

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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. Paul Slough, Area Manager for Senator Drew Springer attended the meeting as an observer.
4. Proclamation for Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2021
Mayor Williams announced the City of Blue Ridge's participation with Constitution Week by preparing and reading a Proclamation.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held July 6, 2021, and Regular Session held August 3, 2021, and Special Session held August 17, 2021; 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 with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a Preliminary Plat known as Heritage Grove Addition, an addition located at the southwest corner of State Highway 78 and Ridgeway Street, also known as Abstract A0557 M Mowery Survey, Sheet 2, Tract 181, containing 2.744 acres; and Abstract A0557 M Mowery Survey, Sheet 2, Tract 121, containing 14.03 acres, replatting into 52 lots with 4 out lots; and also located within the incorporated limits of the City of Blue Ridge
Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 7:07pm and asked those FOR the Preliminary Plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the Preliminary Plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.
Ryan Hayes, new owner and developer of this property – also a subsidiary of Stonehollow Homes – plans to build 52 homes. The plan is to have complete infrastructure within one year then begin home construction. The development will be open and not gated. The homes will be a traditional look conducive of this area and anticipating cost to range from \$320,000 - \$450,000 range. This is subject to change based on cost for construction. The development will have a Homeowners Association and the HOA will maintain the outlots and common areas. The Open Areas are planned to be an open green space only for now. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Preliminary Plat as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon approving the Community Development Corporation Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Tonya Harrison, Treasurer for the Community Development Corporation Board, was present to answer any questions. Keith Chitwood asked several times regarding the CDC's budget line item regarding the Business fronts not completed to date. Mrs. Harrison stated these are the 3 remaining buildings which the Community Development Corporation has not funded to have the business fronts enhanced as a grant program. Christina Porath motioned to approve the budget as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon approving the Economic Development Corporation Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Tonya Harrison, board member of the Economic Development Corporation Board, was present to answer any questions. Colby Collinsworth motioned to approve the budget as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2021-0907-001 to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

With Mayor Williams stating the budget presented will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,042 or 0.63%, she also stated that of that amount, \$2,213 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Christina Porath motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. A record vote was taken as follows: Colby Collinsworth – yes, Keith Chitwood – yes, and Christina Porath – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2021-0907-002 to adopt the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Christina Porath motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. A record vote was taken as follows: Colby Collinsworth – yes, Keith Chitwood – yes, and Christina Porath – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2021-0907-003 to adopt the 2021 Tax Appraisal Roll

Christina Porath motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. A record vote was taken as follows: Colby Collinsworth – yes, Keith Chitwood – yes, and Christina Porath – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2021-0907-004 adopting the Subdivision Ordinance and revoking any prior Subdivision Ordinances and Regulations

City Secretary Edie Sims recommended this item be tabled as there are several items that need to be resolved prior to final submittal to the Council. Christina Porath motioned to table this item with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider, discuss and act upon the 2021 Board of Trustees election for TML Benefits Pool

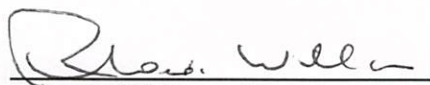
Christina Porath motioned to place the City's vote for Joni Clarke as Board of Trustees for TML Health Benefits Pool with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

15. Adjournment

Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 7:35pm.

APPROVED:


Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edie Sims, City Secretary

