

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 2, 2018

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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, Kevin Bell and Keith Chitwood. 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 October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Mayor Williams declared by Proclamation the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
4. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session meetings held on August 28, 2018 and September 3, 2018; Regular Session meeting held September 4, 2018 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 the Consent Agenda with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Second Public Hearing to consider, receive public comments and act 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 7:03pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.
Christina Porath motioned to approve the plat as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. First Public Hearing to consider and receive public comments upon a request for a replat of a Final Plat known as Courtney's Place, located in the Matthias Mowery Survey, Abstract A0557, containing 1.247 acres, into 2 lots with Lot 1 being 0.8469 acres and Lot 2 being 0.40027 acres also known as the current address of 303 N Main, Blue Ridge, Texas, and also located within the incorporated limits of the City of Blue Ridge
The owner of the property requested this item be withdrawn as he will not be proceeding with this replat project.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon approving the Economic Development Corporation Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and making it part of the 2018-2019 City budget

Kevin Bell motioned to approve item 7 and making it a part of the City's 2018-2019 Budget with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-1002-001 denying the rate change application through Texas New Mexico Power and the reasonable rate case expenses be reimbursed by the Company

City Secretary Edie Sims informed the Council of the regulatory attorneys who work for cities have advised cities to deny Texas New Mexico Power's application for rate increases. Per their recommendation, Amber Wood motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-1002-002 hiring an engineer for 2019-2020 CDBG Sewer Grant Project

The City sent out a request for engineers to provide engineering services for the CDBG Sewer Grant project. Two respondents submitted their qualifications, KSA and Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter. An evaluation team reviewed the RFQ's and recommend Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter. Christina Porath motioned to hire Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter for the CDBG Sewer Grant Project with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon a Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Blue Ridge

Cloy Richards, Grant Administrator with GrantWorks, stated the Plan is required for the CDBG Grant. This Plan includes a grievance procedure for citizens affected by the construction of and during the grant along with labor guidelines. The Plan also allows GrantWorks, who is our grant administrator, to oversee all the labor laws and ensure all laws and procedures and followed to protect the City. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Plan as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon a bank account for the 2018 Certificate of Obligation project for all accounting purposes and appoint signatures authorized including Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath and Edie Sims

Kevin Bell motioned to approve item 11 as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Blue Ridge and Collin County Sheriff's Office for police services and a Budget Amendment Ordinance accommodating funding

Mayor Williams informed the Council this item was brought up during budget sessions during which an ILA was not presented and Council agreed not to budget funding to Collin County Sheriff's Office. Since the budget has been set and approved on September 4th, Christina Porath motioned to deny the ILA request with Kevin Bell seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2018-1002-001 providing a process for garage sales

City Secretary Edie Sims stated fees for garage sales have been collected for some time but an ordinance directing fees and procedures for this charge was not created. Therefore, an ordinance is presented to the Council. Amber Wood expressed concern of the Community Garage Sale and how this ordinance will affect that event. Ms. Sims replied that event will be a freebee and not part of this ordinance. The goal of this ordinance is to prevent garage sales from becoming a business which does not allow people to dispose of their unneeded/unwanted merchandise. Christina Porath motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

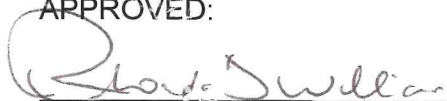
14. Consider, discuss and act upon ongoing improvements/changes to the Strategic/Comprehensive Plan (found on the City's website: [https://www.blueridgecity.com/documents/156/2012 Strategic Plan 1-compressed.pdf](https://www.blueridgecity.com/documents/156/2012%20Strategic%20Plan%201-compressed.pdf))

City Secretary gave a brief history of the 2012 Strategic Plan and the need to revive the document to be a living document and update completed projects along with planning the future of Blue Ridge. The hope and plan for this meeting was to make the Council aware of this important document and have Council study the Action Pages for future discussions. Another component would be to hold a Joint Meeting with all boards and continue planning the growth of our City. Ms. Sims asked the Council to communicate specific topics from the Action Pages to discuss at future meetings and keep the Joint Meeting on a direct path. Kevin Bell motioned to move forward with this planning with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

16. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:29pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary