

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 8, 2018

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 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 was called with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Allen Cunyningham, Christina Porath, Amber Wood and Gerald Young. Kevin Bell was not present.

3. Proclamation for Men's Health Month - June

Mayor Williams proclaimed the month of June as Men's Health Month and declared the week of June 11 - 17, 2018 as Men's Health Week in the City of Blue Ridge.

4. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session meeting held April 3, 2018 and Special Session meeting held on April 17, 2018; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; e) Animal Control Report; and f) Collin County Calls for Service

Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance # 2018-0508-001 canvassing returns and declaring the results of the May 5, 2018 City of Blue Ridge General Election

(Examinar, discutir y actuar en la Ordinance # 2018-0508-001 Sondeos devoluciones y declarar los resultados del 5 de mayo, 2018 Ciudad de Blue Ridge Elecciones Generales)

Mayor Williams read the votes as prepared by Collin County Elections. Christina Porath motioned to approve the ordinance canvassing the election as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon a Concept Plan for apartments located at 101 Tilton Street (Old Grocery Store)

Eric Freeman, potential new owner of the property, and Keith Merz, Project Manager, came before the Council with a Concept Plan of 4 apartments located in the Old Grocery Store. These apartments will be one bedroom with brick facade. All plumbing will be on shared walls and the attempt to keep the old tin ceiling tiles. Christina Porath questioned the parking which was answered with 4 slots in front of the building and access to parking on the square. Each apartment will be approximately 650 square feet being 20 foot wide and approximately 30 foot deep. The exposed brick will remain for aesthetics. Amber Wood stated she liked keeping the historical elements.

Council also questioned the entrances of each apartment. Mr. Merz stated each apartment will have one entry/exit to each apartment. The two apartments in the rear will have entry/exit in the rear. Christina Porath expressed concern for residents parking on the square and trekking around the building to enter their apartment.

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Concept Plan as presented. The motion died for lack of a second. No further discussion or action was taken.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon paying off the loan to American National Bank of Texas for the City Hall building and property located at 200 S Main Street in the amount of \$22,050.69

By paying off the loan, the City would save \$4,761.30 and end the ongoing interest accrual of \$2.85 per day. Amber Wood motioned to pay the loan with an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 to allow for interest during the payoff transaction with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance # 2018-0508-002 regarding junked vehicles, weeds and rubbish

The Ordinance presented will be compliant with current State Law and repeal all old ordinances which will not provide proper enforcement. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Ordinance as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Allen Cunnyngnam in opposition.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract with Sanitation Solutions for solid waste collection

Some of the major changes included in the contract was negotiated by the City Secretary for 3 house demolitions and removing City Wide Cleanup dumpsters and the pricing for residential trash is cheaper than the current provider even with a 15% Franchise Fee.

Christina Porath motioned to approve the contract as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss Personnel Matters - deliberate the appointment, appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Assistant City Secretary

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:14pm.

11. Exit Executive Session and enter open meeting to discuss items in Executive Session

Council exited Executive Session and entered into the Open Meeting. No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

12. Citizen Participation

No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

13. Adjournment

Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Allen Cunnyngnam seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:43pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary

