



# BLANCHARD E-NEWSLETTER

26 FEBRUARY 2020

VOLUMN 104, ISSUE 4

## *ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS*

Notice is given that the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main, Blanchard, Oklahoma, until 1:00PM on March 18, 2021, for:

Waterline and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, King Row to Oak Dr. along US-62.

Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before the time set for opening of bids, as well as bids received after the time set for opening of bids, shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be made in accordance with this Advertisement for Bids, the plans and specifications, and the bid forms, which are on file and available for public examination at the Office of the Purchasing Agent at City Hall at the address listed above.

Complete sets of general conditions, plans, specifications, and other bidding documents may be obtained at the Morris Engineering and Surveying office, 617 NW 27<sup>th</sup> St., Moore, OK 73160, please call ahead 405-912-2775.

Plans and specifications may be purchased for One Hundred Dollars (100.00) per set. Purchases are non-refundable. Digital copies are free and will be emailed upon request.

Bids filed with the Purchasing Agent shall be opened publicly and read aloud at City Hall at the time stated above or later. The City shall consider all bids prior to the award of the contract on or before March 23, 2021, to the

lowest and best bidder meeting specifications and time schedule.

Sales Tax Exemption. Title 68, Oklahoma Statutes (1991), Section 1356(1), exempts sales to municipalities and their contractors from sales taxes on the sale of "tangible personal property or services." All bids for Authority projects shall be assumed to have been made based on such statutory exemption as effective on the bid date.

The bidder must use the Authority's bid forms and affidavits, and all forms must be signed and notarized/attested. The bidder must file the bid in a sealed envelope. The envelope must bear a legible notation thereon stating that it is a bid for the project proposed. The bid must be filed with the Purchasing Agent at Blanchard City Hall. All bids must be typewritten or in ink.

The following documents comprise the complete bid package and must be submitted. Incomplete bid packages will be rejected.

1. Blanchard standard bid bond or surety bid bond form.
2. Certification of Pre-bid Site Inspection, a letter acknowledging such from Bidder.
3. Statement of Bidder's Qualifications.
4. A letter from the bidder of previous projects.
5. Business Relationships Affidavit, Bid Affidavit.
6. Non-Collusion Affidavit.
7. ALL Addendum Acknowledgment(s) (if applicable).

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Blanchard City Manager

The Blanchard City Manager and Project Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

## *After Hours*

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.

## *Bid Notice*

The City of Blanchard/Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will receive sealed bids in the office of the City Clerk, Blanchard City Hall, 122 N. Main St, P.O. Box 480, Blanchard, Oklahoma 73010.

Bids are for the purchase of two (2) new lift station pumps and one (1) submersible sewage grinder. Bids will not be accepted after 2pm, **Thursday, March 18, 2021**, at which time they will be publicly opened in the Conference Room, Blanchard City Hall, 122 N. Main St, Blanchard, OK 73010.

Please contact Emily Pehrson, Public Works Director, at 405.485.9392 or [publicworks@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:publicworks@cityofblanchard.us) with any questions or to receive a bid specification packet. Packets are also available at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

The City/Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in the bids and reject any or all bids for any reason

whatsoever at the sole discretion of the City/Authority. The successful bidder will be notified in writing.

## *BMIA Action*

The Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority discussed, considered and took appropriate action at their **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** regular meeting on the following agenda items:

- **DISCUSSED** the **Bid Status** of the sanitary sewer and water line extensions designed to serve Braum's and El Tepayac restaurants.
- **APPROVED** the **Consent Agenda**.

The next Authority meeting will be **Tuesday, 23 March 2021**.

## *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 are; and
- ◆ **Please** read and follow all manufacturer instructions for any heater.

