

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2020

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020 AT THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 200 W. TILTON, BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS 75424, AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION.

1. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and called roll with the following members present, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Keith Chitwood, Christina Porath, and Amber Wood. Gerald Young was absent.
2. City Secretary Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.
3. Consider, discuss and act upon accepting Gerald Young's resignation from the City Council
Mr. Young submitted a letter of resignation effective January 1, 2020. Amber Wood motioned to approve Gerald Young's resignation with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Consider and/or act upon appointing Allen Cunnynggham as an At-Large Council Member for the City of Blue Ridge with swearing in proceedings
Amber Wood motioned to approve the Swearing in of Allen Cunnynggham with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Edie Sims, City Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember At-Large, Allen Cunnynggham.

Christina Porath left meeting at 6:04 P.M. with Allen Cunnynggham completing the quorum.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Sessions held on December 3, 2019; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report
Amber Wood motioned to approve items on the Consent Agenda with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract amendment with Collin County for Ambulance Services for November 1, 2019 thru October 31, 2020.
Amber Wood motioned to approve the contract amendment with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously
7. Consider, discuss and act upon accepting a Permanent Utility Easement from the Estate of Bobbye Ann Baker Hood at the intersection of West FM 545 and Baker Street to White Street
City Secretary Edie Sims explained the easement will facilitate the CDBG Sewer Grant and open opportunity for growth along Baker Street. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Permanent Utility Easement with Allen Cunnynggham seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously
8. Consider, discuss and act upon a Water Rate Agreement between Blue Ridge ISD and the City of Blue Ridge to compensate for a Permanent Utility Easement from Blue Ridge ISD

During discussions with Blue Ridge ISD, old issues were brought to light where the City and the ISD had conflicts. The Water Rate Agreement is an effort to compensate for a Permanent Utility Easement from the south property of the ISD allowing the CDBG grant to be completed and open opportunities for future growth. The ISD Trustees approved the request for an easement at their last meeting.

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Permanent Utility Easement with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon accepting a Permanent Utility Easement from Blue Ridge ISD along the drainage ditch on the South end of the BRISD property nearest North Church

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Permanent Utility Easement with Allen Cunyngnam seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


10. Discuss State of the City - a reflection of 2019 and goals planned for 2020

City Secretary reviewed the accomplishments of 2019 and expressed goals set out by the employees for 2020. Our City is definitely moving and making great strides forward. Thanks to all employees for their hard work and dedication along with appreciation to the City Council for their guidance and support.

11. Citizen Participation- Public Comment. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.


12. Adjournment. Amber Wood motioned to adjourn with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 6:48 pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary