



E-Mail Newsletter

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Meeting Dates

December 20th
6pm - BOA (Cancelled)

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



BMIA Action

The Authority held their December meeting on Tuesday, December 13th and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

»»» **APPROVED** Resolution accepting FYE2022 Audit Report on the Authority's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021-22 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending as of and for June 30, 2022, as prepared by HSPG & Associates.

»»» **Authorized** Lease-Purchase of a 2020 Peterbilt Vacuum Truck from OK Water in the amount of \$400,000.

»»» **Approved** Consent Agenda.

The next meeting of the Authority will be **Tuesday, January 24th**.

Board of Adjustment

The December meeting of the Blanchard Board of Adjustment has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

The next meeting of the BOA will be **Tuesday, January 18, 2023**.

Special Events

December 21st

– WINTER BEGINS

December 23rd

– CITY OFFICES
CLOSED

December 24th

– CHRISTMAS EVE

December 25th

– CHRISTMAS

December 26th

– CITY OFFICES
CLOSED

December 31st

– NEW YEAR'S EVE

For Blanchard

City events:

Please visit our
website at

www.cityofblanchard.us

Library Events:

Please visit their
website at

https://pioneer.libnet.info/events?l=virtual_blanchar

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Council Action

The Blanchard City Council held their December meeting on Tuesday, December 13th and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

»»» **Held** Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property to R-E, Residential Estates District for Lot 32 of Block 1, Rolling Hills Estate.

»»» **Adopted** Ordinance accepting Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property to R-E.

»»» **Approved** Ordinance Emergency Clause.

»»» **Held** Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property to R-E, Residential Estates District for Lot 4, East Park Addition.

»»» **Adopted** Ordinance accepting Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property to R-E.

»»» **Approved** Ordinance Emergency Clause.

»»» **Held** Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property to C-6, General Commercial District for ALL of Blocks 97, 98, 104, 105, 114, 115 and Less Lots 7 - 12 of Block 97, Old Town Blanchard.

»»» **Adopted** Ordinance accepting Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone property to C-6.

»»» **Approved** Ordinance Emergency Clause.

»»» **Held** Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Zoning Code to incorporate regulations pertaining to Farmers Market.

»»» **Adopted** Ordinance accepting Planning Commission's recommendation to amend Zoning Code by adding Farmers Market.

»»» **Approved** Ordinance Emergency Clause.

»»» **Held** Public Hearing on CDBG Grant #18226 CDBG 17 and #18537 CDBG 21; Water System Improvements - Waterline Replacement Project in Old Town; Final Performance Report.

»»» **Approved** Final Pay Application with Change Order to ORR

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.



Construction in the amount of \$48,980.35.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution closing out CDBG 21 Grant Project.

»»» **Held** Public Hearing on the City's intent to apply for FY2023 CDBG Grant in the amount of \$600,000 for funding Phase 2 of the Old Town Waterline Replacement Project.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution approving a Citizen's Participation Plan for proposed FY23 CDBG Grant Project.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution authorizing a FY23 CDBG Grant Application.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution approving a Leveraged (Matching) Funds for proposed FY23 CDBG Project Phase 2.

»»» **Approved** Resolution approving a Residential Anti-Displacement Plan for proposed FY23 CDBG Project Phase 2.

»»» **Issued** Proclamation proclaiming 2023 Fair Housing.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution approving an Agreement with Parkhill to prepare the FY2023 CDBG Citizen's Participation Plan for FY23 CDBG Grant Application and administer the Project, if funded.

»»» **Tabled** Resolution approving Task Order #2 for Parkhill to provide survey, design, and obtain DEQ Permit of Phase II project.

»»» **Held** Public Hearing authorizing staff to apply for the 2023 Recreational Trails Program thru the OK Tourism & Recreation Department for matching grant to expand walking trails in Crystal Lake Park linking South Park; and adopted Resolution authorizing grant application.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution accepting FYE2022 Audit Report on the City's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021-22 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending as of and for June 30, 2022, as prepared by HSPG & Associates.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution approving a revised Agreement with the Blanchard Chamber of Commerce for annual May Daze.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution calling a General Election for the purpose of electing a candidate to serve as Ward 1 and Ward 2 Councilman.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution approving an Agreement to provide

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



emergency dispatch services to the Town of Dibble SUBJECT to Pioneer Telephone verifying reswitching of call routing.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution accepting a Permanent Easement granted by DL Rogers Corp and DLR Family Real Estate LLC for road and utility purposes in Blanchard Crossing.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution authorizing Project Application with ODOT for the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Fund for road improvements of 1-mile on Morgan Road from 10th north to 25th.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution authorizing Project Application for the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Fund with ODOT for road improvements of 1/2-mile on County Line Road from 85th north.

