CITY OF BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 25, 2017

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 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.

2.	Roll Call	Present	Tardy	Absent
	Mayor Rhonda Williams	X		
	Christina Porath	Χ		
	Wendy Mattingly	Χ		
	Amber Wood	Χ		
	Kevin Bell	Χ		

3. <u>Consider and/or act upon approving a variance for 109 B Harmon, Blue Ridge, Texas 75424 to place pre-fabricated accessory building 3 foot from property line instead 10 feet from property line.</u>

Tonya Harrison explained to Council this item was brought to the City in February however the item was missed for the March and April agendas. The owner has paid all the building fees and has also paid for the storage building. The plans were submitted to Bureau Veritas. From last conversations, the City was waiting on the City Attorney for an updated ordinance.

The owner has requested a variance to place the storage building 3' within the property line, our current ordinance requires 10'. The current fence is 8' tall. Council further discussed the building and if attached to concrete it would become a permanent structure. Wendy Mattingly expressed concern of the size of the building being so large. Bureau Veritas returned the permit stating it does not follow current ordinances.

Wendy Mattingly moved to not approve variance request with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. <u>Consider and/or act upon approving Mayor, Rhonda Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Christina Porath and City Secretary, Edie Sims as the **only** authorized signers on all City of Blue Ridge accounts except the Blue Ridge EDC (4A) and the Blue Ridge CDC (4B) accounts.</u>

Wendy Mattingly motioned to approve the signers per the agenda item with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. <u>Consider and/or act upon approving Mayor, Rhonda Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Christina Porath, City Secretary, Edie Sims and Treasurer, Tonya Harrison, as the **only** authorized signers on the Blue Ride EDC (4A) and the Blue Ridge CDC (4B) bank accounts.</u>

Wendy Mattingly motioned to approve the signers per the agenda item with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council of the City of Blue Ridge will enter into
Executive Session (Closed Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D,
and Texas Government Code, to discuss the following: Section 551.074 - Personnel Mattersdeliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or
dismissal of a public officer or employee. - Assistant City Secretary

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:15pm.

7. EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council of the City of Blue Ridge will reconvene into Regular Session (Open Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, and Texas Government Code, to discuss the following: Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters - deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. - Assistant City Secretary

Council reconvened from Executive Session into open meeting at 6:52pm. Wendy Mattingly motioned to hire Tonya Harrison as Assistant City Secretary for a salary of \$34,500 annually with 1 week planned vacation in August and pre existing dates for substitute teaching with Blue Ridge ISD and to be allowed to attend sporting events for her child. Christina Porath seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Christina Porath made the motion to adjourn at 6:57pm with Kevin Bell seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Edie Sims City/Secretary