

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2020

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 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 7:13 p.m. and called roll with the following members present, Mayor Rhonda Williams, Christina Porath, Keith Chitwood, Amber Wood, and Allen Cunnyingham.
2. City Secretary Edie Sims offered the prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

3. Announcements relating to items of public interest

City Secretary Edie Sims announced the City of Blue Ridge is the proud recipient of the Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart Automated Meter Reading System grant.

4. Public Comment

No one signed up or spoke at this time.

5. Second Public Hearing to receive public comments, discuss and act on a request to replat a Final Plat known as Ravine-Martin, an addition located at the Southwest corner of Farm-to-Market 981 and County Road 669, Blue Ridge, TX, also known as Abstract A0674, Abraham Ogden Survey, Sheet 1, Tract 39, containing 35.929 acres, replatting into 8 lots with Lot 1 being 7.161 acres; Lot 2 being 2.122 acres; Lot 3 being 1.002 acres; Lot 4 being 2.000 acres; Lot 5 being 1.929 acres; Lot 6 being 10.008 acres; Lot 7 being 5.242 acres and Lot 8 being 5.110 acres and also which is located within the City of Blue Ridge's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Mayor Williams opened the Second Public Hearing at 7:17pm and asked those FOR the plat to step forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked those who OPPOSED the plat to come forward. Janet Parsons, residing at 15924 FM 981, expressed opposition due to lack of information; the drainage needs to be addressed and deed restrictions are not clear nor defined. Ruth Owens, residing at 9729 CR 669, expressed opposition for the same reasons stated by Janet Parsons. Richard Herrera, residing at 15868 FM 981, expressed opposition for the same reasons stated by Janet Parsons and added he has a question regarding devaluing his property as well as the neighborhood. Cliff Fisher, residing at 15777 FM 981, expressed opposition due to need for a drainage and water study, deed restrictions and the need to maintain the integrity of the neighborhood.

Janet Parsons had a copy of the originating deed and read the deed restrictions that are bound to the property as it stands today. Ms. Parsons expressed she would like to see these same deed restrictions be continued for each parcel as it becomes divided.

Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:25pm. Councilman Allen Cunnyingham asked why the owner of the property was not present to answer the questions asked by the neighboring property owners.

Christina Porath motioned to table this item until all items of question have been addressed. Amber Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Second Public Hearing to receive comments, discuss and act upon a request to rezone properties known as Blue Ridge Original Donation, Lot 103a and also known as 301 Benjamin Lane; Carolyn Addition, Lot 4; Carolyn Addition, Lot 3; Carolyn Addition, Lot 2; Carolyn

Addition, Lot 1: five (5) lots all between South Church and South Morrow along Benjamin Lane on the South side of Benjamin Lane and of which all lots are located within the incorporated limits of the City of Blue Ridge

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:31pm and asked those FOR the rezone to come forward. Annette Mondragon, owner with Hugo Mondragon, stated she is for the rezone request. Mayor Williams asked those OPPOSING the rezone to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:32pm.

Christina Porath asked what the intent of the rezone was, with the reply being 5 sets of duplexes. Christina Porath motioned to approve the rezone with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider, discuss and act upon a Concept Plan by Luther Kennon to create an RV Park area on his property located in the Northwest Corner of Justin Lane in the Westend Addition

Council reviewed the Concept Plan offered. With Mr. Kennon not present, Mayor Williams stated she spoke with Lighthouse RV and described how their Park operates. The electricity runs off an electric sub meter and water is run from a 3" main. Council remained steady that an RV Park in this location is not beneficial to our community.

Cliff Fisher stated he questioned the ability of the City to support this type of living environment and concerns for the community as this type of living is more transient. Christina Porath motioned to deny the Concept Plan and not to return this item to the agenda with Keith Chitwood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from the Blue Ridge Riding Club to waive the outside city limit fees for water usage

With the new water line donated by Frognot Water Supply which feeds the new Elementary School, an additional customer (the Blue Ridge Riding Club) came with the water line donation. Since the Riding Club was not asked for the change, and the additional costs of the outside city limit surcharges would affect them as an event location, a letter was submitted with a request to waive said fees. Amber Wood Motioned to approve the request and waive the fees with Christina Porath seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon approving 2018-2019 City Financial Audit as presented by Robert Lake of Rutherford Taylor

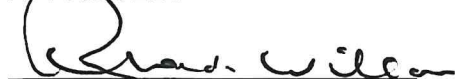
Robert Lake of Rutherford Taylor and Company presented the 2018-2019 City Financial Audit. With an overall view of the City in a positive light, Mr. Lake reviewed all the financials with the Council. Council had no further questions. Christina Porath motioned to approve the audit as presented with Amber Wood seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion of placing items on future agendas

No one had any items for future agendas.

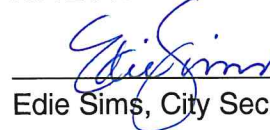
11. Adjournment. Christina Porath motioned to adjourn with Allen Cunnyingham seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:10pm.

APPROVED:



Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edie Sims, City Secretary