

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 6, 2018

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:05 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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 7:05 p.m.
2. Roll was called with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Kevin Bell, Allen Cunnyngnam, Christina Porath, Gerald Young and Amber Wood.
3. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held on January 9, 2018; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; e) Animal Control Report; and f) Collin County Calls for Service

Council was informed of the cost of the upcoming General Election in the event the Blue Ridge ISD cancelled their election would be \$6,000-\$6,500 for full contract with Collin County Elections Administration. The budgeted amount was \$5,000. If the BRISD does cancel their election, we will need to have a budget amendment

Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Amber wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a Final Plat of Phillip's Place, Lot 2B, Replat of Lot 2, Deed Addition, in the Mathias Mowery Survey, also known as 325 East Lamm

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm and asked those FOR the Final Plat to come forward. Phillip Pulliam stated he is FOR the Final Plat as presented. Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the Final Plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.

Christina Porath motioned to approve the Final Plat as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried with 4 votes, Kevin Bell abstained due to conflict of interest.

5. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a Final Plat of Oldham's Place, located in the James Rutherford Survey, Abstract A0761, Tract 18, containing 15 acres to be subdivided into have a 1 block containing a 3 acre lot, also known as 12919 FM 981, Blue Ridge, Texas, and also located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:09pm and asked for those FOR the Final Plat to come forward. Deborah and Robert Oldham stated they are FOR the Final Plat as presented. Mayor Williams referred to the plat as Tri Acres per Deborah Oldham's prior request for the Plat name change. Mayor Williams asked for those OPPOSING the Final Plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:09pm.

Amber Wood motioned to approve the plat as presented with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Joann Frankum regarding Pruett and Scott Streets including recent road surfacing and need for widening and installing culverts

Joann Frankum was not present due to inclement weather. Christina Porath motioned to table this discussion with Kevin Bell seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from Mike McCreary to place a street light in front of 600 N Highway 78 on the south side of the property

Council discussed the location and the desire to have street lights in the area. Due to the amount of traffic on Highway 78 and the need for safety coming off/onto Ridgeway Drive, Council further discussed placing an additional street light at the intersection of Ridgeway and Highway 78. There will not be a cost to have the lights installed by Texas New Mexico Power. The only cost will be the energy cost which is anticipated around \$7.00 - \$8.00 per light per month.

Christina Porath motioned to approve the two street lights as discussed with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council requested this item be brought to next month's meeting with a list of other areas that can be considered for street lights.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance #2018-0206-001 regulating food establishments

Amber Wood motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution # R-2018-0206-001 to call a General Election for May 5, 2018 and authorize the City Secretary to arrange for a Joint Election and authorizing the Mayor to sign the order of General Election

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

10. Consider, discuss and act upon a contract for full election services through Collin County Elections Administration Office for the May 5, 2018 General Election

Amber Wood motioned to approve the contract as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon entering into a contract with Texas Municipal League for member services and approve cost of League services for the period of 04/01/2018 thru 03/31/2019

Amber Wood motioned to approve the contract and services expense with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon issues with North Texas Animal Control Authority and animal control matters

Danny Davis with Collin County Animal Services gave a presentation regarding their services. Although not in Blue Ridge every day, Mr. Davis stated he could have an Animal Control Officer in the City once per week to patrol. The Animal Control Department has hired additional staff with 11 certified officers. Each officer is required to be certified within 3 months. Collin County has the ability to call for backup from other departments such as the Sheriff's Department in the event of an emergency. Livestock calls make the majority of calls in this area, and those calls trump most other calls. Mr. Davis also stated Collin County



has not had to euthanize within the past 3 years. However, they are not a no-kill shelter. As long as animals are not a danger or have problems, they are put up for adoption.

Allen Cunyningham questioned if an emergency situation occurs if there is a number to call, either by City Hall or citizens. Mr. Davis stated 911 but anyone can contact Collin County Sheriff's Office dispatch who will then dispatch an Animal Control Officer. Mr. Davis stated he will offer his personal cell phone and email for added communication. Mayor Williams stated this was the main reason why the contract was not renewed with Collin County as prior calls were not responded to.

Mr. Davis stated the Animal Control does not have its' own dispatch and no one actually answers the main line. All calls are returned and they try to respond to calls as reasonably as possible. Again Mr. Davis stated his email may be the best method as the email goes directly to the supervisor.

Judith Homer questioned the accessibility of the shelter and processing time for an animal with Mr. Davis replying the Shelter is closed Sunday and Monday; however Tuesday thru Friday the regular business hours are DAVISX and Saturdays from Noon-5pm. Even when closed, staff can be made available to help process or have an owner pick up an animal. It is more important to get the animal returned to its home.

Chris Klein with Country Dog Services questioned the cost by Collin County. The fee is \$30 per the first day plus \$10 each additional day after. For quarantine the cost is \$200 for 10 days. Collin County is trying not to be a quarantine facility and refers the need to use a veterinarian.

Council discussed the cost if they chose to cancel the contract with North Texas Animal Control Authority (NTACA) which is between \$2100 - \$2200. Mayor Williams questioned if Collin County's facility only could be used and still continue with NTACA as Animal Control Officer only. Mr. Davis stated Collin County would not work under this type of arrangement. Mayor Williams stated NTACA may not be willing to reduce the amount of his contract either.

Chris Klein also asked what is the capacity of Collin County's shelter. Mr. Davis stated they stay pretty full most of the time. The springtime will be the heaviest as there is an unusual amount of surrenders versus strays.

Judith Homer questioned how animals are handled once they enter the shelter. The animals are recorded, photographed, photos are placed on social media and Collin County's website.

Christina Porath motioned to Cancel the contract with NTACA with a 90 day termination, per the contract requirements - which would be anticipated ending sometime in May 2018; then contracting with Collin County Animal Services until September 30, 2018. Prior to September 30, 2018, go out for bids to find other animal control services and present during budget sessions. Gerald Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

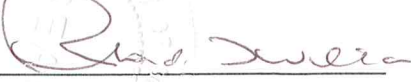
13. Consider, discuss and act upon a proposal from Charles Kerry Payne in relation to code enforcement services

In light of the Council decision from Item 12, this item was motioned by Christina Porath to deny the request with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

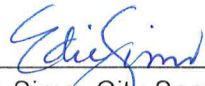
14. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

15. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:43pm.

APPROVED:

  
Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Edie Sims, City Secretary