

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2021

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 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, Amber Wood, Keith Chitwood, Colby Collinsworth and Allen Cunnyngnam. Christina Porath was absent.
2. 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: No announcements made.
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 1, 2020; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report

Amber Wood motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented amending the notation of the December 1 meeting with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Hearing to present maps and text produced for the City's TxCDBG Planning Study, Contract 7219014 and to receive public comment

Danielle Rojas, Grantworks Inc Project Manager, presented to the Council the overall view of the Planning Study grant and the products produced from the study to include a population analysis, housing study, land use study, water supply and distribution study, wastewater collection and treatment study, storm drainage system study, street system study, economic development study, recreation and open space study, capital improvements program, funding sources and a subdivision ordinance. These studies provide a very intensive comprehensive planning tool for the City to have as a living document and utilize to plan for growth and other needs of the City.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:23pm and asked those FOR the planning study to come forward. With no one coming forth, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the planning study to come forward. With no one coming forth, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:23pm.

Council did not have questions or concerns.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon adopting Resolution 2021-0105-001 required by Texas Department of Agriculture affirming review of the plan and its suitability to guide future policy decisions

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

8. Consider, discuss and act upon a variance request for ADA compliant restrooms for Jessica Branscome's Salon due to size and accessibility

Aaron Branscome, present at the meeting, had submitted a request for a variance regarding ADA compliant restrooms for the newly installed building on the west side of Branscome's Grocery for a salon. The building is 15'X30' so a compliant ADA restroom facility

would take 1/3 of the entire building. If the variance is approved, the building will have a restroom, it will not be ADA compliant. However, ADA compliant restrooms are accessible via inside Branscome's Grocery Store. Once at the Grocery Store, the restrooms are 90' inside.

With an added business and more growth for employment, Council discussed the issues of the property potentially being sold and what consequences would be incurred by such a sale. Due to the Salon being on a separate parcel, even if sold, the Grocery Store and lot adjoining would have to be sold together as the Grocery Store goes over the second lot as well. Thereby making this a non-issue.

Amber Wood motioned to approve the variance request as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon State of the City – a reflection of 2020 and goals planned for 2021

Council was provided a list of Goals planned for 2021 to include goals set out by each employee. All employees requested continuing education to improve their jobs for the citizens. There are several specific projects planned for 2021 to include improving a water line on South Main and installing sewer line with taps for several lots. There are other projects to improve or upgrade water lines to include East Heap, Worley, Lyle and White Streets.

A promise of a minimum one street per year was made. To date, 9 streets have been improved over the past 3 years. The next street planned is Hilltop to tie into the completed High Ridge. Other goals were expressed to improve the planning and implementation of City business.


10. Discussion of placing items on future agendas No one requested any items for future agendas.

11. Adjournment Amber Wood motioned to adjourn with Allen Cunnyingham seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:30pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Williams, Mayor

  
Edie Sims, City Secretary