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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 **1:00 PM 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 27th 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 with any questions or to receive a bid specification packet. Packets are also available at 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.

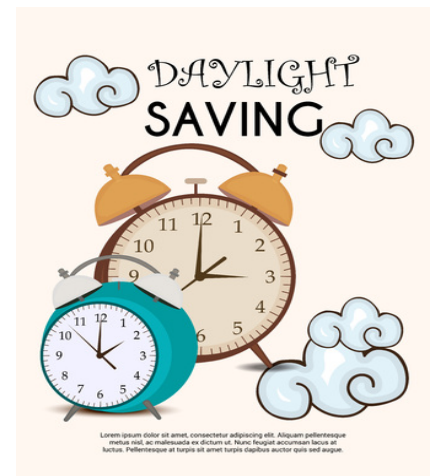
Carbon-monoxide Warning

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.

Daylite Saving Time

When we change our clocks ... change our smoke detector batteries on March 14th 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.

March Meeting Calendar

- 16th ~ Board of Adjustment [6 pm]
- 23rd ~ City Council [6 pm]
- 23rd ~ BMIA Board of Trustees [6 pm]

March Special Events

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

Municipal Election

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

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **March 5th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted in Blanchard, McClain or Grady Counties.

PC Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission held their March regular meeting on Thursday, March 12th.

- **HELD PUBLIC HEARING** on a Zoning Application to reclassify

property from the A-1 District to the C-5, Automotive and Recreational District.

- **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03** recommending approval to the City Council to reduce the rezoning request from C-5 to C-4, as requested by the applicant.

- **HELD PUBLIC HEARING** on a Zoning Application to reclassify property from the R-2, Combined Residential District to the C-5, Automotive and Recreational District.

- **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04** recommending approval to the City Council on the rezoning request to C-5.

- **HELD PUBLIC HEARING** on a Zoning Application to reclassify property from the S-1, Suburban District to the R-E, Residential Estates District.

- **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05** recommending approval to the City Council on the rezoning request for R-E Zoning.

- **HELD PRE-PLANNING MEETING** on a proposed subdivision located at the SW intersection of U.S Hwy 62 and Laura Meadows Dr.

- **HELD PRE-PLANNING MEETING** for a proposed subdivision located on property north of the H.E. Bailey Turnpike Spur, between SH-76 and N Rockwell Ave.

- **HELD PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW** on a proposed Planned Unit Development application 2.27 acres at the SW corner of US 62 and NE 10th St to be rezoned from A-1, Agricultural District to C-4, Restricted Commercial District and a Planned Unit Development (PUD Zoning Overlay).

• **APPROVED** LOT SPLIT application on S. County Line subdividing 100 acres into two (2) tracts.

• **ADOPTED** RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06 regarding the placement of stop signs and street signs to serve the Oasis Ranch Addition Section 3 and 4.

• **DISCUSSED** COMP PLAN progress.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 8th.

Police Blotter

Blanchard jail activity:

- 3/5/21 ~ MARTIN, Kristopher arrested on DUI.
- 3/7/21 ~ LANDRETH, Lynda arrested on Outstanding Warrants.
- 3/9/21 ~ ROGERS, John arrested on Outstanding Warrants.
- 3/11/21 ~ CRAWLEY, Britney arrested on Outstanding Warrants.

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.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of March was more than twenty-five percent (25.97%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$7,217,083 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '20	271,270.11	13.70
Aug '20	281,592.81	26.26
Sep '20	284,896.09	-13.80
Oct '20	271,522.76	5.08
Nov '20	287,045.45	23.19
Dec '20	262,001.98	8.29
Jan '21	279,911.94	28.74
Feb '21	267,185.09	26.81
Mar '21	288,683.32	25.09
Apr '21		
May '21		
Jun '21		
Totals	2,496,109.45	14.19

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

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 15th ~ March 19th)

Monday ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Sausage, Gravy, Potatoes, Biscuits, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Cook's Choice.

Thursday ~ Pinto Beans, Beets, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Corn, Bun, 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.

Spring Equinox



Spring will begin on **Thursday, March 20th** at **4:37 a.m.** CDT. The word equinox is derived from the

Latin words meaning "equal nite." The Vernal, or spring, equinox is the point

at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from south to north, signaling the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere.

St Patty's Day

If you're inclined toward legend, lore and festivities of the Saint and how the Irish honor him, then check out this St. Patrick's Day site at www.st-patricks-day.com, where you'll find everything from

parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at www.stpatricksdays.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day will be **Wednesday, March 17th**.



St Patty's Day Parade



The City's annual St Patty's Day Parade is tomorrow (**Saturday, March 13th**) 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.

Tax Payment Deadline

Oklahomans now have until **June 15, 2021** to pay their 2020 individual and business income taxes, and their first quarter 2021 estimated income tax payments. As a result of the recent disaster declaration issued by FEMA,

the IRS announced the tax deadline extension for all individuals who reside or own a business in all of Oklahoma's 77 counties to provide relief for those affected by February's historic winter storms. Following the announcement from the IRS, the Oklahoma Tax Commission ordered the payment deadline extension to provide further relief to Oklahoma taxpayers. The Oklahoma Tax Commissioners elected to adjust the payment deadline extension from April 15 to June 15 for all individuals that reside or own a business in Oklahoma.

Due dates for other tax types, including sales and withholding, remain the same. For more information, visit the Oklahoma Tax Commission website.

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 (4th 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!

Use Tax Collections

The use tax collections for the month of March was more than twenty-six percent (26.93%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$3,173,337.75 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '20	93,410.49	-12.51
Aug '20	77,952.78	-30.94
Sep '20	78,265.11	-35.56
Oct '20	85,472.26	-66.16
Nov '20	73,911.74	-50.96
Dec '20	82,342.61	45.69
Jan '21	111,705.76	74.15
Feb '21	124,258.01	20.19
Mar '21	126,933.51	300.00
Apr '21		
May '21		
Jun '21		
Totals	854,252.27	-14.59