



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### NOTICE OF LIMITED PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT

### CITY OF RANGER COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with *Executive Order No. GA-29*, signed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on July 2, 2020 relating to COVID-19 aiming at using the least restrictive means available to protect the health and safety of Texans and combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texans safe is for all people to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices, everyone must act safely and that all persons should follow the health protocols recommended by DSHS and the CDC. On March 16, 2020, the Governor granted a request by the Texas Attorney General to waive certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. Therefore, the council meeting will be limited to **50 percent** of the normal occupancy limit and the overflow of the public will only be able to attend the council meeting virtually. The meeting will be live-streamed on the city's Facebook page found at: <https://www.facebook.com/rangertx.gov/>

In accordance with the waiver, the public may make comments by calling in to Ranger City Hall at (254) 647-3522 and speaking during the public comment portion of the Council meeting. You will be contacted when it is your time to speak. In addition, the meeting may include one or more members of the council that will participate by teleconference. The presiding officer will be physically present and it is their intent to preside over the meeting at Ranger City Hall, 400 West Main Street, Ranger Texas 76470.

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, September 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 400 West Main Street Ranger, Texas. The following subjects were discussed, to wit:

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Honorable Joe Pilgrim  
Commissioner Larry Monroe  
Commissioner Brittini Boykin  
Commissioner John Casey  
Commissioner Vicki Gerdes  
City Manager Chad Roberts  
City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry

Mayor  
Place 1  
Place 2-Teleconference  
Place 3  
Place 4

Public Works Director Robert Alvarez

**Agenda Item 01: Call to Order-** Mayor Pilgrim

Roll Call/Quorum Check- Savannah Fortenberry  
Invocation of Prayer- Gerald Gunstanson  
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Pilgrim  
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Pilgrim

**PUBLIC HEARING at 5:30PM:** to obtain the views of the citizens and council regarding the 2020 tax rate.

\*opened at 5:33pm and closed at 5:45pm.

**Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation:** 1. No Participation.

**Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff-** 1. Commissioner Gerdes thanked Larry Monroe for putting together the 9/11 Freedom Walk. 2. Commissioner Monroe said several participated in the 9/11 Freedom Walk. 3. Commissioner Monroe announced the Ranger Veteran Support Group passed out certificates to local first responders and he also thanked the City for blocking off the roads for the 9/11 Freedom Walk. 4. Mayor Pilgrim announced the new Mayor Pro-tem would be assigned immediately following the November General Election. 5. Mayor Pilgrim stated the Mayor Pro-tem is assigned after each election that is held by the City of Ranger and he hopes this clarifies the concerns.

**Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider:** approval of the city council meeting minutes for the called meeting on August 24, 2020. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting minutes for the called meeting on August 24, 2020 and Commissioner Gerdes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider:** FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09-28-B: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2020 ON ALL TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, INTEREST, AND ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-09-28-B and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider:** RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-14-K: A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY 101 (MAIN ST.) FROM THE RANGER WILLOW PARK TO COMMERCE STREET ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 FOR THE RANGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT "HOMECOMING PARADE".- Lisa Gunstanson, RISD

\*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-09-14-K and Commissioner Gerdes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** amending the City of Ranger General Budget for the current fiscal year of 2019/2020, adjusting line items for revenue and expenditures. – Chad Roberts, City Manager

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval to the City of Ranger General Budget for the current fiscal year of 2019/2020, adjusting line items for revenue and expenditures and Commissioner Gerdes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:**

- **Finance Report-** Manager Chad Roberts
- **Library Report-** Librarian Diana McCullough
- **REDC 4A Report-** President Gerald Gunstanson
- **REDC 4B Report-** President Steve Gerdes
- **Municipal Court Report-** Judge Tammy Archer
- **Fire/EMS Report-** Chief Darrel Fox
- **Police Department-** Asst. Chief Mike Luna
- **Animal Control/Code Enforcement-** Bradley Keyser
- **Public Works Report-** Director Robert Alvarez

\*Motion made by Commissioner Gerdes for the approval of all the Consent Items; Monthly Department Reports, Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 6:12pm**

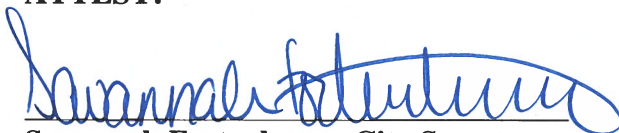
\*Motedioned by Commissioner Casey to adjourn and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

*These minutes were approved on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020*

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

  
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Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary



