

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2021

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 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 7:02 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. Public Comment
No one signed up or spoke at this time.
4. Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Proposed 2021 Property Tax Rate for the City of Blue Ridge and schedule date and time of the meeting where the vote will be held regarding the 2021 Property Tax Rate for the City of Blue Ridge
Mayor Rhonda Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:09pm and asked those FOR the Tax Rate to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the Tax Rate to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.
Council set the date and time for the meeting for the vote for the 2021 Property Tax Rate for the City of Blue Ridge to be September 7, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Blue Ridge Community Center, 200 W. Tilton Street, Blue Ridge, Texas.
A record vote was taken as follows: Christina Porath – yes, Keith Chitwood – yes, and Colby Collinsworth – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the downtown square for the Homecoming Parade on September 22, 2021
Christina Porath motioned to approve the Square closure request with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider, discuss and act upon an Order of Cancellation of the November 2, 2021 General Election for two Council seats for the City of Blue Ridge
With the two candidates fulfilling the application process and no others are in opposition, Christina Porath motioned to approve the Cancellation of the November 2, 2021 General Election and Colby Collinsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Second Public Hearing to receive public comments, consider, discuss and act upon a request to replat a Final Plat known as Bailey Barnyard, an addition located along Farm to Market Road 981 on the South side of the Road and approximately 1,075 feet West of County Road 626, cut out of a 319.683 acre tract of land also known as Abstract A0639 Nathan Mitchell Survey, containing 2.00 acres; and also which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction
Mayor Rhonda Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm and asked those FOR the Final Plat to come forward. Shawn Bailey, owner of the 2 acres, stated he will be building a

single-family home only. With no one else coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:06pm.

John Cook, residing at 12011 FM 981, wanted to understand the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction and the City's requirements.

With no further discussion, Christina Porath motioned to approve the plat as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion with Jon Kendall, engineer for the 400+ home development along FM 545 and consider and act upon all matters relative to the request for a Planned Development

Jon Kendall, engineer with Bohler Engineering and Nolan Harvey, City Engineer, was present to discuss the potential 400+ home development.

Mr. Kendall expressed his client, the developer, would prefer a Planned Development where specific zoning would be allowed for this development. David Weekley Homes, KB Homes, DR Horton and Lennar Homes have all expressed an interest in this development. Two of the four will be actual home builders.

After some discussion regarding density, Mr. Kendall stated the minimum homes to be built on this site for his developer would be 395. This would be a 60-70% density of 30' wide lots and the remaining would be 40-45' wide lots.

Christina Porath stated she wanted to have larger lots. Keith Chitwood stated his concerns of the street utilizing the School's perimeter road. Colby Collinsworth stated he is ok with the 45' width option but nothing smaller.

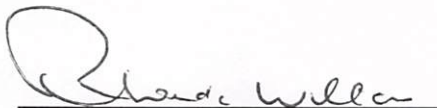
9. Discussion of placing items on future agendas: No items were requested.

10. Adjournment

Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:03pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Rhonda Williams, Mayor


Edie Sims, City Secretary

