

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 3, 2021

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021, 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. and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood and Colby Collinsworth.
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: The City has applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and we have been approved for \$234,000 which will be used to attain a SCADA system and improve roads
4. Public Comment  
No one signed up or spoke at this time.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held July 6, 2021, and Special Session held July 20, 2021; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report  
Minutes for July 6, 2021 are not prepared. The City did not receive an Animal Control report for this month at time of Council meeting. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the named exceptions as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution 2021-0803-00 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp regarding the 2021 Rate Review Mechanism Filing  
John Manganilla was present representing Atmos Energy. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider, discuss and act upon all matters incident and related to the issuance of sale of "City of Blue Ridge, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021," including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds  
Adam Lancarte, with Hilltop Securities, presented the ordinance which allows the refinancing of the USDA loans which saves the City \$400,000 in interest and cuts the loan by 7 years. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Ordinance as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Receive update regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator  
After the wastewater position being abandoned, Patterson Water Group was hired to fulfill the needs of the operator for the Plant. Patterson hires multiple individuals and they operate multiple cities both for water and wastewater. A gentleman named Gary will be our designated operator. The cost will also include their insurance, licensing, vehicle and ongoing employment costs. Council was pleased with the contract. No action was taken by Council.

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