

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 5, 2022

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 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 7:07pm and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Colby Collinsworth, Mayela Perales and Keith Chitwood. Tammy Crosswhite 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  
A tornado hit our City in the night of April 4, 2022. Appreciation went out to Driver Pipeline and Explorer Pipeline for utilizing their crews, funding and hiring tree trimmers/chippers to help our citizens with cleaning debris and trees.  
  
The City has a proposal from Richard Drake Construction Company to asphalt Davis, Dunn and Richardson Streets in the amount of \$34,350. This will complete the sewer grant project where the sewer line was inlaid under said streets, but grant funding was not sufficient to complete the street surfacing.
4. Public Comment  
Katherine Clem, residing at 1 Bowling Lane, continued from the announcements thanking everyone for their helping hands and participation through the recent storm.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session held February 15, 2022 and Regular Session held March 1, 2022; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report  
Mayor Williams stated the Fire Department was not included with the packet information. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda 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 Hidden Valley Phase 1, an addition located on Farm-to-Market 1377 with the nearest road being Wilson Guest Drive, the property being located on the east side of FM 1377, also known as Abstract A0936 D Van Winkle Survey, Sheet 1, Tract 135 containing 45.004 acres; replatting into 34 lots and also located within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:14pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. Todd Downing, representative for Cope Equities, stated he is FOR the plat. Katherine Clem, residing at 1 Bowling Lane, stated she does not oppose but asked where the City is planning for affordable housing. Ms. Clem was asked to come to City Hall to further discuss her question. Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. No with no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:18pm.  
Christina Porath motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a Preliminary Plat known as Hidden Valley Phase 2, an addition located on Farm-to-Market 1377 with the nearest crossroad being County Road 499, the property being located on the east side of FM 1377, also known as Abstract A0658 J C Neill Survey, Sheet 3, Tract 113 containing 26.7750 acres; replatting into 21 lots and also located within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:18pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. Todd Downing, representative for Cope Equities, stated he is FOR the plat. Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. No with no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:18pm.

Christina Porath motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon ratifying franchise agreement with Texas Data and VoIP

At the March 22, 2022 Council meeting, Council motioned to approve the agreement upon approval from the City Attorney and TDAV's attorney final clarification with Mayor approval. For the benefit of the City, and with no other providers presenting interest in this specific endeavor, the contract was signed by the Mayor, therefore requiring ratification of said agreement. Christina Porath motioned to ratify the Franchise Agreement with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon a Water Provider Agreement through the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program grant with Texoma Council of Governments

Judy Fullylove, Energy Services Director for Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG), came before the Council stating the program came about through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which allows TCOG a helpful program to assist low-income households with their utilities, excluding trash removal. This program will only assist those who are disconnected from water services or are to receive a disconnection notice. The assistance will be offered once every 3 months per household and there are criteria to be met.

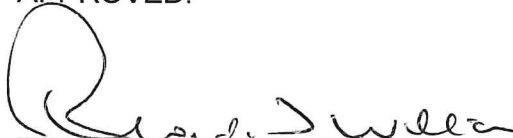
Christina Porath motioned to approve engaging with TCOG's program with Colby Collinworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

11. Adjournment

Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:25pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary

