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After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewer line breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, 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.

BMIA Action

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 25th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ◆ **Discussed** utility operations and billing.

- ◆ **Authorized** sealed bids for Phase 1 of Old Town Water Line Replacement.

- ◆ **Approved** water plan submittal for US-62 Water Line Extension.

- ◆ **Approved** engineering Agreement with Glenn Sullivan & Associates for preparing Engineering Report of the sanitary sewer system.

- ◆ **Approved** grant application for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

- ◆ **Approved** consent agenda.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022.**

Business & Employment Notice

The City of Blanchard is preparing to carry out the CDBG Grant Waterline Replacement Project through the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. In the implementation of this project, the following job types may be available:

Laborers, Pipe Layers, Equipment Operators

All job openings will be posted at Blanchard City Hall. To the greatest extent feasible, employment and training positions will be made available to qualified persons who permanently reside in McClain County or in the City of Blanchard. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the City of Blanchard, City Hall, 122 N. Main, Blanchard, OK 73010-0480.

Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made and to the greatest extent feasible, businesses located in and owned by persons residing in McClain County will possibly be utilized:

**Waterline Replacement Project
Equipment Rental
Materials- Waterline PVC Pipe,
Valves, Fire Hydrants**

All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

Any person residing or firm located in the above-named areas may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting City Hall, at 405-485-9392 within ten (10) days of this notice.

Burn Permits

Required in McClain County

Residents are reminded that burn permits are required in McClain County to burn brush. It is not lawful to burn trash. For information about obtaining a burn permit please contact the Blanchard Fire Department.

Carbon-Monoxide

Due to the upcoming extreme cold and potential 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.

Council Action

The City Council of the City of Blanchard met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 25th** and discussed, considered and took appropriate action on the following agenda items:

- ◆ **Held** public hearing soliciting public comments on the proposed Rezoning by:

Applicant: C. Ross Coyle Revocable Trust.

Location: East of 3076 NE 10th

Zoning: S-1, Suburban District

Proposed Use: A-1, Agricultural District

Legal: 4.11 acres MOL

◆ **Adopted** Ordinance No. 749 approving the rezoning request as submitted by the applicant.

◆ **Adopted** Emergency Clause.

◆ **Discussed** Ordinance No. 747 amending said Ordinance relating to the Sales Tax Proposal.

◆ **Deleted** Emergency Clause.

◆ **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-01 approving the 2021 Supplement to the Blanchard Municipal Code of Ordinances.

◆ **Adopted** Resolution No. 2022-02 approving a 4-stop at the intersection of NE 8th Street & Jackson Avenue, as requested by homeowners.

◆ **Approved** DEQ Application for Oasis Ranch Addition Section 5 for both water and sewer permits.

◆ **Approved** DEQ Application for the Preserve Section 1 for a water permit.

◆ **Approved** the Roads Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation based on the Road Condition Analysis dtd 1/18/22.

◆ **approved** Consent Agenda.

◆ **Held** Executive Session.

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COVID Numbers

Currently, the City has two (2) employees out sick with COVID from City Hall and Communications. However, we may have more testing positive in the next few days.



February Meetings

7th: TEAM Blanchard [8am]

7th: BETA [6pm]

10th: Planning Commission [6pm]

14th: Traffic Court [2pm]

15th: Board of Adjustment [6pm]

17th: Code/Juvenile Court [4pm]

22nd ~ City Council (6pm)

22nd ~ BMIA (6pm)

February Special Events

14th ~ Valentine's Day

21st ~ Presidents' Day (City Offices Opened)



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

1. **Police Officers** (Full-time with Benefits).
2. **Reserve Officers** (No benefits).
3. **Volunteer Firefighters** (Pension Only).
4. **Cook** (Part-time with Benefits).
5. **911 Communications Specialist** (Full-time with Benefits).
6. **Utility (water/sewer) Laborers** (Full-time with Benefits).

Benefits include but not limited to:

- Health, Dental and Vision paid for] by the City for the employee;
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan;
- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System (OPPRS) - Police Officers Only;
- 10 paid Vacation days per year;
- 10 paid Sick days per year;
- 9 paid Holidays per year;
- No cost Life Insurance paid by the City;
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided by the City.

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For more information, please contact the Human Resource Officer at 405-485-9392 or download an application at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Moving Forward!

