

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2022

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:04 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 7:04pm and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood, Colby Collinsworth, Mayela Perales and Tammy Crosswhite.
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 made commentary during the Public Comment section.
4. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Special Session held August 30, 2022, Regular Session held September 6, 2022 and Special Session held September 15, 2022; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control/Code Enforcement Report  
Christina Porath motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Consider, discuss and act upon closing the Square, South Main Street to West Tilton from FM 545 and West Tilton to South Morrow for the Harvest Festival sponsored by the Blue Ridge Community Development Corporation held October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm  
Christina Porath motioned to approve the area closures 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 Jellystone Park Addition an addition located County Road 571 approximately .17 miles off FM 1377 on the south side of County Road 571, addressed as 10868 County Road 571, Blue Ridge, TX 75424, also known as Abstract 658 J C Neill Survey, Sheet 1, Tract 172 containing 23.0 acres; replatting into 2 lots, and also located within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:08pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.  
Christina Porath moved to approve the plat as presented with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Second Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon a request for a Minor Plat known as Lon Lon Ranch an addition located at the southwest corner of County Road 619 and State Highway 78, addressed as 6667 County Road 619, Farmersville, TX 75442, also known as Abstract A0430 S L Hoyle Survey, Tract 9, containing 8.54 acres; replatting into 2 lots, and also located within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Blue Ridge  
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:09pm and asked those FOR the plat to come forward. Alex Cope, owner of the property, stated he is FOR the plat. Mayor Williams

asked those OPPOSING the plat to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:10pm.

Christina Porath moved to approve the plat as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon a request to install a temporary concrete batch plant to facilitate the Heritage Grove Addition, located at the intersection of Ridgeway and State Highway 78, a development within the City of Blue Ridge

A request has been made by Gilco Contracting, Inc to install a temporary concrete batch plant for the Heritage Grove Addition. The batch plant will be temporary and will be removed when the development no longer needs concrete. Christina Porath motioned to approve the temporary facility with Mayela Perales seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council took a recess from 7:12pm to 7:15pm

9. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance 2022-1004-001 allowing authority to write-off uncollectible debt owned to the City of Blue Ridge

As Council recalls, the City typically writes off bad debt on an annual or as needed basis. The Utility Clerk has exhausted efforts in attempts to recoup the debt owed to the City and has found it questionable to keep the bad debts on the books for an undetermined period of time until the amounts are brought before Council. The ordinance presented would allow the Utility Clerk to write-off the debt and provide documentation as it is done to the Council at the nearest Council meeting to keep the Council apprised of the write-offs. This will keep our bookkeeping clean and the Council up to date on those accounts. Christina Porath motioned to approve the Ordinance as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss offers regarding the sale of the EDC building located at 408 W FM 545

Two offers were provided to the Blue Ridge Economic Development Corporation Board for the purchase of the EDC building. The BREDC Board met in Executive Session regarding this item and came out stating the building was not for sale at this time.

Council reserved the right to adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney. Council went into Executive Session at 7:18pm.

Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:45pm with no action from Executive Session.

11. Consider, discuss and act upon current composition of Blue Ridge EDC Board of Directors and appointment of additional Directors to fill vacancies

Keith Chitwood motioned to appoint Christina Porath, Rhonda Williams, Tammy Crosswhite, Mayela Perales, Keith Chitwood and Colby Collinsworth to the Type A Economic Development Corporation Board to bring the Board into compliance with its Bylaws. Also to add Edie Sims as Ex Officio. Colby Collinsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The next Board meeting will be held on October 12, 2022 at 7pm at the Blue Ridge Community Center located at 200 W Tilton, Blue Ridge.

12. Consider and/or act upon opening a Request for Qualification for a City Auditor

The current auditor, Rutherford, Taylor and Company, has been with the City for 5 years. It is in the best interest of the City to open opportunities for an auditor. Christina Porath motioned to open an Request for Qualifications for an auditor with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion of placing items on future agendas

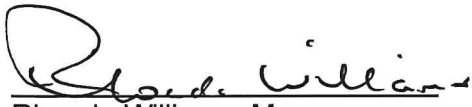
No one asked for future agenda items.

14. Adjournment

Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Tammy Crosswhite seconding the motion.  
Council adjourned at 7:48pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Williams, Mayor

  
Edie Sims, City Secretary

