

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 6, 2018

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 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.
2. Roll was called with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Allen Cunnyngnam, Christina Porath and Amber Wood. Kevin Bell and Gerald Young were absent.
3. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session and Special Session meetings held on February 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 Collin County did not provide Calls for Service, item 3(f).

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

4. Receive update from Student Council from their Washington, DC trip
The students were not present to offer an update. No action was taken by Council.
5. 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 expressed her need for understanding when the City will widen the end of Pruett and Scott Streets as agreed upon several years ago. The current chip seal is not the final product agreed upon as the City was to widen the southern end of Pruett and all of Scott Streets. Ms. Frankum is appreciative of the chip and seal surface, but this does not complete the agreement. Joe Goodman presented a bid that was used to guide the cost of widening and surfacing both Pruett and Scott Streets, dated September 18, 2016. Ms. Frankum requested the old minutes be reviewed and confirm the agreement which was done during the prior City Secretary and the roads were not completed as agreed upon.

The length is not the issue but the widening of the streets. The culverts will be paid for by Frankum Ltd and it was originally agreed by the previous City Secretary to have the City install the culverts. Ms. Frankum stated she wants a decent product and the streets complete the area.

Ms. Frankum also expressed concern of a huge dirt pile at the end of Willow and how children or someone could be hurt and stated she has asked several times to have this dirt pile removed.

Christina Porath motioned to table this item to allow time to look into minutes or contracts and bring to the next Council meeting. Amber Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider, discuss and act upon issues with land donations from Joann Frankum
Ms. Frankum stated she donated land to the City during 2017 and wanted to make sure all taxes had been paid and that she would receive any documentation so we could present to

her CPA for tax purposes. Christina Porath motioned to approve any remaining taxes be paid on the donated property and to ensure Ms. Frankum receives documentation as requested with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon purchasing and placing speed bumps on Pruett Street

A neighborhood citizen has reported people driving at a high rate of speed on Pruett since Pruett Street's surface had been improved. People had been noticed driving 40-50 mph on this street which also has a lot of children in the area.

Mayor Williams offered to have a set of speed bumps removed from Church Street and placed on Pruett to save spending funds for more speed bumps. Speed bumps have also become a problem since people drive around them and in some places the City has had to install t-posts to deter people from driving on private property to go around speed bumps.

Council discussed areas where speed bumps could be re-utilized including North Main. Christina Porath motioned not to purchase more speed bumps and to take a full set from North Main and install on Pruett Street. Amber Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon an ordinance approving a tariff authorizing a Rate Review Mechanism regarding Atmos Energy Corp

With no discussion from Council, Amber Wood motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon a budget amendment ordinance to appropriate funding for the May 5, 2018 General Election

With the School District not holding an election, Mayor Williams informed the Council the full amount of the upcoming election falls on the City. We had originally budgeted \$5,000; however with the full cost of the election, we are requesting an additional \$2,000 to cover costs. Amber Wood motioned to approve the budget amendment ordinance as presented with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon the need for a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative thru Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

City Secretary Edie Sims informed the Council of the need for a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSO) due to inflows and infiltration of our sewer system. The SSO is a contract to work with TCEQ so enforcement is held off or greatly considered all the while the City making great efforts to rectify issues with the wastewater system. The SSO Initiative is in the best interest of the City for us to move forward. Amber Wood motioned to approve moving forward with an SSO Initiative with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon the placement of street lights throughout the City

City Secretary Edie Sims informed the Council of her recent audit of the street lights within the City. A map was given to the Council denoting streets lights that are not working/needing repairs and areas where street lights would be beneficial. A standard was followed where a street light should be at each street intersection. It was found 15 street lights are not working and 11 areas of potentially new street lights.

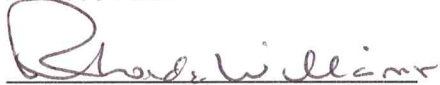
Rather than make the final decision of installing, Mrs. Sims encouraged the Council to have this knowledge and during budget sessions reconsider new street lights. Thereby the costs would be clearer and hopefully by this timeline, the non-working street lights will have been repaired.

Amber Wood motioned to repair the non-working lights and wait until the budget hearings to discuss installing new street lights. Christina Porath seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.


13. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Allen Cunnyingham seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:34pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary