

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2020

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN EMERGENCY SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 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, Amber Wood, and Allen Cunnyngnam.
2. City Secretary Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

3. Consider, discuss and act upon extending the declaration of local state of disaster due to public health emergency

After a short discussion, Christina Porath motioned to extend the local state of disaster declaration for 30 days ending April 30, 2020 with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution approved by the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Community Development Corporation authorizing and approving a program that provides financial assistance for businesses impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; finding sufficient funds in FY2020 budget and authorizing any necessary amendments to the FY2020 budget; and other related matters

Mayor Williams updated the Council regarding the Blue Ridge CDC meeting held 03/30/2020 who is aiding the local businesses within the City of Blue Ridge's incorporated limits due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Approximately 30 businesses have been affected by the pandemic in a negative manner.

5. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following: §551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Covid-19 stimulus documents

Council exited into Executive Session at 7:11pm.

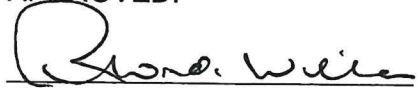
6. Reconvene into Open Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session

Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:10pm. Christina Porath motioned the following: To accept the resolution and allow the budget for the stimulus program with amended Promissory Note with the Mayor, City Secretary and Blue Ridge CDC President's approval. One loan will be allowed per each legal entity up to \$5,000 from the dates of service beginning 03/15/2020 to 09/15/2020. If one business owner comes having 2 or more businesses, that specific business owner can receive not more than \$7,000. Non profits are excluded from this program and only businesses within the incorporated limits of the City of Blue Ridge are eligible to participate.

Amber Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

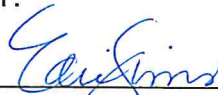
7. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:11pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary