



City News

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MEETINGS

November 28th

2:30p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

December 4th

6p – BETA

December 14th

6:30p – Planning Commission

December 18th

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

December 19th

2:30p – Traffic Court

December 21st

3p – Code/Juvenile Court

*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authorities meet at Blanchard Municipal Courthouse unless otherwise noted.

AGENDA

The City Council and BMIA Board of Trustees will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following agenda items at their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2016:



CITY COUNCIL

- ✓ Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone old KT's BBQ location from S-1 to C-4;
- ✓ Zoning Ordinance;
- ✓ Emergency Clause;
- ✓ Ordinance amending regulations pertaining to Board of Adjustment ethics (Section 1-319) and appeal (Section 22-811);
- ✓ Emergency Clause;
- ✓ Ordinance amending Section 18-502 pertaining to 'Driving in the Left Lane';
- ✓ Emergency Clause;
- ✓ Ordinance amending Sections 5-204, 5-205, 5-206, 5-207 and 5-214 pertaining to Fair Housing Ordinance dealing with discrimination under federal law;
- ✓ Emergency Clause;
- ✓ Resolution amending anti-discrimination Personnel Policies in accordance with federal law;
- ✓ Resolution amending OAG's Safe Oklahoma Grant in the amount of \$11,276.64 and grant extension;
- ✓ Offer for Oil and Gas un-leased mineral rights per acre on City-owned property;
- ✓ Resolution reprogramming Surface Transportation Program Urbanized Area (STP-UZA) projects for the new OCARTS Transportation Improvement Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2021 which includes one-mile of 10th Street NE from US-62 west to OK-76;
- ✓ Resolution amending the 2017 Holiday Schedule for observance of Xmas Holidays;
- ✓ Resolution supplementing the FYE2018 Budget with CENA Grant;
- ✓ Resolution accepting donations for Blanchard Parks;

EVENTS

November 27th

♦ Cyber Monday

December 7th

♦ Pearl Harbor Day

December 21st

10:28a ♦ Winter
Solstice

December 24th

♦ Xmas Eve

December 25th

♦ Xmas Day

December 31st

♦ New Year's Eve

*For Blanchard Library
Events: Please visit their
website at
pioneer.lib.ok.us/home*

✓ Policies and fees for rental of Senior Citizens Center and Old City Hall; and

✓ Consent Agenda.

🌀BOARD OF TRUSTEES🌀

✓ Quotes for water line construction to serve RBI in the Crystal Lake Industrial Park;

✓ Utility Easement for water line; and

✓ Consent Agenda.

The next meeting of the City Council and the Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will be **Monday, December 18**. ALL city meetings are held at the new Blanchard Municipal Courthouse, 300 North Main Street.

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

Each December, the City comes alive with lights and fun for the whole family. Old City Hall will be a great place to see and visit with your friends and get a FREE picture with the jolly ole elf, himself. Then step outside for more festivities:

Pics with Santa from 2 - 4pm

Free hot chocolate from 2 - 4pm

Blanchard Kindergarten Kids sing at 5pm

The Blanchard Annual Lions Club Lighted Christmas Parade will step off at 6pm on **Saturday, December 9th**. The theme of the Parade is a "Comic Con Christmas." Come dressed as your favorite superhero.

For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. The Parade Entry Form is on the site for downloading.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



City offices will be closed on **Friday and Monday, December 22nd and 26th** for the observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 306.9532.

Trash service NO change!

CITY NOTES

Ever bridge System

Please go to www.mcclain-co-ok.us to sign up for the McClain County Mass Notification System.

This free service is only available to residents of McClain County and allows citizens to receive general and emergency information that may affect you and your family as well as automated weather alerts specific to addresses you enter to include notices of water shut-off due to leaks, road closures, and other emergency notices from the City of Blanchard.

Since alert emails are sent as mass-mailings, your email filter may send it to your SPAM Folder. Be sure to allow emails from @everbridge.net into your email in-box.