## Council Action

The Blanchard City Council discussed, considered and took appropriate action at their **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** regular meeting on the following agenda items:

- **APPROVED Special Event Permit** for the BSA Troup No. 234 to conduct a fundraiser on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **ADOPTED Resolution No. 2021-04** approving 'NO PARKING' signage along 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE from Rockwell east to MacArthur Avenue.
- **ACCEPTED recommendations** for proposed changes to the City's Oil and Gas Regulations; and **AUTHORIZED** City Attorney to draft new Ordinance.
- **ADOPTED Resolution No. 2021-05** opposing HB1833 pertaining to nuisances of oil and gas wells that's been in existence for two (2) years or more.
- **APPROVED** the weather related and equipment failure emergency; and approved the City Manager's action in contracting the snow removal in the amount of \$18,000.
- **APPROVED Debt Write-Off** of \$4,878.49 in court fines, warrant fees and court costs assessed against 4 defendants due to their deaths.
- **APPROVED the Consent Agenda.**
- **HELD Executive Session with NO ACTION TAKEN.**

The next City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, 23 March 2021.**

## Daylite Saving Time

When we change our clocks ... change our smoke detector batteries on March 14<sup>th</sup> when most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March.



The country reverts back to standard time on the first Sunday in November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

## Debris Removal Update

As of 2/24/2021, the total debris picked up is:

- ◆ Contractor - 117,375.70 cubic yds
- ◆ Citizens Drop-off - 8,235.92 cubic yds
- Total debris - 125,611.62 cubic yds.

For City residents, the first pass on the storm debris pick-up is getting close to being finished. We will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> pass on **Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

To help us, please call City Hall at 405-485-9392 and give us your address if you have additional debris at the curb that was not or has not been picked up during the first pass. Please do not post your address in the comments. If you haven't placed your limbs at the curb or have additional limbs, please place them at the curb as soon as possible.

The debris site is still accepting drop-offs for those who have a special pass from City Hall.

As before, ALL storm debris pickup will occur on the public right-of-way **ONLY**. **NO** household trash, **NO** construction material, and **NO** bags of leaves.

The City appreciates your patience!

## *Disaster Declaration*

President Joe Biden approved Governor Stitt's request to declare a federal disaster exists in all seventy-seven (77) Oklahoma Counties due to the historic winter storm, clearing the way for federal aid to be directed to cities and towns in Oklahoma.

## *Heart Health Month*

February is Heart Health Month! Are you at risk for diabetes? If so, you may also be at risk for heart disease. The American Heart Association says 65 percent of people with diabetes die from some form of heart disease or



stroke. Do you have diabetes? Some

symptoms of diabetes to look for include frequent urination,

frequent hunger and thirst, blurry vision, feeling very tired, bruises and cuts that heal very slowly, unexplained weight loss, and numbness/tingling in the hands and feet. You may take the diabetes risk test at

[www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/](http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/) by answering some basic health questions and your risk for diabetes will be calculated. For more information about diabetes prevention and education, you may contact the American Diabetes Association.

## *House Bill 1833*

A bill was introduced in the Oklahoma House on Monday (February 15<sup>th</sup>), if passed, prohibits action for nuisance against oil activities which have been lawfully in operation for two (2) years or more prior to such action.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-05 opposing this legislation.

## *House Bill 2389*

Currently, 10% and 7.14% of monies collected from oil and natural gas at the 5% and 7% tax rates, respectively, are paid to the various county treasurers to be credited to the County Highway Fund. Each county receives a proportionate share of the funds available based upon the proportion of the total value of production from such county in the corresponding month of the preceding year. This calculation creates a 12-14 month lag between production occurring and a county receiving funds (there is a two month lag between production and reporting of gross production tax in addition to this 12-month look back period). Similarly, 3.28% and 3.745% of the

monies collected from oil at the 5% and 7% tax rates, respectively, are distributed to the various counties of the state for deposit into the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund. Such distributions are based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to county road improved and maintenance costs.

This legislation proposes the apportionment outlined above shall be divided between the city and the county for any gross production tax received from wells spudded on or after September 1, 2021, when the well is located inside the corporate limits of a city. Under this proposed measure, the 10% and 7.14% of gross production tax revenues received from an oil or natural gas well as described above, that meets the proposed criteria, will be apportioned two-thirds to the County Highway Fund and one-third to the general fund of the city or town where the well is located. Additionally, under this proposed measure, the 3.28% and 3.745% of gross production tax revenues received from an oil well as described above, that meets the proposed criteria, will apportioned two-thirds to the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund and one-third to the general fund of the city or town where the well is located. If a well does not meet the proposed criteria, there is no change to the apportionment.

