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BETA Agenda

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Economic Trust Authority (BETA) will meet in regular session on Monday, February 3rd at 6pm to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following item:

- » Economic Development Activities;
- » Consent Agenda; and
- » Executive Session.

The agenda packet can be assessed on the City's new website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The next meeting for the Board of Trustees will be April 6th.

BMIA Action

The Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority's Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28th to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- ✓ Accepted Permanent Easements;
- ✓ Approved Certificates of Credit;
- ✓ Awarded a contract in the amount of \$56,841 to Urban Contractors Inc;
- ✓ Approved the hiring of a full-time utility locator technician;
- ✓ Approved Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25th.

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



A note from the Parks & Recreation Department: The Blanchard City Council approved a new event for this Spring season. Cinco de Mayo will be held on Tuesday, May 5th in downtown Blanchard from 6pm-9pm, with Latino sounds coming live from the band Sin-Ley. This event will host Taco Truck's, dancing and a beer cantina sponsored by Black Mesa bottling company.

Watch for more information on our Facebook and our new city website.

Council Action

The Blanchard City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28th to discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following;

- ✓ Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on wrecker service impound yards;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 712;
- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 712;
- ✓ Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on home occupations;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 713;
- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 713;
- ✓ Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on conditional use permits;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 714;
- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 714;
- ✓ Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on medical marijuana establishments;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 715;
- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 715;
- ✓ Opened, conducted and closed Public Hearing on zoning reclassification;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 716;
- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 716;
- ✓ Approved Project Agreement with ODOT in the amount of \$1,500,000;
- ✓ Adopted Ordinance No. 717 pertaining to revisions of the food truck regulations;

- ✓ Adopted Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 717;
- ✓ Appointed Audie Ward to serve an unexpired term on the Planning Commission;
- ✓ Approved Special Events Permit for Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 5th;
- ✓ Adopted Resolution No. 2020-01 approving 2019 Code Supplement;
- ✓ Accepted Permanent Roadway & Utility Easements;
- ✓ Approved Engineering Proposal Agreement with TEC in the amount of \$18,000;
- ✓ Tabled approved projects;
- ✓ Approved Consent Agenda; and
- ✓ Held Executive Session.

The next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 25th.



The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for full- and part-time employment for the following positions:

- » Cook ~ Nutrition Center (Part-time position with Benefits);
- » Dispatcher ~ Police Dept;
- » Public Works Director ~ Public Works Dept; and
- » Utility Locator Technician.

Applications and Job Descriptions are available online at www.cityofblanchard.us

For more information, please contact the City at 405.485.9392.

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 1st ~ Nat'l Freedom Day
- 2nd ~ Ground Hog Day
- 14th ~ Valentine's Day
- 17th ~ Presidents Day

Meeting Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 3rd ~ BETA
- 13th ~ Planning Commission
- 18th ~ BOA
- 20th ~ Juvenile/Code Court
- 28th ~ Traffic Court
- 28th ~ City Council
- 28th ~ BMIA

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.

Oil 'n Gas Complaints

With the increase of oil and gas drilling activities in and around Blanchard, comes an increase in complaints of trucks, noise and odor.

All drilling activities complaints are to be reported directly to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 580-255-0103 (Duncan Field Ofc) or 405-521-2111 (OKC).

The Oklahoma Department of Health is the official agency to investigate all noise complaints. Their number to call is 405-271-5779.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the authorized agency to investigate all air and water quality complaints to include odor. Their complaint hot line is 1-800-522-0206.

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs, etc) are to be filed with the Blanchard Police Department at 405-485-9392.

Oil 'n Gas Permits

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported NO permits for oil and gas drilling were issued within the City limits of Blanchard this week.

The OCC is the only state agency that issues permits for oil and gas drilling.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity for:

1/26 ~ CAMPBELL, Wilburn arrested for actual physical control of motor vehicle while intoxicated;

1/27 ~ POOL, Troy arrested on Possession of CDS, Possession of Paraphernalia, Failure to register as sex offender.

Presidents Day



Monday, 17th 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.

Senior Assistance

ASCOG gratefully received a check from the Masonic Charity Foundation for \$64,158 at the December meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC). The funds will be used in 2020 to assist those in need who are at least 55 years old residing in ASCOG's 8-county region (Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, McClain, Stephens, and Tillman). Typical types of assistance include funding of up to \$800 for ADA approved ramps, dental work including dentures, hearing aids, wheelchairs, scooters, lift chairs, durable medical equipment, minor home repairs, failing home appliances, heaters, air-conditioners. Vision services including glasses, utility assistance, and emergency medications are also available but at lower maximums. Applicants must submit a completed 2020 Masonic Grant application along with an approved vendor's estimate to be considered. Applications will be emailed to all city and county clerks where they can print a copy upon request. Printed versions will be available at the Senior Centers. Applications are also available on ASCOG's website www.ascog.org. Those with email capabilities can request an application be directly emailed to them by emailing

ward_ro@ascog.org. Applications are not mailed out. Money that would be spent on postage, envelopes, printing, and labor are reserved for actual assistance as listed above.

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:
(February 3 ~ February 7)

Monday ~ Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Sausage Gravy, Eggs, Biscuits, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Beans, Potatoes, Tomato Spoon Relish, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Sliced Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Hot Rolls, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. 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 call 485-9260.

Sewer Project

Urban Contractors LLC plan to begin on Monday to replace approximately 360 LF of existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line between Van Buren and Harrison and NE 6th and 7th.

The Contractor was awarded a contract in the amount of \$56,841 for being the lowest responsive bidder, as recommended by the City Engineer.

A Pre-Construction Conference is scheduled for 11:00 am, Monday, February 3, 2020, at the project site.

Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely 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 your community.

2020 Legislative Session

The Second Regular Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature will convene at Noon on Monday, February 3, 2020. Two weeks ago, lawmakers filed more than 2,300 new bills and joint resolutions which will begin making their way through the legislative process beginning Monday. These join hundreds of additional carryover bills from the 2019 legislative session.



2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED! The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Your participation in the census, and a full and accurate count, is very important to our local community. First, the census is the basis for equal political representation under the Constitution. Second, State and Federal tax dollars are allotted based on the number of people counted in the census. **BE COUNTED!** It's easy! It's safe! It's important! For the first time ever, the Census Bureau will accept responses on-line, but you can still respond by phone or mail.

Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task counting all the people residing in the United States.

Website

www.cityofblanchard.us is how you will get to see the future, the past and present happenings in the city of Blanchard.

We are proud to announce a new user friendly website. It will be complete with the information you need about your home town.

As before, you can pay a bill, but now you can report a problem or just keep up with what's going on in town. So check us out as we catch up with 2020.

Winter Water Conservation

While we might not be watering our lawn or maintaining much of garden during these winter months, there are still ways to cut back on our water usage in the chilly months! A big part of using less water in the winter is anticipating the cold weather's effects on your home and on your pipes.

* If you haven't already done so, consider winterizing your pipes — both inside and outside.

* When temperatures drop below freezing, consider dripping any vulnerable faucets to prevent frozen and burst pipes. Place a bucket under the drip to use for your house plants and cleaning.

* The winter months are a great time to check for and fix any leaks inside your home.

* A bucket in the shower can catch water for your houseplants and clean-up jobs.