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After-Hours Incidents

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.

Alert System

Sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website <http://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts> below at

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority held their regular June meeting on Tuesday the 23rd at 6 p.m. and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following:

1. Discussed Water Pressure Problems and authorized City Engineer and City Manager to explore 3 options for a new water supply;
2. Authorized City Manager to study Utility Rates and bring back to Council with options;

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-04 accepting 55th Street NE water improvements; and
4. Approved Consent Agenda, as presented.

The next BMIA meeting will be Tuesday, July 28th.

Council Action

The Blanchard City Council held their June regular meeting on Tuesday the 23rd at 6 p.m. and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following:

1. Held Public Hearing on Zoning Case from S-1 to R-E;
2. Adopted Zoning Ordinance No. 721;
3. Adopted Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance No. 721;
4. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-10 approving Cook's Farm Addition;
5. Citizen requested assistance on regulating traffic and speeding on Main Street thru Oasis Ranch;
6. Approved Audit agreement with Angel, Johnston & Blasingame, PC;
7. Approved Mutual Cooperation Agreements with the McClain County Board of County Commissioners;
8. Approved Interlocal Agreement with McClain County Sheriff's Office;

9. Awarded contract to Precision Construction & Contracting for concrete street repairs based on bid;
10. Accepted IRC §125 changes to Flexible Spending Plan;
11. Approved Special Event Permit for Beer Garden at the Independence Day celebration;
12. Approved Traffic & Safety Petition for Oasis Ranch "Children at Play" signs;
13. Authorized City Attorney to prepare changes to Road Repair and Maintenance Fee and authorized City Attorney to take all necessary legal action pertaining to recovering costs for damaged section line roads;
14. Approved Consent Agenda, as presented; and
15. Held Executive Session.

The next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 28th.

Events Calendar

Tuesday ~ June 30th: ELECTION

Thursday ~ July 2nd: Independence Celebration

Friday ~ July 3rd: CITY HALL CLOSED

Saturday ~ July 4th: 4th of JULY

Tuesday ~ June 30th: ELECTION

Holiday Closing

All city offices will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd** for observance of Independence Day.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 9-1-1. If you a water or sewer emergency please call Dispatch at 485.9391.

City offices will reopen on Monday, July 6th at 8:00 a.m.

Independence Day

PATRIOTIC SPIRITS BLAST OFF IN BLANCHARD!



Gather up the gang and head to Blanchard. Final plans are underway for the City's annual Independence Day Celebration. The annual event will once again be held at the Blanchard Crossing behind the Sonic Drive-in from 6pm to 10pm on **Thursday, July 2nd**.

Our fireworks show will be called "A Night at the Movies". Join us for a fun night of live music and outstanding fireworks display. Vendors can apply online at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Please contact Chris Wittenbach at 485.9392, ext 105 for more information.

Jail Inspection

The Oklahoma State Fire Marshal conducted their annual Detention/Correctional Facility Inspection on the City Jail facility on June 16th.

No deficiencies observed at the time of the inspection and occupancy was authorized to continue.

Mandatory Water Restrictions

The City has implemented and is under a mandatory outdoor watering restrictions.

Due to an increase in water usage, Blanchard citizens are experiencing low water pressure and/or NO water at all.

Blanchard and Central Oklahoma is in a dry to moderate drought due to the extreme lack of rain in June. The City is experiencing a massive increase in water usage. This increase has had a negative impact on our system's water pressure.

Therefore, a mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) is implemented and will stay in effect until further notice.

Meeting Calendar

June 30th ~ BPS Board of Education

June 30th ~ Court

July 1st ~ Joint Special Meeting

July 9th ~ Planning Commission

July 14th ~ Board of Adjustment

July 23rd ~ Code/Juvenile Court

July 28th ~ Traffic Court

July 28th ~ City Council

July 28th ~ BMIA

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

6/18 ~ Canary, Deric - arrested for reckless discharge of a firearm; and

6/22 ~ Durnad, Amber - arrested for DUS, obstruction, resisting arrest.

Senior Nutrition

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center tentatively will re-open their doors for lunch to senior citizens beginning Monday, July 13th. However, on opening, precautions will stay in place and will remain until the Pandemic is declared over and all restrictions for vulnerable populations are lifted. Even after restrictions are lifted, new policies for keeping everyone healthy will be in effect. Curbside pickup and home delivery will still be provided until then.

LUNCH MENU

(June 29th ~ July 2nd)

Monday ~ Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Taco Salad, Beans, Hominy, Chips, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Beets, Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ CLOSED FOR THE 4th OF JULY.

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.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day. The Center is still delivering lunches daily.

Special Joint Meeting

The City Council and BMIA Board of Trustees will hold a joint special meeting at 6:00p.m., Wednesday, July 1st.

The Council and Trustees will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following:

BMIA BUSINESS AGENDA:

A. Discussion and vote with respect to approving a Real Estate Agreement for the purchase of sixty (60) of land located at 1886 S. Tyler Avenue in the total purchase price of \$342,000.00 for the expansion of the City's sanitary sewer spray field as mandated by Consent Order Case No. 10-163 issued on August 17, 2010 by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality; authorize the

execution of contract of sale and the issuance of a check for earnest money.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS AGENDA:

A. Approve BMIA Trustee action to purchase sixty (60) acres of land located at 1886 S. Tyler Avenue in the total purchase price of \$342,000.00 for the expansion of the City's sanitary sewer spray fields as mandated by Consent Order Case No. 10-163 issued on August 17, 2010 by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality; authorization of the execution of contract of sale and the issuance of a check for earnest money.

B. Discussion and vote with respect to approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Blanchard Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #208.

The complete agenda can be found on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Splash Pad

The City's splash pad located at Lions Park is closed indefinitely due to water issues.

Tri-City Luncheon

The 10th annual Tri-City Chamber Luncheon has been canceled due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

2020 Election Dates



June 30th ~
Statewide
Primary Election

August 25th ~
Primary Runoff
Election

November 3rd ~
General Election

(10) years. This means if only half of the citizens of Blanchard responded, then we stand to lose \$64,236,250 over the 10 year period. Please visit my.2020census.gov.

Water Solutions

The City of Blanchard is studying three (3) possible options to add a new water supply to serve Blanchard:

1. Winter Creek Water Supply;
2. Rush Springs Aquifer; and
3. Second line from OKC via City of Newcastle.

In the meantime, the City is under a mandatory odd/even outside watering schedule until further notice.

OKC requires Blanchard to follow an odd/even outdoor watering restriction as part of our agreement in purchasing water from the City of Oklahoma City.



Have you filled out your 2020 Census? It's happening now. Do your part to make sure Blanchard is counted. If you misplaced your mailer, you can still complete the questionnaire at my2020census.gov or call (800)330.2020 any time between 6a.m. and 1a.m. It's important to include everyone who was living in your house on April 1, even if they are or were only temporarily living with you. The Census is the once-in-a-decade count of every living person in America. It counts everyone, regardless of citizenship and the government is required by law to protect your personal information.

Experts estimate each person who isn't counted in the census costs our community about \$1,675 in local federal funding per person every year for ten

