

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 7:00 p.m. and called roll with the following members present, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood, 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. Proclamation declaring September 17 – September 23, 2019 as Constitution Week and present John F Greer Chapter with the Daughters of the American Revolution said Proclamation

Mayor Williams read and presented the proclamation.

4. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Sessions held on August 6, 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 item e) Animal Control Report nor item f) Collin County Calls for Service. Amber Wood motioned to approve items on the Consent Agenda with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the downtown square for the 2019 Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 13, 2019 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm

High School Principal Dr. Miller presented the request to the Council with Amber Wood motioning to approve the request. Christina Porath seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon an incident of damage to an individual's vehicle, occurring at 200 W. Tilton St, from water well cleanout which blew mineral deposits, iron and other underground sediment onto said individual's vehicle

City Secretary Edie Sims explained the circumstances behind a private individual's car being damaged from the water well cleanout. The company performing the water well job has agreed to pay the cost of repainting Ms. Margaret Coffey's vehicle. However, incidental costs are still involved as Ms. Coffey has only one vehicle and will require a rental car.

Keith Chitwood motioned to approve rental car costs with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Coffey signed an agreement between herself and CCS Water Specialist, Inc. whereby she will not pursue any legal action with either with CCS Water Specialist, Inc. nor the City.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon an Interlocal Agreement between Collin County and the City of Blue Ridge for Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review Services  
Collin County Fire Marshal's Office has offered the City fire inspection and fire plan review services as the City currently does not offer these services. Amber Wood motioned to approve the ILA as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Consider, discuss and act upon approving the Economic Development Corporation Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020  
The Blue Ridge EDC presented their budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Christina Porath motioned to approve the budget as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2019-0903-001 to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020  
The budget was amended per the Council's recommendations from the last budget session. Amber Wood motioned to approve the budget as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion.  
A record vote was taken as follows: Keith Chitwood yes, Christina Porath yes, and Amber Wood yes. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2019-0903-002 to adopt the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020  
Without discussion, Christina Porath motioned to adopt the Tax Rate ordinance as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion.  
A record vote was taken as follows: Keith Chitwood yes, Christina Porath yes, and Amber Wood yes. Motion carried unanimously.  
Commeal Shinn requested the Council investigate a tax freeze for those 65 and older due to financial hardships.
11. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2019-0903-003 to adopt the 2018 Tax Appraisal Roll  
Without discussion, Amber Wood motioned to adopt the Tax Appraisal Roll ordinance as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion.  
A record vote was taken as follows: Keith Chitwood yes, Christina Porath yes, and Amber Wood yes. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2019-0903-004 to adopt the Certificate of Obligation 2018 Bond Series  
Without discussion, Christina Porath motioned to adopt the Certificate of Obligation ordinance as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion.  
A record vote was taken as follows: Keith Chitwood yes, Christina Porath yes, and Amber Wood yes. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2019-0903-005 approving a negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2019 rate review mechanism filing  
Without discussion, Amber Wood motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider, discuss and act upon nominating a Council person who wishes to serve as a director for the Collin Central Appraisal District

Christina Porath nominated Keith Chitwood to serve as a director with Amber Wood seconding the nomination. Mr. Chitwood accepted the nomination. Council must have a resolution at the next meeting to submit to Collin Central Appraisal District regarding the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider, discuss and act upon a Master Services Agreement for Professional Consulting Services through EST, Inc.


EST, Inc in Melissa, Texas is a group of retired TxDOT employees who have joined forces to provide engineering services for water, sewer, streets, planning and other services needed for a city. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Master Services Agreement as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

17. Discussion of placing items on future agendas. Council did not request items for future agendas.

18. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 9:07pm.

APPROVED:

  
Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Edie Sims, City Secretary