

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 2, 2017

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 AT THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 200 W. TILTON, BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS 75424 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION.

1. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call	Present	Tardy	Absent
Mayor Rhonda Williams	X		
Christina Porath	X		
Wendy Mattingly			X
Amber Wood	X		
Kevin Bell	X		

3. Consent Agenda:

A) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held on April 4, 2017; Public Hearing Meeting held on April 4, 2017; Special Session held April 9, 2017 and Special Session held April 25, 2017

Kevin Bell questioned the placement of Item #11 on the April 4th agenda with Mayor Williams stating the agenda item was moved on the agenda after the Executive Session.

Kevin Bell motioned to approve all the minutes presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) City Administration Update

City Secretary Edie Sims gave a handout to the Council with items of interest and accomplishments since becoming an employee as of April 24, 2017 which included contacting Hilltop Securities for funding a Certificate of Obligation Bond for upgrading our streets and purchase of needed equipment. Also by piggy-backing a contract with the City of Grand Prairie, an RFP will not be required for working with Reynolds Asphalt. Mr. Reynolds has assessed our streets to provide a quote so the Council may consider which streets can be funded for paving.

Also an illegal dumping situation occurred on April 25, 2017 which prompted charges being filed through Collin County Sheriff's Office. The family being affected has vacated the home prompted by the property owner. Repairs and proper cleaning are underway.

4. Consider and/or act upon appointing Jacob Deen, III as an At Large Council Member for the City of Blue Ridge

Kevin Bell questioned Mr. Deen's residency expectancy with Mr. Deen stating he will be a long-term resident. Kevin Bell motioned to appoint Jacob Deen, III as a Council Member with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Swear in proceedings for Jacob Deen, III.

City Secretary Edie Sims performed the swearing in proceedings.

6. Read Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month
Mayor Williams read the proclamation and took opportunity for photos.

7. Consider and/or act upon a request to build a new home at 310 W FM 545, located at the corner of North Church Street and FM 545. (Plans will be available at the Council Meeting for public viewing)

Council discussed the property being requested for a new residence. Council noted the lot is very small. Mr. Rocha stated he might sell the new home or move in. After reviewing the setback, Kevin Bell motioned to approve the request for a new home at this location with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider and/or act upon a request to build a new home at 301 N Church

Mr. Mills requested the Council to review the Preliminary Plans as presented. Mr. Mills wants to re-use the walls and re-utilize as much of the original structure as possible while adding on to the structure which also includes a wrap-around porch with a deck. The structure is in current violation of the setback regulations; however the original structure was built in the 1940's. The foundation will be pad and block for both the existing structure to be renovated and the addition.

Kevin Bell motioned to approve the Preliminary plans for the renovations and new additions at 301 N Church and grandfathering the setbacks with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Citizen Participation

None.

10. Christina Porath made the motion to adjourn at 7:57pm with Kevin Bell seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Edie Sims, City Secretary