

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2022

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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 7:02pm and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood, Colby Collinsworth, Mayela Perales and Tammy Crosswhite.
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: In appreciation of their efforts and response during the tornado that struck our City on April 4, 2022, Appreciation Awards were presented to Driver Pipeline, Explore Pipeline, Tree MD's Tree Service, City Public Works and Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Department
4. Public Comment  
No one signed up or spoke at this time.
5. Swear in elected Council members and reorganize Council by nominating and electing a Mayor Pro-Tem for May 2022 – May 2023  
The swearing in ceremony commenced for the 2022-2023 elected City Officials being Mayor Rhonda Williams, Council Christina Porath and Council Keith Chitwood. After the swearing in, Mayor Williams opened the nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Colby Collinsworth nominated and motioned for Christina Porath to serve in this capacity with Tammy Crosswhite seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session held March 22, 2022; Special Session held April 5, 2022, and Regular Session held April 5, 2022; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report  
Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the Downtown Square for the Blue Ridge Riding Club Rodeo Parade held July 8, 2022 starting at 5:30pm  
Blue Ridge Riding Club President Erin McCollum, Lori Boling and Reigning 2021 Rodeo Queen Sarah Boling attended the meeting.  
Christina Porath motioned to approve the square closure as requested with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a Final Plat known as Hidden Hills, an addition located on County Road 584 and extending to Private Road 5002, also known as Abstract A0492 William T Jackson Survey, Tract 26, containing 14.547 acres; replatting into 10 lots and also located within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:20pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:20pm.

Tracy Homfeld with Collin County Engineering requested the plat not be approved as there are still issues not addressed with Collin County. Christina Porath motioned to table this item until all issues are resolved with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Hello Snow using the south side of the City Hall property for a snow cone business by utilizing their food trailer which is all encompassing

Our City Attorney Susan Thomas created a Lease Agreement to meet the City's requirements regarding use of city property. Christina Porath motioned to charge \$250 per month and use the funds for the park, creating a bank account specifically for park use and allow the business to stay year around. Colby Collinsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon a Concept Plan for The Prairie at Blue Ridge, a 1000 home subdivision along FM 1377 containing approximately 264 acres from 4 parcels

Charles Covey came before Council with a Concept Plan called The Prairie at Blue Ridge, a 1000 home subdivision along FM 1377, ¾ mile south of FM 545 on the west side of FM 1377. Mr. Covey stated he wished to annex this development into the City Limits and utilizing a Public Improvement District (PID) to fund the development.

The sewer is the biggest challenge and has two options, either connect to the City's existing wastewater treatment plant and run lines along FM 1377 or install a membrane style facility on site. This portion of the development is being further examined.

Commercial property is scheduled for long term. The streets will be the required 31' width with 50' total including right-of-way. Mr. Covey stated he is working with BRISD Superintendent Matt Kimball regarding the school needs. Mr. Kimball has sent the proposed plans to their consultant and will continue examining this aspect.

Phase 1 timeline for build out will be contingent upon the sewer but expects 24 months or longer. The water will be discussed regarding Verona Water selling this portion of their CCN which will bring this area under the City of Blue Ridge. Nolan Harvey, City Engineer, stated the City may become a customer of North Texas Municipal Water District and have a take point at this development.

A traffic study will be performed and turn lanes will definitely be required. This will be coordinated with TxDOT at the right time of this process. Land for a fire station has been earmarked. Mail receptacles will be designed throughout the subdivision according to the US Postal Service requirements. No action was taken by Council at this time.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon a Professional Services Agreement with GLA Ventures regarding Blue Ridge North (PID 2)

With no discussion, Christina Porath motioned to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Blue Ridge North (PID 2) and to create a bank account specifically for this use. Keith Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon an Interlocal Agreement between Collin County and the City of Blue Ridge for platting and subdivision regulations in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge

Tracy Homfeld, Collin County Engineering, asked this item be tabled as more specifics needed to be ironed out before adoption. Christina Porath motioned to table this item with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2022-0510-001 denying Texas New Mexico Power's application to approve amending the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor to increase distribution rates

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

14. Receive information regarding wastewater treatment technology (membrane bioreactors) and how, if utilized, can change our areas population growth

Nolan Harvey, City Engineer, reported a recent trip to Austin was made by himself, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Public Works Director Brad Meserole and City Secretary Edie Sims for an on-site visit of a working membrane bioreactor sewer system. The system was a temporary plant used for a specific subdivision but was very interesting. The company installing this style of sewer plant has 17 active permits in the works through TCEQ and one permit in active operation. The plant has many positive aspects, such as a smaller footprint, but there is uncertainty of long-term functionality. There are still many questions to explore, but still an potential option for the City to consider. We would like to see more plants in full operation and speak with the operators before taking steps toward this style of sewer plant.

15. Consider, discuss and act upon a vacancy on the board of directors for Collin Central Appraisal District and making nomination for said position

No volunteers or nominations were made from our City Council.

16. Consider, discuss and act upon a City-Wide Garage Sale June 3-5, 2022

Christina Porath motioned to approve this event with no permits required for this timeframe. Mayela Perales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discussion of placing items on future agendas

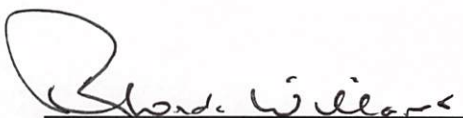
Council did not request any items to be placed on future agendas. Christina Porath did state she would like to see a cost-of-living increase for the employees during the budget sessions. She also asked if we could offer a summer program for interested laborers.

18. Adjournment

Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Tammy Crosswhite seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:00pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Williams, Mayor

  
Edie Sims, City Secretary



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