

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, AT THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 200 W. TILTON, BLUE RIDGE, TEXAS, 75424, 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: Mayor Williams recognized Health for Humanity Yogathon with a Proclamation; City Secretary Edie Sims announced the Downtown Revitalization Grant has been approved and the process now begins with our engineer to bid out the project to contractors; the grant for playground equipment at Bratcher Park fell through, but another company has picked up the bid and we are waiting on the Community Development Corporation to facilitate the project; we are waiting on the specifics from the Federal Government for our Automated Meter Reading System grant to begin the project; bid opening for a contract for the Sewer Grant will be February 9th.
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 January 5, 2021; 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 with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon information to refinance current loans with USDA.

Nick Bulaich with Hilltop Securities in Dallas, Texas, met with City Council via phone to discuss options of refinancing the City's USDA loans. Hilltop Securities worked with the City of Blue Ridge on the Ridgeway Street and Water Rehabilitation project recently. This firm has been in business for 75 years and has worked with Edie Sims on many projects in the past.

Amegy Bank, who currently holds the loan from our Ridgeway project, is very interested in refinancing our USDA loans going out for 20 years with preliminary rates of 2.11% interest. This will shorten the length of debt approximately 7 years with a savings of \$415,000. This would reduce the interest rate 2%. If approved, Hilltop Securities could optimistically have all documentation ready for Council approval in April.

Colby Collinsworth motioned to move forward with the refinancing through Hilltop Securities with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Cobb Fendley & Associates, representatives for TxDOT for Right-of-Way acquisitions, to allow a portion of the land owned by the City of Blue Ridge known as Abstract A0557, M Mowery Survey, Sheet 2, Tract 198, containing 9.048 acres, also

identified by Property ID 2760293, for land acquisition of 0.4362 acres from this tract of land for TxDOT use.

Josh Canuteson, representative for Cobb Fendley, was present to discuss the land acquisition needs for the TxDOT improvement to FM 545. The project is planned to adding shoulders and adjusting drainage. TxDOT is offering \$8,506.00 By also approving a Possession and Use Agreement, TxDOT is offering an additional \$3,000.00 to the City of Blue Ridge. The use planned by TxDOT should not be a factor per the Right of Reversion contained in the deed between JoAnn Frankum and the City of Blue Ridge when she donated the land to the City.' Lane

TxDOT plans for a 12' lane each with a 10' shoulder and a 6 to 1 ratio slope. A schematic of the project will be shared with the City.

Amber Wood motioned to approve the offer from TxDOT and including a Possession and Use Agreement with the offer as presented. Colby Collinsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2021-0202-001, including a Notice of General Election and an Order of General Election which calls a General Election for May 1 ,2021 to elect three (3) full term Council seats.

Three Council seats will be available for the May 1, 2021 General Election to include: Amber Wood, Colby Collinsworth and Allen Cunnyngnam. Amber Wood motioned to approve the Resolution with supportive documentation with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon a Joint General Election Services Contract with Collin County Elections Administrator for the May 1, 2021 General Election.

Supporting the May 1, 2021 General Election is presented as the Joint General Election Contract with Collin County Elections Administrator. Amber Wood motioned to approve the contract as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract amendment with Collin County regarding Fire Inspection and Fire Plan Review for Commercial Buildings.

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

11. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract amendment with Collin County regarding Ambulance Services agreement.

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

12. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2021-0202-002 continuing participation with Atmos Cities Steering Committee with payment authorization.

Allen Cunnyngnam motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider, discuss and act upon standardizing elements for a RV Park.

An RV park is being developed just outside our ETJ, and City Secretary Edie Sims reached out to the developer for detailed information. The design is very well done and is an exemplary example to use as a standard for inside the City Limits should an RV park wish to come in.

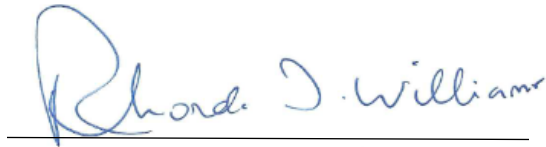
The City receives numerous calls and walk-ins with developers wanting to develop an RV park. Currently our Subdivision Ordinance does not have any standards regarding this type of development. It is in the best interest of the City to standardize what is better for our City. The RV park layout is recommended by staff for such standardization.

After Council reviewed the plans, all concurred the standardization is the best for our City and Council asked to have this information included in our Subdivision Ordinance. No further action was taken.

14. Discussion of placing items on future agendas. No one had any items for future agendas.

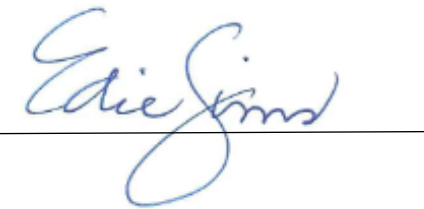
15. Adjournment. Amber Wood motioned to adjourn with Allen Cunningham seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:15pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary