

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2022

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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 7:10pm and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood and Tammy Crosswhite. Mayela Perales and Colby Collinsworth were 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: City Secretary Edie Sims proudly announced the reduction of water loss from 50% to 6% due to the automated meter reading system, Public Works employees for repairing leaks promptly and the efforts of our Utility Billing Clerk Crystal Childers. Job well done!
4. Public Comment
No one signed up or spoke at this time.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session held April 26, 2022, and two Special Sessions held May 10, 2022; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report
Utility Billing Clerk Crystal Childers informed Council of changes to the Work Order reports. A report from Zenner (automated meter reading system) will provide information regarding water meter work orders. A second report will come from Asyst (billing program) which provides work order information for all other work orders completed. Hand created reports will no longer be submitted to Council.
Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Tammy Crosswhite seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a Final Plat known as Stone Estates, an addition located on County Road 499 and FM 1377, and also known as Abstract A0658 J C Neill Survey, Sheet 3, Tract 130, containing 18.060 acres to be replatted into 3 lots; and also which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:16pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. Taylor Stone stepped up and stated he if FOR the plat. Mayor Williams then asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:16pm.
Christina Porath asked if the plat meets the City's requirements, with City Secretary Edie Sims answering yes. Christina Porath motioned to approve the plat as presented with Keith Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a Preliminary Plat known as Blue Ridge Crossing, an addition located adjoining to the south of the Blue Ridge Area Sports Association property and adjoining the south east end of Pruett Street, also known as Abstract A0557 M Mowery Survey, containing 42.539 acres; replatting into 214 lots;

and also partially located within the incorporated limits of the City of Blue Ridge and the remainder of the property is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:18pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. Kyle Flaming, engineer for the project, stepped up and stated he is FOR the plat. Jorge Jimenez, residing at 300 Scott Road, stated he had questions regarding drainage and how the drainage from the development will affect his property. Mitchell Fielding, developer, stated the flood study is 90% complete and understands the concerns. Mr. Fielding stated he will work with Mr. Jimenez. Mayor Williams then asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:21pm.

Christina Porath asked if the plat meets the City's requirements, with City Secretary Edie Sims answering yes. Christina Porath motioned to approve the plat as presented with Tammy Crosswhite seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider discuss and act upon changes to the Downtown Revitalization Project with presentation by Carla Easton, engineer for the project

Carla Easton, engineer with EST, Inc and lead engineer for the Downtown Revitalization project, came before Council with information regarding the bids and changes to the project. Due to the higher cost of products, Texas Department of Agriculture will not fund any offset costs from the grant. Therefore, the project had add-ons in the bid that could be used selectively. The best option to complete the project as originally planned would take out the water line in the middle of the square and allow City crews to install this water line. This would leave additional funds from the City to total \$24,095. Two bids were received, one from Infra Construction, LLC (which was the lowest bidder) and Tegrity Contractors.

By making the changes and removing the water line portion of the project, the lighting and all other portions of the project will remain in tact. The only portion the grant will not cover will be the landscaping. Grant funds equal \$450,000 plus the additional \$24,095 from the City plus the agreed \$75,000 for engineering from the 4B Community Development Corporation Board for a total project amount of \$549,095.

No action was taken by Council.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon recommendation of award on the construction contract for the City of Blue Ridge's Downtown Revitalization Project, TxCDBG No. 7220122

Christina Porath motioned to award a contract for the City of Blue Ridge's TxCDBG Downtown Revitalization Contract # 7220122 to Infra Construction, LLC in the amount of \$474,095 with the Base Bid with Deductive Alternate 21. Keith Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Collin County for road improvements in accordance with Court Order 2021-109-02-01

Christina Porath motioned to approve the Agreement as presented with Tammy Crosswhite seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon selling a Square brand terminal and paper City Hall has used for a year. The terminal is no longer needed to process credit card payments and the Blue Ridge Band Boosters has offered to purchase

The Square terminal is no longer needed to process credit card payments. The Blue Ridge Band Boosters has offered to purchase this piece of equipment. Staff recommends selling for \$200 since the unit is used. Keith Chitwood offered to donate this equipment as it will serve a public purpose. With no further discussion, Christina Porath motioned to donate the Square terminal and paper for said terminal to the Blue Ridge Band Boosters. Keith Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon a Resolution of the City of Blue Ridge, Texas, accepting a petition seeking the creation of the Blue Ridge North Public Improvement District within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City and calling for a public hearing for the City Council's July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting

This item was moved after the Executive Session. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Tammy Crosswhite seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq, the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following: a) Section 551.072: Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property re: right-of-way acquisition of Pruett Street; and b) Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter re: development agreements, zoning regulations, annexation and land use. Re: Blue Ridge North Development

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:35pm

14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session

Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:16pm with no action from the Executive Session.

15. Discussion of placing items on future agendas

Council did not request any items to be placed on future agendas.

16. Adjournment


Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:18pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor



Edie Sims, City Secretary