See more at: <http://mcclain-co-ok.us/everbridge-the-new-notification-system/#sthash.FDJKUVoF.dpuf>

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Recycling The City's Citizen Collection Center is opened to receive recyclables Monday thru Friday from 6:30am to 8:30am and from 4pm to 6:30pm. Also on Saturday from 8am to 12Noon. Visit our website for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Animal Control Officer ~ Full-time with Benefits;
- Service Worker: Public Works ~ Full-time with Benefits;
- Parks Laborer ~ Seasonal;
- Police Officer ~ Full-time with Benefits;

Job descriptions will be posted on the City's website shortly. Applications are available at City Hall or on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. The City of Blanchard is an 'Equal Opportunity Employer.'

ODD/EVEN WATER

Effective as of July 1st, the City is under a mandatory odd-even watering schedule. For example: If your address is 1400, you can water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th of the month and so on. If your address is 1401, you can water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.

All watering shall be supervised in person to limit unproductive runoff. Water running in drainage ditches or streets shall be determined to be in violation of this restriction and punishable by a fine in the Blanchard Municipal Court.

POLICE BLOTTER

JAIL REPORT for November 11th – November 22nd:

- 11/11 Charles Rogers arrested on Warrant;
- 11/15 Douglas Rose arrested on DUI;
- 11/17 Michael Brown arrested on Warrant;
- 11/19 Tara Jimenez arrested on DUI; and
- 11/19 Douglas Rose arrested on Assault Charges.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXPLANATION OF PROJECT IN A FLOODPLAIN

The City of Blanchard has determined there is not a practical alternative to locating the proposed Community Development Block Grant project described below in a flood-prone area.

The Federal funding (CDBG funds from Oklahoma Department of Commerce #'s 17053, 17054, 17055, 17056) is for completion

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FEEDBACK

Please mail your
comments to:

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P.O. Box 480, Blanchard,
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Or, email comments to:
citymanager@cityofblanchard.us

of a Sewer System Improvements Project. The project serves the City of Blanchard. The project includes the replacement of approximately 2,700 LF existing sewer lines and manholes and one new manhole, service connections, and pavement repair in target areas of the City of Blanchard (Old Town). The City is under an ODEQ Consent Order to correct violations in their sewer system. The proposed project will cut down on inflow and infiltration into the sewer system. A portion of the project is in the 100 year floodplain.

The project is located in Sections 30 and 31-T8N-R4W in Blanchard, McClain County, Oklahoma. A portion of the project is in the 100-year floodplain. The project as proposed would not have an adverse effect on the floodplains and will have a positive effect for the City. The activities regarding construction will be completed in a manner that would not adversely affect flooding. There will be no increase in flood hazard.

The improvements must be located in a flood-prone area because there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project. The proposed action will not negatively affect natural or beneficial floodplain values as improvements will be to an existing sewer system already located in a floodplain. Failure to provide these improvements would result in a negative impact to the citizens of Blanchard. It is the City's judgment that the benefits of the proposed activity out-weigh any negative impact and the determination to expend Federal funds in the floodplain is justified.

By the publishing of this Notice, the City of Blanchard is inviting any final comments prior to undertaking the proposed action. All comments should be addressed to Eddie Odle, Mayor, City of Blanchard, P.O. Box 480, 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010-0480 on or before December 8, 2017.

SAFEST CITIES IN OKLAHOMA



Blanchard Is Among The Safest Places to Live in Oklahoma 2017, according to a recent study by Elite Personal Finance. To rank cities, they use the latest data from FBI, which has been provided by the Blanchard Police Department and recently released.

<http://www.elitepersonalfinance.com/safest-places-oklahoma/>

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



Thinking about redesigning your landscape? Add water-wise and Oklahoma native plants instead of cool-season grasses, like tall fescue. Drought tolerant plants are attractive and require less water and maintenance than tall fescue lawns.

For more Oklahoma appropriate plants go to Oklahoma City's www.squeezeeverydrop.com.

Winter Solstice

The winter solstice is one of the two times each year that the Sun is at its farthest point from the equator and appears to stand still. It occurs on **Thursday, December 21st** at **10:28 A.M. CST**. The word *solstice* is derived from the Latin *sol*, or "Sun," and *stitium*, or "stoppage." The Halcyon Days also occur around this time. According to ancient legend, a grieving wife named Alcyone, or Halcyon, threw herself into the sea upon discovering the drowned body of her beloved husband, Ceyx. The gods took pity on the pair, transforming them into kingfishers with the power to still the stormy seas for 14 days around the time of the winter solstice while they built their nest and hatched their young.



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