

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 2019

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019 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 7:02 p.m. and called roll with the following members present, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood, Amber Wood and Gerald Young. Kevin Bell was absent.
2. City Secretary Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.
3. Mayor Williams read a proclamation for Men's Health Month during the month of June 2019 and Men's Health Week, June 10 - June 16, 2019
4. Swear in elected Council members and reorganize Council by nominating and electing a Mayor Pro-Tem for May 2019 - May 2020

City Secretary Edie Sims performed the swearing in ceremony for Amber Wood and Gerald Young. After which, Amber Wood nominated Christina Porath as Mayor Pro Tem with Gerald Young seconding the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held on May 7, 2019 and Special Session held on May 13, 2019; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; e) Animal Control Report; and f) Collin County Calls for Service

Mayor Williams noted the City did not receive the Collin County Calls for Service. Christina Porath motioned to approve items on the Consent Agenda with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Second Public Hearing to receive public comments, discuss and act upon a request to replat a Final Plat known as Casa De Gomez, an addition located at 6147 State Highway 78 N, Farmersville, TX, also known as Abstract 430, S.Z. Hoyle Survey, containing 2.0 acres, which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:10pm and asked those FOR the replat to come forward. Rick and Elizabeth Gomez stated they are for the replat. Mayor Williams then asked those OPPOSING the replat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:10pm.

Council briefly discussed the plat asking how the land was to be used. Ms. Gomez stated the land is family owned and will not required further subdividing. The land will only be used for the Gomez family. Amber Wood motioned to approve the plat as presented with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon Change Order #3 for the Ridgeway Drive Roadway and Water Line Rehabilitation Project to utilize Type D surface course asphalt and Type B surface asphalt

Craig Kerkhoff, engineer for the project, came before the Council explaining an issue found regarding the use of cement stabilization to be pulverized and mixed with base material per the construction contract. The geotechnical inspection recommended the level of concrete stabilization to be 35 pounds per square yard which exceeds the engineer's projection excessively. An alternate plan is being presented as a Change Order to substitute the cement treated base with a thicker and course grade asphalt pavement. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Change Order as presented with Amber Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Receive update for the Ridgeway Drive Roadway and Water Line Rehabilitation Project

During the previous item, Craig Kerkhoff described the latest update for the Ridgeway Project. No action taken by Council.

9. Receive update regarding TxDOT's project on FM 545 and cost to the City of Blue Ridge

TxDOT has submitted information regarding the responsibility within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. Within this information it states: The current TxDOT rule for local participation is ROW within the city limits is the responsibility of the city. ROW outside city limits is the responsibility of the county.

Therefore, since the FM 545 project is not within the City and is all located within the City's ETJ, the City will not be responsible for any funding for this project. No action taken by Council.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon condition of speed bumps throughout the City currently in place

Lonnie Blackwell, residing at 206 N Morrow, requested Council to place speed bumps on North Morrow Street. The traffic is flowing off of North Main and North Church onto North Morrow to avoid the existing speed bumps. This has become more of a problem since no speed bumps are on North Morrow allowing drivers to speed. Lamm Street is also an issue.

Council was presented with pictures of speed bumps and the condition they are creating on the asphalt streets. The speed bumps have become more of an issue than helping the speeding situation. People driving at higher speeds than posted speed zones permit are acting like the speed bumps don't exist. Collin County Sheriff's Office Traffic Patrol has been called on other occasions and can be called for traffic control.

Christina Porath motioned to pull ALL speed bumps, including those on the concrete streets in Paradise Estates and not place any more speed bumps on City streets. Amber Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Update regarding traffic flow on North Church Street

City Secretary Edie Sims stated she spoke with Blue Ridge ISD Superintendent Matt Kendall regarding the traffic flow on North Church Street. Since a bond was recently passed to build a new school, Mr. Kendall requested the current traffic flow remain until such time the traffic flow should be changed to accommodate traffic after the new school construction has been completed. Ms. Sims also stated there are currently no sidewalks within the City or near the school for the children to walk without being in the streets. Therefore, pedestrians will be utilizing the streets and needs to be highly considered. Christina Porath motioned to keep the current traffic flow until final construction decisions regulate otherwise with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon a Community-Wide roadside trash pickup day inside the City Limits

Per a conversation with Blue Ridge ISD Superintendent Matt Kendall, it would be most advantageous for the adults of the community to set the example for our youth regarding community pride. If a Community-Wide roadside trash pickup day could be orchestrated, this would be most beneficial and allow the youth to take on a portion/sections of streets on their own. This is a follow up to a previous Council discussion to help keep our City clean. No action taken by Council.

13. Citizen Participation. No one spoke during Citizen Participation.

14. Discussion of placing items on future agendas.

No one requested any item(s) to be placed on a future agenda.

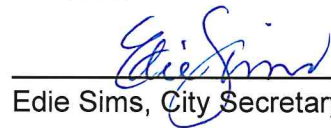
15. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Gerald Young seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:35pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary