

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2022

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022, 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 7:10pm and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Colby Collinsworth, Mayela Perales and Tammy Crosswhite. Christina Porath and Keith Chitwood was absent.
2. Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance  
Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.
3. Announcements relating to items of public interest  
The Sewer Grant has been closed and finalized documentation is being prepared for an audit. We are scheduled for our annual audit in mid-January. Christina Porath's mother passed, and we offer our condolences to her and the family. Keith Chitwood is out with Covid.
4. Public Comment  
No one signed up or spoke at this time.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held December 7, 2021; Special Session held December 7, 2021, and Special Session held December 14, 2021; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report  
Colby Collinsworth motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a Preliminary Plat known as Acres at Desert Creek, an addition known as Abstract A1071 JJ McMennay Survey, Tract 2, containing 81.851 acres; and a portion of Abstract A1071 JJ McMennay Survey, Tract 3, containing 13.549 acres; for a total acreage of 95.40 acres to be a residential development of 59 site built homes; and said property is located on the East side of Texas State Highway 160 and the nearest intersection at County Road 584; and also which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:13pm 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 7:13pm.  
With no conversation with the Council, Colby Collinsworth motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Receive Voluntary Annexation, Text Amendment and Rezone Schedule for Blue Ridge Crossing  
The purpose of the schedule is to help all parties understand the timeline to annex the property and meet all legal requirements. Per conversations had with the developer, the

anticipated completion for annexation is slated for March 1, 2022. No action was required by Council.

8. Receive a presentation from Nick Bulaich with Hilltop Securities regarding an overview for a Public Improvement District ("PID")

Nick Bulaich with Hilltop Securities gave a presentation to the Council and audience regarding Public Improvement Districts and how "PID's" are utilized to help a City grow and the developer to provide infrastructure and needs for their development. A PID can only utilize assessments within the subdivision and said amenities/infrastructure are for the subdivision only, not intended for all City users. No action was taken by Council as this presentation was information only.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract modification for Ambulance Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 through Collin County

The contract modification is still under our budgeted amount and will continue services through Collin County. Colby Collinsworth motioned to approve the contract modification as presented with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. State of the City – a reflection of 2021

City Secretary Edie Sims relayed the highlights from 2021 and the accomplishments to include 12 plats; 8 new homes; 57 building permits; purchase of wood chipper; 9 ordinances; 17 resolutions; 4 contracts; several water line improvement projects; one sewer line service project; 4 grant projects including a sewer grant, automated meter reading system, downtown revitalization grant, closing of planning grant; began process for SCADA system thru ARPA funds and planning for bar screen improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.

11. Receive a presentation named "What were you thinking?", a photographic view of Public Works issues found and resolved

Through the years, several people have worked in Public Works and utilized the resources at their disposal to maintain the water/sewer system within the City. Many of the resources at the time are now questionable methods. The photographic view showed many of these issues that presented themselves either as water leaks or sewer problems which required being resolved.

12. Receive information regarding Code Enforcement policies and consider steps to encourage cleanup by residents to improve our City

Mayor Williams requested a discussion regarding Code Enforcement at our previous meeting. Joni Lawrence handles Code Enforcement and presented documentation showing how many code violations have occurred and the trouble areas inside the City. Many of the trouble areas are repeat offenders. Kirk Sissney, with America's Code Enforcement, also supported the issues presented. The Code Enforcement Officer supplies a Notice to the homeowner/resident describing an issue(s) and is given 10 days to resolve any infractions. The goal for any resident receiving a Notice is to resolve the issue within the 10 day period. It is the desire of the City not to issue citations and keep our City clean. It is up to our residents to help with this by cooperating with our Code Enforcement Officer and facilitating the needed improvements.

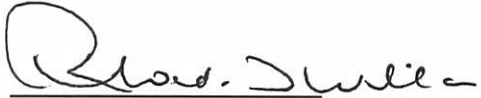
13. Discussion of placing items on future agendas No one asked for any items to be placed on a future agenda.

14. Adjournment

Colby Collinsworth motioned to adjourn with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:34pm.



APPROVED:

  
Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Edie Sims, City Secretary



