

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 9, 2019

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 9, 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. 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 and Gerald Young. Kevin Bell was absent.
2. City Secretary Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.
3. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held on June 4, 2019 and Special Sessions held on June 25, 2019; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; e) Animal Control Report; and f) Collin County Calls for Service

Mayor Williams noted the City did not receive the Collin County Calls for Service. Amber Wood motioned to approve items on the Consent Agenda with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Second Public Hearing to receive public comments, discuss and act upon a request to replat a Final Plat known as Harris / Day, an addition located at 6781 State Highway 78 N, Farmersville, TX, also known as Abstract A0556, Joseph Mathews Survey, Tract 87, Sheet 1 containing 6.4020 acres, to be subdivided into two tracts, lot one being 2.007 acres and the remaining tract containing 4.395 acres, which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm and asked those FOR the replat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams then asked those OPPOSING the replat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

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

5. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the square on September 14, 2019 from 6am to 10:30am for the Emmitt Smith Gran Fondo bicycle race for a rest stop

Nate Goodell, representing the Emmitt Smith Gran Fondo event, came before the Council stating this year will be the first time coming to Blue Ridge for this event. The event will start at South Fork Ranch and making a 94-mile trek. After visiting the area, the Blue Ridge square is perfect for a rest stop. This will allow bikers to drop in, take a moment to get hydrated and rest, then on their way. With the different styles of traveling lengths, there may be a maximum of 600 bicyclers stopping in Blue Ridge, but not all at one time. Mr. Goodell stated he feels only one side of the square would be needed to be closed and the other side by Cattleman's be remained open. The Gran Fondo is a fully self-served event where all needs are fully supplied. This is an excellent opportunity to have Blue Ridge highlighted as bikers come thru our town. The setup will occur at 6am and break down at 10:30am. Mr. Goodell thanked

Council for allowing this opportunity. Amber Wood motioned to close the south side of the square on September 14, 2019 with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon an amendment to the contract with Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter for the Ridgeway Drive Roadway and Water Line Replacement Project

The amendment proposed is to offset the cost from the Change Order regarding the type of surface for Ridgeway. Council approved Change Order #3 to utilize Type D surface course and in doing so, the engineering firm agreed to lower their contract cost to offset the higher cost for the asphalt. Amber Wood motioned to approve the contract amendment as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Budget Workshop

Council was given the planning calendar for the budget process. A preliminary budget will be presented at the next Council meeting.

8. 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 the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation with Flo Trend

Council went into Executive Session at 7:15pm.

9. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session

Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:17pm. No action was taken by the Council.


10. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

11. Discussion of placing items on future agendas.

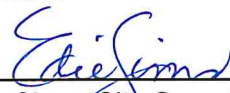
No one requested any item(s) to be placed on a future agenda.

12. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:19pm.

APPROVED:


Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary