

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 6, 2018

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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, Kevin Bell, Keith Chitwood, Christina Porath, Amber Wood and Gerald Young.
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 meeting held October 2, 2018 b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; e) Animal Control Report; and f) Collin County Calls for Service

The Animal Control Report was not available for Council action. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-1106-001 adopting a Cafeteria Plan for the employees of the City of Blue Ridge for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Cafeteria Plan presented in the Council Packet is a continuation of coverage for an added disability and life insurance coverage for our employees through the City. Each employee can take further coverage at their expense and have the expense withheld from their paycheck. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Kevin Bell seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-1106-002 designating an engineering service provider to complete application and project related engineering services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2019-2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant funding

Mayor Williams stated this item is to be tabled due to process issues.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2018-1106-003 appointing a representative to the 911 Service District through North Central Texas Council of Governments

The Council was informed if they chose a representative, it is required the representative be an elected official and must attend the first meeting slated December 5, 2018. None of the Councilmembers could attend, therefore no one was appointed. City Secretary Edie Sims stated she will be in attendance of this meeting and ensure Blue Ridge is listed for any funding opportunities in the event of an emergency. Christina Porath motioned to take no action with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract with TXU to extend our energy contract due to market movement through May 31, 2028

Greg Ford with Muirfield Energy presented a contract proposal to the Council reflecting a lowered energy rate of \$0.0364295 per kWh. The current contract with Green Mountain Energy ends April 30, 2019. Council approved a contract with TXU June 8, 2017 to lock in the rate of \$0.04 per kWh from May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2024. The contract presented will pick up on May 1, 2024 and carry through May 31, 2028 at the lower rate. Mr. Ford stated due to fuel rates changing, this is a prime time for long range contracts to be locked in which gives the City a guarantee savings of \$7,245. Christina Porath motioned to approve the contract as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Bell stated the City will not need to address the electricity contracts for 10 years and the rates and significantly low.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon an Interlocal Agreement with Collin County for Ambulance Services

City Secretary Edie Sims informed the Council the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget was set at \$12,000 for this item as Collin County had not submitted the actual cost for ambulance services during the budget process time. The cost presented through the ILA will be a cost savings of the budgeted amount \$2,703.19. Amber Wood motioned to approve the ILA as presented with Kevin Bell seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Strategic/Comprehensive Plan - Action Plan, Goal 1: Infrastructure Development

Council reviewed each item from the 2012 Strategic Plan including bringing forward the grant opportunities to improve infrastructure. The most recent grant application is underway for sewer line infrastructure improvements. The City will apply for a planning grant at the next application opening to assist with planning, mapping and laying out our infrastructure capacity per item 1B of the Strategic Plan.

City Secretary also stated, per item 1C, she has worked closely with North Texas Municipal Water District as well as Collin County, Hunt County and other neighboring communities discussing expansion and upgrade assistance.

Item 1D is also an item being worked on as many developers and commercial businesses have been contacted. However, it is noted Blue Ridge sits in the base of a "Y" shape due to the flood plain. The best areas for growth will be north of town along Highway 78.

Last on the Action Plan Goal 1 is item 1E, develop recently acquired land to building industrial office complex. The Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation has accomplished this goal. It is not clear if the EDC will pursue a second office complex after the first one is paid for.

Council further discussed these items and City Secretary Edie Sims stated she felt the right move is to get our existing infrastructure in order before seeking to go beyond the existing boundaries at this time. Council concurred this area is and has been a bedroom

town and in need of industry, but the land is not available currently along with having our infrastructure in a position to accommodate alot of industry at this time.

The next step will be to continue with the Strategic/Comprehensive Plan and bring forward where we are, then start the process to open the current condition to a large audience with other boards and community leaders to plan our future. Council concurred to proceed.

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

11. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Kevin Bell seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:33pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary