	262,001.98	8.29
Jan '21	279,911.94	28.74
Feb '21	267,185.09	-4.76
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,207,426.13</b>	<b>12.90</b>

## Special Events

- February 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Valentine's Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Presidents Day
- February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Mardi Gras
- February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Ash Wednesday
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Washington's Birthday

## Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely upon 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), facilities (city hall, etc.), projects (water & sewer and street improvements), programs (4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration) and services (senior citizens nutrition).

Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting public 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!

## Use Tax Collections

The use tax collections for the month of February was more than twenty-four percent (24.26%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$3,106,450.25 retail sales.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '20	93,410.49	-12.51
Aug '20	77,952.78	-30.94
Sep '20	78,265.11	-35.56
Oct '20	85,472.26	-66.16
Nov '20	73,911.74	-50.96
Dec '20	82,342.61	45.69
Jan '21	111,705.76	74.15
Feb '21	124,258.01	20.19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>727,318.26</b>	<b>-24.90</b>