At this time the Oklahoma Tax Commission does not track well or production data on a city basis, therefore, an estimated impact is not available. There will be a revenue net neutral impact associated with HB 2389 as the increase in funds to the city or municipalities will be equally offset by the decrease in funds to the county.

HB2389 will have a minimal administrative impact as the Oklahoma Tax Commission will need to change forms and data collection systems to track wells and production on a city or municipality basis moving forward.

## *March Meeting Calendar*

- 1<sup>st</sup> ~ BPS Board [6 pm]
- 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Joint Meeting with Boards & Ovintiv [6 pm]
- 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Planning Commission [6:30 pm]
- 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Board of Adjustment [6 pm]
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]

## *March Special Events*

- 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ St Patty's Day Parade [4pm]
- 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Daylite Saving Time Begins [2am]
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Professional Day [No School]
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Patrick's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Juvenile/Code Court [4pm]
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Begins
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Adult Traffic Court [2pm]
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Youth Traffic Court [4pm]
- 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday



## *Municipal Election*

Blanchard voters will choose among 5 candidates at the **April 6<sup>th</sup>** Municipal Election for the Blanchard Council seats in Wards 1 and 4.

## *Notice of Continuance*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission gave notice that the hearing on the administrative authorization to drill and complete the Goose 1-4, as a commercial saltwater disposal well proposed to be located in the SE/4 of the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 4-T8N-R4W, McClain County (north side of NE 55th and east of Rockwell Avenue) has been continued to **March 5, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.**, Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 North Lincoln Blvd, OKC, OK 73105.

## *Oil 'n Gas*

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **February 19<sup>th</sup>** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted in Blanchard, McClain or Grady Counties.

## *Police Blotter*

Blanchard jail activity:

**2/20/21** ~ CANTEBURY, John arrested for DUI;

**2/21/21** ~ SMITH, Mandy arrested on Outstanding Warrants;

**2/22/21** ~ VALENZUELA, Oscar arrested for Public Intoxication;

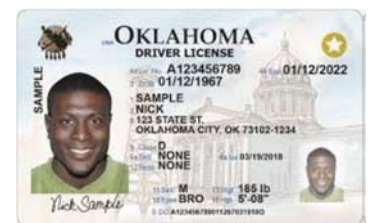
**2/24/21** ~ MYERS, Steven arrested for Grand Larceny, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle; and Possession of Stolen Vehicle.

## *Public 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.

## *Real ID*

Oklahoma has recently begun distributing licenses which will satisfy the REAL ID standards for Oklahoma



residents. In October all persons boarding commercial planes or entering federal facilities, including military bases, will be required to present a REAL ID compliant card. If you already hold a passport or military ID then your identification will meet these standards. State residents are not required to obtain an Oklahoma REAL ID. However, if you plan to fly, even on domestic airlines, federal law requires that you must possess a REAL ID

compliant license. The state has provided a resource for educating residents on the implementation of REAL IDs. You may access this resource on the following website <https://www.realid.ok.gov>. If you have questions regarding your need to obtain a REAL ID or if you are wondering how to obtain a REAL ID, please visit the state's REAL ID website.

## *Senior Nutrition*

Curbside pickup and home deliveries will continue for the Blanchard Senior Citizens Center. The dining area is reopened with a limited occupancy of twelve (12), so RESERVATIONS ONLY.

### LUNCH MENU

(March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ March 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Monday** ~ Enchiladas, Salad, Beans, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Salad, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bun, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Potato, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ Sliced Ham, Broccoli and Cheese Soup, Salad, Roll, 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.

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.

## *St Patty's Day Parade*

The City's annual St Patty's Day Parade will be **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. If you want to participate, please contact Chris Wittenbach or go to the Blanchard Parks and Recreation Facebook and download an application.

## *Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!*

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely upon 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), facilities (city hall, etc.), projects (water & sewer and street improvements), programs (4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration) and services (senior citizens nutrition).

Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting public 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!