Attached is an informational flyer

<https://www.cityofblanchard.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf2821/f/news/12-20->

[2021 version blanchard road replacement plan.pdf](#) regarding the upcoming

municipal sales tax election slated for **Tuesday, February 8th, 2022.**

New Early Voting Location

The McClain County Election Board has exciting news for voters in McClain County concerning Early Voting for all elections being held in 2022. Voters who wish to vote early will now be doing so at the McClain County Community Center located at 1721 Hardcastle Blvd in Purcell. McClain County voters have been coming to the Election Board office to vote early for many years, but they have just outgrown the small space.

Conducting Early Voting at the County Community Center will have many advantages. The room is very large so they will be able to accommodate a lot more voters. This should cut down on the extremely long lines the Election Board have experienced in the past. The parking lot will also be a great improvement for voters. Parking around the Courthouse has always been very limited, but the McClain County Community Center has a

large parking lot with many handicapped spaces up close.

February will be the first election voters will be able to cast their ballots early at the new location. Early Voting dates are **Thursday, February 3rd**, and **Friday, February 4th** from **8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Voting will take place in the large room on the North end of the County Community Center. The Center shares the parking lot with the McClain County Expo Center/Fairgrounds.

There is road construction project that currently has closed the North end of Hardcastle Blvd. Voters will have to turn west off of Green Ave onto Chandler Rd then turn north onto Hardcastle Blvd right behind Walmart. The County Community Center is approximately .4 of a mile north on Hardcastle Blvd. The County will have signs clearly posted at the large entry gate to direct voters to the right location. Voters should not pull into the small parking lot on the east side of the Community Center. They need to continue north past the building to the large parking lot marked with signs. There will also be signs on the large glass entryway to direct voters.

The McClain County Election Board is very excited to be able to offer the voters this new location and they hope it is a great experience for all. For more information: please call or email the

McClain County Election Board office if there are any questions:

PH: 405-527-3121

Email: mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **January 21st** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Park Events

Planning for calendar year 2022 is well underway. The upcoming events are:



March 12th • St. Patrick's Day Parade

May 5th • Cinco De Mayo

Fridays in June • Movies and Concerts in the Park

July 2nd • Independence Day Celebration

August 19th & 20th • Bluegrass Festival

September 24th • Mufflers on Main

October 22nd • Ride for the Memorial Poker Run

October 31st • Pumpkinfest

November 12th • Veterans Day Parade

December 10th • Christmas Events & Parade of Lites

March - October • Pop Up Parties (food truck & live music)

More information will be forthcoming regarding each event posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

Police Blotter

No arrests this week.

Presidents' Day

Monday, 21st of February, will be observed as Presidents' 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.

Request for Proposals

The City of Blanchard thru the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will be soliciting bids for the replacement of water lines as part of our CDBG project.

Advertising of the project will begin within the next few weeks.

Sample Ballot

TO VOTE:

FILL IN THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE(S) LIKE THIS:



Correct



Incorrect

PROPOSITIONS

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Shall the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma be authorized to levy and assess a City excise tax (sales tax) of one percent (1.00%), in addition to all other City, County, and State excise taxes presently being levied or assessed, upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales taxable under the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code; providing that the proceeds of such tax shall be used to fund and finance road, street and bridge improvements, all for the use and benefit of the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof, and/or for the payment of debt service in connection with obligations heretofore issued or to be issued by the City and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof to finance or refinance said road, street and bridge improvements and related costs; provided that said excise tax shall be levied beginning July 1, 2022, all as more specifically set out in Ordinance No. 747 of the City?

FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO

Senior Dining Suspended

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will be closed due to COVID for in-door dining beginning Monday, January 24th.

However, the Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will be delivering lunches to area seniors (60 years & older) who are currently on the Center's delivery list and to any other area seniors in need. If you are a senior adult in need who is not already on the delivery list, please call the Center at 485.9260 to be added to the list.

The Center will remain closed until **Monday, February 7th**.

WEEKLY MENU

Monday ~ Smoked Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Beets, Cornbread, Dessert

Friday ~ Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, Corn, Bun, Dessert.

For more information or questions about the menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

School Board Election

The local school board election will be **Tuesday, February 8th**. Please exercise your constitutional right to **VOTE!**

Special Election

The municipal sales tax proposal is set for election on **Tuesday, February 8th**. Please exercise your constitutional right to **VOTE! TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th**
7 AM - 7 PM



Statewide Road Conditions

If you are traveling out of state this winter, for road conditions in Oklahoma call 844.465.4997.



For road conditions in neighboring states call the following:

Arkansas 501.569.2374;

Colorado 303.639.1111;

Kansas 866.511.5368;

Missouri 888.275.6637;

Nebraska 800.906.9069;

New Mexico 800.432.4269; and

Texas 800.452.9292.

For more information visit <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/travel/current-traffic-conditions/road-condition-resources.html>.