»»» **Adopted** Resolution approving Agreement with Keith & Associates to provide a dietetics experience for participating trainees at the Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center.

»»» **Discussed and authorized** City Attorney to draft a proposed Ordinance prohibiting trucks over 1-ton to operate on section line roads without a permit.

»»» **Approved** Special Event Permit allowing ReThread Consignments to conduct sidewalk sales throughout 2023.

»»» **Discussed** request by Gary Lytle to address the City Council pertaining to drainage in the Quail Haven Addition.

»»» **Discussed** status of road improvements; and **Tabled** Change Order #2 with Haskell Lemon; and **approved** amendment to engineering agreement with Glenn Sullivan & Associates.

»»» **Discussed** status regarding the completion of Fire Station No.2.

»»» **Discussed** status regarding improvements to the South Park Concession and Press Box building.

»»» **Approved** Consent Agenda except for Change Order No. 1 with Haskell Lemon Group.

»»» **Held** Executive Session.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 24, 2023.**

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.



Employment Opportunities

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

- » **Chief of Police** (full-benefits).
- » **Police Officers** (full-benefits).
- » **Reserve Police Officers** (no benefits).
- » **Volunteer Firefighters** (pension and stipend per call).
- » **Dispatcher** (full-benefits).
- » **Street Laborers** (full-benefits).
- » **Utility Laborers** (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 for the observance of New Year's on **Monday, January 2nd (New Year's Day Observed)**.

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 collection as usual.

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.



City Offices will reopen on the **Tuesday (January 3rd)** after New Year's Day Observed.

Municipal General Election

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-78 calling for a General Election for the purposes of electing officers of the City of Blanchard, setting a date (April 4th) for said election, setting forth the qualification for office and setting the filing period for the purpose of allowing qualified candidates to file a declaration of candidacy.

Ward 1 (Incumbent Joe Davis) and Ward 2 (Incumbent Michael Scalf) both are up for re-election in April 2023.

Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, December 9th**.

Police Blotter

- No Arrests.
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Road Improvements

The Haskell Lemon Group (Contractor) completed the leveling course for County Line Road between 10th Street NW for one-mile to 25th Street NW.

The upcoming weather will not reach temperatures allowing them to place the surface course. So as soon as the weather cooperates, the Contractor plans to return and finish the surface course after the first of the year.



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, December 19th** ~ Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Dessert.

» **Tuesday, December 20th** ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Dessert.

» **Wednesday, December 21st** ~ Chicken & Dumplings, Peas, Carrots, Dessert.

» **Thursday, December 22nd** ~ Pinto Beans, Relish, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

» **Friday, December 23rd** ~ **CLOSED**

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.

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.

Street Light Improvements

Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) will began converting Blanchard streetlights to new technology that brightens roadways, street intersections and public spaces.

LED conversion of 188 PSO-owned streetlights will began, weather permitting. Light-emitting diode (LED) streetlights are more efficient and longer-lasting than the high-intensity discharge (HID) lights they replace.

Winter Solstice



The winter solstice is one of the two times each year that the Sun is at its farthest point from the equator and appears to stand still. It occurs on **Wednesday, December 21st** at **3:48 p.m. CST**.

The word *solstice* is derived from the Latin *sol*, or "Sun," and *stitium*, or "stoppage." The Halcyon Days also occur around this time. According to ancient legend, a grieving wife named Alcyone, or Halcyon, threw herself into the sea upon discovering the drowned body of her beloved husband, Ceyx. The gods took pity on the pair, transforming them into kingfishers with the power to still the stormy seas for 14 days around the time of the winter solstice while they built their nest and hatched their young.



Remember
Our Troops
This Holiday
Season

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