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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 March 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 27th 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 March 23, 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 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
our
smoke

detector batteries on March 14th 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 2/13/2021, the total debris picked up are:

- ◆ Contractor - 104,140.1 cubic yds
- ◆ Citizens Drop-off - 8,126.9 cubic yds

Total debris - 112,267 cubic yds.

This amount exceeds our original estimate by 18.71% of the debris from the October Ice Storm.

Debris collection will be resume on Monday, February 22nd (weather permitting).

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

Disaster Declaration

President Joe Biden approved Governor Stitt's request to declare a federal disaster exists in all seventy-seven (77) Oklahoma Counties due to the historic winter storm, clearing the way

for federal aid to be directed to cities and towns in Oklahoma.

Fire Station Update

The City's second fire station is under construction at 785 5th Street NE. As of 2/19/2021, it is more than 52% 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/ 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.

House Bill 1833

A bill was introduced in the Oklahoma House on Monday, if passed, prohibits action for nuisance against oil activities which have been lawfully in operation for two (2) years or more prior to such action.

Meeting Calendar

February 23rd ~ Traffic Court

February 23rd ~ City Council

February 23rd ~ BMIA

Municipal Election

Blanchard voters will choose among 5 candidates at the April 6th 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 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 12th that NO oil wells were completed or permitted in Blanchard, McClain or Grady Counties.

On The BMIA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will discuss, consider and take appropriate action at their February 23rd regular meeting on the following agenda items:

- **Bid Status** of the sanitary sewer and water line extensions designed to serve Braum's and El Tepayac restaurants.
- **Consent Agenda.**

The full agenda with backup can be found at www.cityofblanchard.us.

On The City Agenda *Public Notice*

The Blanchard City Council will discuss, consider and take appropriate action at their February 23rd regular meeting on the following agenda items:

- **Special Event Permit** for the BSA Troup No. 234 to conduct a fundraiser on Saturday, March 27th.
- **Resolution** approving 'NO PARKING' signage along 10th Street NE from Rockwell east to MacArthur Avenue.
- **Recommendations** for proposed changes to the City's Oil and Gas Regulations
- **Resolution** opposing HB1833 pertaining to nuisances of oil and gas wells that's been in existence for two (2) years or more.
- **Declaration** for weather related and equipment failure emergency.
- **Debt Write-Off** of \$4,878.49 in court fines, warrant fees and court costs assessed against 4 defendants due to their deaths.
- **Consent Agenda.**
- **Executive Session.**

The full agenda with backup can be found at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Police Blotter

No arrests made since 2/6/21.

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.

Snow Removal

The City experienced several equipment failures to include road damage of the motor grader. Since no vendor had a motor grader to rent, we contracted with SWH Construction, LLC to assist in snow removal. They have existing contracts with McClain County in which we can operate off of.

As warmer temperatures rise, the remaining snow will melt thus clearing the roads.

Special Events

February 22nd ~ 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 (4th 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!