

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2019

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 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 Or immediately following the conclusion of the Council Special Session meeting.

1. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and called roll with the following members present, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood, Amber Wood, Gerald Young and Kevin Bell.
2. City Secretary Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.
3. Mayor Williams read a proclamation for National Drinking Water Week May 5 - 11, 2019. Kevin Bell asked if residents could receive bottled water at City Hall during this week when they come in to pay their bill. Council concurred to stand behind our Proclamation.
4. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session held on March 5, 2019; Regular Session held on March 5, 2019; and two Special Session meetings held on March 19, 2019; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; e) Animal Control Report; and f) Collin County Calls for Service

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

5. Second Public Hearing to receive public comments, discuss and act upon a request to replat a Final Plat known as Williams Place, an addition located at 10636 County Road 497, Princeton, TX, also known as Abstract A0116, J. Burk Survey, Tract 29, containing 7.439 acres, replatting into 2 lots and also which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:08pm asking those FOR the replat request to come forward. Adrian McDaniel stated he is for the replat as he is selling 2 acres to his daughter and her husband. With no one else coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the replat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:08pm.

Kevin Bell motioned to approve the replat as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Receive update on the Ridgeway Drive Roadway and Water Replacement Project including a contract with Henley Johnston & Associates for construction materials testing

Craig Kerkhoff, engineer for the project, stated the project is moving along well. The water line has been just about completely installed to date and will be testing the water before final connections for the residents. The contract with Henley Johnston & Associates is to ensure all subgrades meet specifications along with the backfill of the water line. The roadway will be the last portion of the project.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon a Change Order for the Ridgeway project regarding installation of an additional gate valve and transferring water service

Craig Kerkhoff stated the Public Works realized a need for an additional valve during the construction which resulted in the Change Order submitted. The additional valve will increase the contract by \$2,628.00. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Change Order as presented with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP to provide engineering services for a water and wastewater impact fee analysis

Craig Kerkhoff's firm proposed the agreement to perform an impact fee analysis for water and wastewater. This is another level to prepare for growth and how infrastructure will be paid for by those impacting our existing system. City Secretary Edie Sims stated at another City, the impact fee study was upwards of \$25,000. The fee proposed is not the same style and as a comparative note, the fee is much less. Mr. Kerkhoff added these services are not allowed to be bid out, but the statement regarding cost is a comparison only.

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

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance O-2019-0402-002 prohibiting certain commercial vehicles in residential districts and allowing for a truck route

The ordinance presented is to restrict delivery trucks from using Ridgeway as their thoroughfare. The City is working with TxDOT regarding signage and an approved truck route. We will have a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDOT at a future meeting.

Kevin Bell motioned to approve the Ordinance as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon tax exemptions for residential property with owners 65 years of age and older

Gerald Young had requested this item at the last meeting. City Secretary Edie Sims presented 3 ordinances (6-4-91; 96-1119; and 98-0106) which are the only ordinances on file regarding tax exemptions for disabled or residents 65 and older.

Council further discussed how the tax rate was increased to afford the needs of the City and how raising the tax exemption amount would affect the City's ability of providing services in the future. Council concurred to take no action.

11. Neighborhood Round Table discussion regarding the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Blue Ridge (Please go to the following website for the 84 page document: [https://blueridgecity.com/documents/156/Water Conservation - Drought Contingency 2018.pdf](https://blueridgecity.com/documents/156/Water%20Conservation%20-%20Drought%20Contingency%202018.pdf))

City Secretary Edie Sims stated this month's agenda item is the second opportunity for the public to make comments, suggestions, or corrections to the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. Thus far, no one has made any comments.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance O-2019-0402-001 adopting the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Blue Ridge

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

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following: a. §551.071(2): Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation with Flo Trend

Council went into Executive Session at 7:35pm.

14. Reconvene into Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session

Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:07pm. Kevin Bell motioned to pursue legal action with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

16. Discussion of placing items on future agendas. Kevin Bell requested the following items be placed on the next agenda for discussion:

- a) changing North Church Street to a two-way travel during certain times;
- b) growth planning discussion with other boards;
- c) promotion of the Blue Ridge Rodeo and add to make a landmark event;
- d) hire an intern from Collin College for social media posts;
- e) City-wide clean up date; and
- f) discuss having a community group sponsor a road.

No one else requested an item(s) to be placed on a future agenda.

17. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:14pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edie Sims, City Secretary