

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 4, 2018

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 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. Roll was called with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Amber Wood, Gerald Young and Keith Chitwood. Kevin Bell was absent.
2. Chuck Jestis with First United Methodist Church offered the prayer and City Secretary Edie Sims lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.
3. Proclamation for Constitution Week, September 18-22
Mayor Williams read the Proclamation for Constitution Week and offered the signed Proclamation to the Anna Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
4. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session meetings held on August 14, 2018; 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 informed the Council the Collin County Calls for Service item and Animal Control Report was not submitted for review. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Consent Agenda minus items e and f with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the downtown square for Blue Ridge ISD's Homecoming Parade on September 21, 2018
Mayor Williams questioned the designated route on North Church Street, with Gerald Young stating the school chose a different way for better access lining up the parade. Christina Porath motioned to approve the square closure with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the downtown square for Holiday Sip and Stroll sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chamber of Commerce on Friday, December 7, 2018
Dina Brown, Vice President of the Blue Ridge Chamber of Commerce, came before the Council to promote the Holiday Sip and Stroll event with the request to close the downtown square for said event. The event will be December 7, 2018 with a bad weather day slated December 14, 2018. Booths will be set up to invite breweries and wineries as well as local food establishments for tasting. Booth prices will be \$25 for non-Chamber members and free to Chamber members. An off-duty Police Officer will be available from 6pm-9pm. No alcohol will be allowed anywhere outside the square during the event and none after the event.
Keith Chitwood questioned how many breweries and wineries are in our area with Ms. Brown stating none. And no-one has committed to the event as of yet until after the approval from the City Council has been accomplished. Anticipated will be 10 food vendors, 10 alcohol vendors and 10 shipping vendors. Gerald Young motioned to approve the

square closure request with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Keith Chitwood opposing.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon closing South Main from FM 545 to Tilton Street and on Tilton Street from South Morrow Street to South Main Street for National Night Out on October 2, 2018, sponsored by the City of Blue Ridge

Amber Wood motioned to approve the street closures for the National Night Out event with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the downtown square for the 10th Annual Harvest Festival event held October 28, 2018 from 6pm – 8pm, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Community Development Corporation

Amber Wood motioned to approve the square closure for the Harvest Festival event with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a replat and rezone of Final Plat known as Bowling Place, located in the Matthias Mowery Survey, Abstract A0557, Lot 8, containing 0.803 acres to be subdivided into 2 lots, also known as the current address of 404 N Business Highway 78, Blue Ridge, Texas, and also located within the City Limits of Blue Ridge and rezoning the entirety of the parcel from Single Family (R-1) to Multi-Family (R-2)

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:14pm and asked those FOR the replat/rezone to step forward. Lara Bowling stated she is for the replat/rezone. With no one else coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the replat/rezone to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:14pm.

City Secretary Edie Sims stated an error occurred on the publication stating the land mass was 0.803 and the correction is 1.131 acres of land. Christina Porath motioned to approve the replat/rezone request with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. First Public Hearing to consider and receive public comments upon a request for a replat of a Final Plat known as Hidden Jewel, located in the R.C. Ingram Survey, Abstract A0460, containing 5.77 acres, also known as the current address of 7207 Tylers Run, Blue Ridge, Texas, and also located within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:15pm and asked those FOR the replat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the replat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:16pm. No action was taken by Council.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon approving the Community Development Corporation Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

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

12. Consider, discuss and act upon approving the Economic Development Corporation Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Due to a potential conflict of interest with Christina Porath and Amber Wood serving on the EDC, Council agreed to table this item until a full Council could vote.

13. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2018-0904-001 to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Ordinance adopting the budget for 2018-2019 as presented with Gerald Young seconding the motion. A record vote was taken as follows: Keith Chitwood FOR, Christina Porath OPPOSING, but corrected her vote to FOR, Gerald Young FOR, and Amber Wood FOR. Councilman Kevin Bell was absent. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2018-0904-002 to adopt the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Amber Wood moved the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.594114, which is effectively a 34.29 percent increase in the tax rate with Gerald Young seconding the motion. A record vote was taken as follows: Keith Chitwood FOR, Christina Porath OPPOSING, Gerald Young FOR, and Amber Wood FOR. Councilman Kevin Bell was absent. Motion carried 3 to 1.

15. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2018-0904-003 to adopt the 2018 Tax Appraisal Roll

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Ordinance adopting the Tax Appraisal Roll as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation to remove Tonya Harrison as signer for the BREDC bank accounts and appointing the following as approved signers: Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Edie Sims and Amber Woods

Keith Chitwood motioned to remove Tonya Harrison as signer per the item request and approve the BREDC approved signers per the item request with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Consider, discuss and act upon a request to install a street light in the middle section of Willow Lane

Mark Goff, residing at 212 Willow Lane, came before Council requesting a street light be installed on Willow Lane. This street is a very long street. Currently street lights are at each end; however, the middle of the street is very dark and promotes uninviting and potentially dangerous conditions. Many children play and are about in this area even after dark which is a safety issue. Christina Porath motioned to approve the installation of a street light with the City adding this expenditure to our street light account with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract for animal control services

Councilman Keith Chitwood, Mayor Rhonda Williams and City Secretary Edie Sims made a Field Trip to All American Dogs to inspect the facilities on September 3, 2018. Keith Chitwood reported the group's findings to include clean conditions, animals were segregated appropriately according to needs and overall well laid out facility. The owner expressed plans to expand more buildings to house more runs. The facility was well staffed and seemed very organized to handle the needs of our City. Phones were answered while the group was there which was a bonus. All questions/concerns were answered favorably.

Christina Porath motioned to go under contract with All American Dogs for animal control services with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-0904-001 designating The Leonard Graphic as the official newspaper for the City of Blue Ridge for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Resolution for the newspaper designation as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of "City of Blue Ridge, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018", including the adoption of Ordinance 2018-0904-004 authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation

Adam Lancarte with Hilltop Securities presented the Ordinance to issue the Certificate of Obligation and reviewed the bid tabulation for the interest sale. Amegy Bank was the lowest bidder with 3.37% plus Amegy added the City could call the loan at anytime within a 30 day notice which the other bidders did not. The bids were very good and as our securities consultant, there were very good offers for our business. Amegy had a very aggressive stance which is very good for the City.

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

21. Consider, discuss and act upon a ballot to elect the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

Council made the following ballot choices for TML IRP Board of Trustees:
Place 11 - Randy Criswell; Place 12 - Jana Traxler; Place 13 - Byron Black and Place 14 - David Rutledge. Christina Porath motioned to approve the ballot choices made with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-0904-002 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., mid-tex division regarding the company's 2018 rate review mechanism filings

John Manganilla, representative for Atmos Energy, stated the rate base was negotiated through ACSC settlement with a rate increase of approximately \$1.00 per household per month. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

24. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:43pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary