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MEETINGS

November 15th

6pm - BOA

BETA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority met in special session Monday nite (December 5th) and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- **AUTHORIZED** two (2) board members to attend the 2023 ICSC Conference in Dallas on January 18-20, 2023; and
- **DISCUSSED** economic development for industrial and commercial businesses.

The next meeting of the Authority will be **Monday, December 5th**.

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority met in regular session Tuesday nite (November 8th) and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-05 approving a Schedule of Fees for maintenance and operations of the Authority, as recommended;
- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-06 approving a Schedule of Fees for maintenance and operations of the Authority;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-07 approving the annual Schedule of Meeting dates for Calendar Year 2023;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-08 approving the annual Schedule of Holidays observed for Calendar Year 2023;

*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authority meets at the Municipal Court House unless otherwise noted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 11th

- Veterans Day

November 12th

10:30am - Veterans
Parade

November 14th

2pm - Traffic Court

November 17th

4pm - Code &
Juvenile Court

November 24th

- THANKSGIVING
DAY

November 25th

- Veterans Day

For Blanchard
City events:
Please visit our
website at
www.cityofblanchard.us

Library Events:
Please visit their
website at
www.pioneer.lib.org

- **DISCUSSED** the status of bids and award to F&M Bank for being the lowest and best bidder for the financing of the BMIA - \$2,710,000 Utility System & Sales Tax Revenue Note, Series 2022; and

- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda Docket, as presented.

The next meeting of the Authority will be **Monday, December 13th**.

Council Action

The Governing Body of the City of Blanchard met in regular session Tuesday night (November 8th) immediately following the BMIA meeting and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- **HELD** Public Hearing on the proposed new ward boundaries based on the 2020 Federal Census;
- **ADOPTED** Ordinance No. 762 approving the new ward boundaries;
- **ADOPTED** Emergency clause for Ordinance No. 763;
- **APPROVED** Departmental Requests by the Fire Department to purchase new Ford Fire Truck; and **APPROVED** the Police Department request to hire part-time police officers from other agencies.
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-61 approving Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Dibble;
- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-64 approving an Agreement with the Town of Dibble for emergency dispatch services;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-65 adopting the City's Schedule of Meetings for Calendar Year 2023;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-66 adopting the City's Schedule of Observed Holidays for Calendar Year 2023;
- **TABLED** Resolution No. 2022-67 approving an Agreement with the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce until the Chamber reviews;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-68 approving an Agreement with the City of Newcastle for certain road improvements;
- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-69 accepting the nomination of the Mayor and confirmation by the City Council of Yvonne

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Lackey to serve an unexpired term on the Board of Adjustment;

- **APPROVED** Special Event Permit for Blanchard Band Boosters to paint house numbers thru-out the town;
- **APPROVED** Special Event Permit for American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11th at 11am;
- **ACCEPTED** nominations and appointed the following members to the newly created Tourism Board:
 - Cara Barnes, At-Large (3-year term);
 - Tammy Shutler, Ward One (3-year term);
 - Axel Rivera, Ward Two (2-year term);
 - Jesse Crawford, Ward Three (2-year term);
 - Tanner Wilson, Ward Four (1-year term).
- **APPROVED** road improvement changes presented by Haskell Lemon;
- **DISCUSSED** Fire Station Improvement status;
- **DISCUSSED** Designation of One-Way Street during football games;
- **APPROVED** Special Event Permit for Cross Country Booster Club to conduct a 5-K run;
- **APPROVED** Special Event Permit authorizing City Employee to attend the ICSC Conference in Dallas on January 18-20; and hosting an exhibit booth at the C
- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda; and
- **HELD** Executive Session (**No Action Taken**).

The next meeting of the City Council will be **Tuesday, December 13th**.

Employment Opportunities



The City of Blanchard is looking for qualified applicants to fill the following positions:

- **Police Officers** (full-benefits).
- **Reserve Police Officers** (no benefits).
- **Volunteer Firefighters** (pension

AFTER HOURS

For Public Works after-hour incidents:

- *water leaks
- *waterline breaks
- *sewer backups
- *sewer line breaks
- *lift station alarms
- *manholes overflowing
- *low-water pressure
- *no water
- *potholes
- *road repairs
- *signs missing
- *signs down
- *roadway flooding
- *debris in road
- *street lite out

Please call 405.485.9391.

The Blanchard Emergency Communications Center is 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

and stipend per call).

- ▣ **Dispatcher** (full-benefits).
- ▣ **Street Laborers** (full-benefits).
- ▣ **Cook** (full-benefits).

Benefits for full-time employment include but not limited to:

- Medical benefits paid on behalf of employee.
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan (City/BMIA employees only).
 - OK Police Pension and Retirement System (police officers).
 - 10 paid vacation days per year.
 - 10 paid sick days per year.
 - 9 paid holidays per year.
 - 1-floating holiday.
 - Life Insurance (paid by the City).
 - Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For more information, please contact the Human Resources Officer at 405.485.9392 or download an application from www.cityofblanchard.us.

Holiday Closing



City offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 24th** and **Friday, November 25th**, for the observance of Thanksgiving. 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 **Monday, November 28th**.

HH Hazardous Waste Collections

This event was such a great success, we collected the following household hazardous waste for disposal:

- 15 gallons of Hydrochloric Acid (1 container)
- 15 gallons of Hypochlorite Solutions (1 container)
- 5 gallons of Sodium Hydroxide Solution (1 container)
- 5 gallons of Sulfuric Acid (1 container)
- 10 pound Fire Extinguishers (5 extinguishers total of 50 pounds)
- 55 gallons of Antifreeze/Water (1 container)
- 900 pounds of Household Cleaners/Waxes (3 containers)
- 15,000 pounds of Latex Paints (15 containers)
- 400 gallons of Used Oil (2 containers)
- 300 pounds of Pesticides (1 container)
- 400 pounds of Aerosols (4 containers)
- 20 pounds of 4 ft lamps (1 container)
- 25 pounds of 8 ft lamps (1 container)
- 5 pounds of HID Bulbs (1 container)
- 4,000 pounds of Paint (8 containers)
- 1,000 pounds of Electronic Equipment (3 containers)
- 1,000 pounds of Flammable Liquids of Diesel (1 container)
- 75 pounds of Batteries with Acid (2 containers)
- 20 pounds of Lithium Ion Batteries (1 container)
- 50 pounds of Batteries Universal Waste (2 containers)
- 80 pounds of Alkaline Batteries (1 container)
- 254 Tires

Oil 'n Gas

There were No oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since Friday, November 4th.

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 13th** through the **19th** 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 13th** thru the **19th** 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 BOA Agenda

The Blanchard Board of Adjustment will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 15th at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding the approval or denial of a variance to allow the applicant to have a guest house on her property in the future plans for this property.

Applicant: Janice McMann Zwart

Address: 641 Avery Drive

- Approve or Deny by the Finding of Fact on the application as submitted.

- Public Hearing to solicit public input regarding the approval or denial of a variance to allow the applicant to open a commercial Dry-cleaning drop-off and tailoring in the R-2 zoning while the city is administratively rezoning the area, and in the case of the administrative rezoning being denied, allow the applicant to continue operation of the laundry service within the R-2 zoning.

Applicant: Angie Miller

Address: 301 S Main Street

- Approve or Deny by the Finding of Fact on the application as submitted.

- Consent Docket.

The full agenda packet will be available for viewing or downloading at www.cityofblanchard.us on Monday. The next meeting of the BOA will be Tuesday, December 20th.

Planning Commission Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission met in regular session on Thursday nite (November 10th) and discussed, considered and took appropriate action regarding the following agenda items:

- **HELD** Public Hearing on a Zoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: Kimberly Bingman and Rebecca Bingman

Address: 3006 SW 8th Street

Current Zoning: S-1 Suburban District

Proposed Zoning: R-E Residential Estates District

Location: Lot 32 of Block 1 of Rolling Hills Estates

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-14 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the Zoning application of Kimberly Bingman and Rebecca Bingman.

- **HELD** Public Hearing on a Zoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: Chance Scott

Address: 501 Mitchell Drive

Current Zoning: A-1 Agricultural District

Proposed Zoning: R-E Residential Estates District

Location: Lot 4 of the East Park addition

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-15 recommending approval to the City Council regarding the Zoning application by Chance

Scott.

- **ADOPTED** Public Hearing on a Zoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: City of Blanchard
Current Zoning: R-2 Combined Residential District, C-4
Restricted Commercial District
Proposed Zoning: C-6 General Commercial District
Location: Blocks 97, 98, 104, 105, 114, 115 less
lots 7 through 12 of Block 97

- **ADOPTED** Resolution No. 2022-16 recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning application by the City of Blanchard.

- **SET** Ordinance amending Section 21-401, Article 4; Section 21-702, Article 7; Section 21-712, Article 7, Division 2; Section 21-722, Article 7, Division 3; Section 21-732, Article 7, Division 4 all in Chapter 21, of The Blanchard Municipal Code pertaining to farmers market; declaring repealer; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency for Public Hearing.

- **DISCUSSED** zoning regulations for the growing and processing of marijuana.

- **APPROVED** the 2023 regular Planning Commission meeting dates.

- **TABLED** a Resolution recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Final Plat for Oasis Ranch Section 5:

Final Plat: Oasis Ranch Section 5
Applicant: IH Development, LLC
Location: Two parts, one in the far NW corner of the Oasis Ranch development area and the other filling in the rest of the development on the East side of Main St, South of Section 4.

Legal description: See staff report.

