

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 29, 2017

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 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 was called with the following members present, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Amber Wood, Gerald Young, Allen Cunyningham and Kevin Bell.
3. Second Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Proposed 2017 Property Tax Rate for the City of Blue Ridge  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:00pm and asking for those FOR the Proposed 2017 Tax Rate for the City of Blue Ridge to come forward. With no one coming forth, Mayor Williams requested those OPPOSING Proposed 2017 Tax Rate to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:01pm.
4. Consider, discuss and act upon a Special Event request to close the square for the Homecoming Parade to be held September 15, 2017 from 1:00pm to 2:45pm.  
Kevin Bell asked why the application has the event from 8am - 2pm however the Homecoming Parade isn't until 1pm. The School noted this time as preparation time rather than just the time the square needed to be closed for the parade. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Special Event Request for the Homecoming Parade with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Consider, discuss and act upon a Special Event request to close the square for "Saturday Night in Blue Ridge" sponsored by BRASA to be held September 9, 2017 from 8am to Midnight.  
Amber Wood motioned to approve the Special Event Request for "Saturday Night in Blue Ridge" with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Hearing to consider and/or act upon a request to rezone 204 W FM 545, legally known as Blue Ridge Original Donation, Lot 34c, from Residential (R1) to Commercial Core Business (B1).  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:04pm and asked for those FOR the proposed rezone at 204 W FM 545 to come forward. Silvia Barroso, owner of the property, came forward stating she is for the rezoning. Mayor Williams requested those OPPOSING the proposed rezone to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:05pm. Per Attorney Andy Messer, Council is not to take action on the first public hearing. No action was taken by Council.
7. Public Hearing to consider and/or act upon a request to re-plat Lots 5a-2 and 5a-3, Ridge View Addition, also known as 234/236 East Pritchard Lane to allow a 4-plex.  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm and asked for those FOR the proposed replat at 234/236 East Pritchard to come forward. Tonya Mercer, Realtor for ReMax Country Northeast, came forward stating she is for the replatting. Owner

Octavio Lomas has purchased the property is proposes building a 4-plex. Mayor Williams requested those OPPOSING the proposed rezone to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:13pm. No action was taken by Council.

8. Public Hearing to consider and/or act upon a request to re-plat Lot 38a, Blue Ridge Original Donation, located North of Bratcher Street where the lot currently meets North Main and North Morrow Streets.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:13pm and asked for those FOR the proposed replat North of Bratcher Street to come forward. RK Sims came forward stating he is not for or against the replat, but has questions that need addressing. Mr. Sims stated he had lived at this location since 1955 and there has been a consistent problem with sewer backing up and wanted to make sure this issue gets addressed before adding more homes to this neighborhood. Mayor Williams requested those OPPOSING the proposed replat to come forward. Jacob Littlejohn came forward stating the property survey stakes have been moved and had issues with drainage from this property. With more homes being planned, the drainage is a huge factor that must be addressed. Tonya Harrison gave information regarding a previously collapsed tile sewer line that had been a problem for years but it had been repaired. With no one else coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:20pm. No action was taken by Council.

9. Public Hearing to hear comments or concerns regarding the Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:21pm and asked for those FOR the proposed BREDC budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked for those OPPOSING the proposed BREDC budget to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:21pm.

10. Public Hearing to hear comments or concerns regarding the Blue Ridge Community Development Corporation budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:22pm and asked for those FOR the proposed BRCDC budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked for those OPPOSING the proposed BRCDC budget to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:22pm.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance #2017-0829-001 amending the Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation's 2016-2017 Budget for repairs to the BREDC Office Complex located at 408 W FM 545.

Mayor Williams opened this item for discussion. Due to flooding repairs needed to the BREDC Office Complex, the EDC has reallocated their budget which must be approved. With no discussion from Council, Amber Wood motioned to approve the Ordinance as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon an Interlocal Agreement with Collin County for Environmental Services

City Secretary Edie Sims stated the Environmental Services Agreement was to provide services for inspections of daycare facilities, restaurants - including schools, public swimming pools, bed and breakfast establishments and other environmental health complaints. With no further discussion, Christina Porath motioned to approve the ILA with Collin County for Environmental Services for \$680 during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Amber Wood seconded 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(1): Consultation with the City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding: (i) Mr. Frank Rappold and Mrs. Olga Rappold claim, and (ii) Attorney General Ruling OR2017-17437; b) § 551.071(2): Consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation regarding: (i) Mr. Frank Rappold and Mrs. Olga Rappold claim, and (ii) Attorney General Ruling OR2017-17437.**

Council went into Executive Session at 7 :26pm.

14. Reconvene into Open Session - In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Special Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:52pm. Kevin Bell motioned to allow a lawsuit to be filed against the Attorney General regarding the Rappold case with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Citizen Participation.

No one was present for Citizen Participation.

16. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Kevin Bell seconding the motion. Council concluded their meeting at 7:53pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Williams, Mayor

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Edie Sims, City Secretary