

## City of Blue Ridge

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Special Called Council Meeting Minutes  
City Hall  
480 West First Street  
April 22, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Donna Whitener  
Council Members Angie Arp, Harold Herndon,  
And Rhonda Thomas  
City Clerk Kelsey Ledford

Absent: Council Members Rodney Kendall,  
And Bruce Pack

1) Call Meeting to Order:

Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to call the meeting to order. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.

2) Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Whitener offered a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Council Meeting Rules of Procedures:

Mayor Whitener stated that the Rules of Procedures were available at the Council desk.

4) Approval of Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes were not available for approval.

5) Sidewalk Ordinance (Second Reading and Adoption):

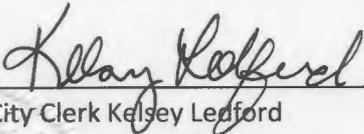
Council Member Rhonda Thomas explained that the Council has removed the permitting fees, and has added two designated areas for vendor boxes since the first reading. Mayor Whitener requested that there be four designated areas. Council Member Thomas explained that items and vendor boxes could be placed on private property. Council Member Angie Arp stated her concern regarding the umbrella section of the ordinance. Council Member Arp and Zoning Administrator Roy Parsons discussed this section briefly. Council Member Arp stated that she was okay with leaving the section in the ordinance and if later it becomes an issue, the Council can vote to remove that section by amending the ordinance. Discussion about tabling the topic until all members of the council could be present occurred. Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to table the topic. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.

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- 6) Amendment to Zoning Ordinance in regards to CBD (Second Reading and Adoption):  
Mayor Whitener read the first paragraph of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to the Central Business District (CBD). Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to CBD and to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Herndon. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.
  
- 7) Solar Energy Systems Ordinance (Second Reading and Adoption):  
Mayor Whitener read the first paragraph of the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to approve the second reading of the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance and to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.
  
- 8) Planning Commission Recommendation regarding the Rezoning of Stiles Property:  
Mayor Whitener read the Planning Commission’s recommendation for the rezoning of the Stiles property (attached). During some discussion between the Mayor, Council and the Developers, the time limit expired. Council Member Angie Arp made a motion to allow additional time. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Herndon. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried. After discussions were complete, Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and to approve a minor land use amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.
  
- 9) Executive Session—Land Sale/Acquisition:  
An executive session was not needed.
  
- 10) Adjournment:  
Council Member Angie Arp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rhonda Thomas. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.

  
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 Mayor Donna Whitener

  
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 City Clerk Kelsey Ledford

June 14, 2016  
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 Approved



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TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE

FROM: THE BLUE RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON APRIL 19, 2016 TO CONSIDER THE REZONING REQUEST FOR THE LOUISE L. AND PARRIS STILES PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE TERMINUS OF THE WESTERN END OF DEPOT STREET. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY CONTAINS APPROXIMATLY 14.24 ACRES.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL, RECOMMENDS THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO BE REZONED FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). A MINOR LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT SHOULD BE MADE IF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE THE PROPERTY.

SIGNED,



W. ROY PARSONS, SECRETARY