- **APPROVED** Consent Agenda Docket.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be **Thursday, December 8th**.

Parade Marshal



The Blanchard American Legion and VFW posts have chosen Stan Adams of Blanchard to be the Grand Marshal of the annual Veterans Day Parade (**Saturday, November 12th**).

Stan is a Korean War Navy veteran. Both his father and brother were also Navy veterans. Because Stan was just 17 years old when he joined the Navy, his father had to give his permission.

Stan was assigned a Submarine Chaser, a small but very fast anti-submarine warfare vessel. Two other benefits of his USN service were seeing the world and providing financial assistance to his family back home. He served a total of four (4) years before mustering out and returning home to Oklahoma City.

Stan married Marlene Moore just two (2) weeks before she graduated from high school. They have lived in Blanchard since the 1960s. They have two (2) children, a son (Michael) and a daughter (Carolyn Sill), who both graduated from Blanchard High School in the late 60s.

Stan and Marlene have five (5) grandchildren and seven (7) great grandchildren. Stan was an avid golfer and loved working on old cars, and the whole family loved to snow ski. Stan and Marlene have been long-time members of the First United Methodist Church in Blanchard.

Park Events

The upcoming **2022** events are:

- **November 12th** ~ Veterans Day Parade.
- **December 10th** ~ Downtown Christmas Events
- **December 10th** ~ Christmas Parade of Lites.

Details of each event will be posted on the City's Facebook Page and the City's website.

Police Blotter

No arrests reported.

Sales Tax Report

The sales tax collections for the month of November was more than thirty-five percent (35.10%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$9,142,139 of retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	Collections	Percentage Change
July 2022	341,443.27	19.73%
August 2022	433,295.74	26.51%
September 2022	493,098.78	109.33%
October 2022	454,007.33	40.16%
November 2022	457,106.95	41.12%
December 2022	-0-	-0-
January 2023	-0-	-0-
February 2023	-0-	-0-
March 2023	-0-	-0-
April 2023	-0-	-0-
May 2023	-0-	-0-
June 2023	-0-	-0-
Totals	2,178,952.07	44.20%

Senior Dining

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**, **Monday** thru **Friday**. **MENU**

Monday, November 14th ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.

Tuesday, November 15th ~ Breakfast Sausage, Biscuit Gravy, Potato, Dessert.

Wednesday, November 16th ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Fruit, Dessert.

Thursday, November 17th ~ Pinto Beans, Tomato Relish,

Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday, November 18th ~ Turkey and Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Pumpkin Pie.

If you are 60 years of age or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a 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, 101 S. Main Street, please call 1-866-THAT-BUS. The City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus services.

For more information regarding the Senior Center, please call 405.485.9260.

Shop Local

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. More of your money will be kept in the Blanchard local economy: For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 stays in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community*.

2. You embrace what makes Blanchard unique: You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. You create local jobs: Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. You help the environment: Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

5. You nurture community: Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. You conserve your tax dollars: Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance,

and more money available to beautify the community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong - in Blanchard.

7. You create more choice: Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You take advantage of their expertise: You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. You invested in entrepreneurship: Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. You made Blanchard a destination: The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This **BENEFITS EVERYONE!**

* Source: Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

So..Think, Shop, Live Blanchard

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and the local economy relies 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 our community.

Use Tax Report

The use tax collections for the month of November was more

than three percent (-3.52%) less than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$2,055,744.60 of retail sales outside of Blanchard.

Month	Collections	Percentage Change
July 2022	100,869.95	22.75%
August 2022	94,050.49	-3.45%
September 2022	137,513.39	55.31%
October 2022	119,613.15	40.95%
November 2022	102,787.23	11.07%
December 2022	-0-	-0-
January 2023	-0-	-0-
February 2023	-0-	-0-
March 2023	-0-	-0-
April 2023	-0-	-0-
May 2023	-0-	-0-
June 2023	-0-	-0-
Totals	554,834.21	24.53%

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

Tomorrow (**Saturday, November 12th**) will be the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade. We have twenty-four (24) entries. The participants are:

- Patriot Guard Riders
- Air Force Honor Guard
- Governor's 145th ANG Band
- Grand Marshal Stan Adams
- Blanchard VFW post 3608
- Girl Scout Troop 331
- City Council
- Blanchard High School Band
- Pioneer Telephone
- Stilt Walker (Mike King)
- Grady County GOP
- 1972 Dodge Charger (Ed & Barbara King)
- The Plumbers
- Multiple Police Departments
- Pack 234 Cub Scouts
- Field Artillery Brigade
- Blanchard American Legion Post 261
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- State Representative Sherry Connelly
- Arthur Caton (Tractor)
- Tri City Cruisers
- Barber Shop on Main (Matt Carter)
- 50' Flag (Blanchard Varsity Football Team)
- American Legion Auxiliary Post 261

Parade Entry Forms are still available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

