

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2020

THE BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 7:00 p.m. and called roll with the following members present: Mayor Rhonda Williams, Amber Wood, Colby Collinsworth and Allen Cunnyngnam. Christina Porath and Keith Chitwood were absent.
2. 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: A Special Meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2020 to resolve grant business for the CDBG sewer grant.
4. Public Comment
No one signed up or spoke at this time.
5. Consent Agenda: a) Discuss, approve or disapprove the minutes from Regular Session held November 3, 2020; b) Public Works Update; c) City Financial Report; d) Fire Department Report; and e) Animal Control Report
Amber Wood motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with Allen Cunnyngnam seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider, discuss and act upon a Resolution 2020-1201-001 designating The Leonard Graphic as the official newspaper for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Amber Wood motioned to approve the Resolution as presented with Colby Collinsworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider, discuss and act upon a request from the Blue Ridge Chamber of Commerce to close the square on December 5, 2020 from 2pm to 6pm for a Holiday Stroll
Amber Wood motioned to approve the square closure for the Holiday Stroll event with Allen Cunnyngnam seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Public Hearing to consider, discuss and act upon the land use assumptions and capital improvements plan under which an impact fee may be imposed and recommended by the Advisory Committee
The Blue Ridge Advisory Committee met on November 17, 2020 and was presented a land use assumption plan and the capital improvements plan by Craig Kerkhoff, engineer with Birkhoff, Hendricks and Carter, LLP. Wendy Mattingly was present who represented the Advisory Committee. Craig Kerkhoff was present and recapped the same information to the Council for review. According the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 395, the Advisory Committee was the first step towards implementing an impact fee. The impact fees, once adopted, will only affect new developments to contribute to the existing systems.
Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:14pm and asked for those FOR the land use assumptions and capital improvements plan to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams asked for those OPPOSING the same to come forward. With no one coming forward, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

Amber Wood motioned to approve the land use assumptions and capital improvements plan as presented with Colby Collinworth seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider, discuss and act upon a presentation from AMKO Advisors regarding our USDA outstanding debt and ways to save interest and lower our USDA debt

Council was informed an opportunity to refinance the debt through USDA. Mark Durany and Harold Lance with AMKO Advisors are independent registered advisors who are independent of underwriters that presented their offer. Currently the City owes \$1,082,000 in principal to USDA. AMKO offered to refinance and reduce the debt by 4 years with a savings of \$300,000.

After discussing the offer, Amber Wood stated she would feel more comfortable having this decision with a full Council as two of our members are out. Amber Wood motioned to table this item with Allen Cunnyngnam seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


10. Discussion of placing items on future agendas No one requested any items for future agendas.

11. Adjournment Amber Wood motioned to adjourn with Allen Cunnyngnam seconding the motion. Council adjourned at 8:35pm.

APPROVED:


Rhonda Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edie Sims, City Secretary