



NOTICE OF A CALLED MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Called Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, will be held on **Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** in City Hall, 400 West Main Street Ranger, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Casey
Roll Call/Quorum Check

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation-At this time, anyone on the list will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for a length of time not to exceed THREE minutes. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.

Agenda Item 03: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 8, 2023.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-15-K: A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 6, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS.

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-15-L: A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 06, 2023, ELECTION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS.

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: Issuance of Certificate of Election; Administer Statement of Elected Council Members; and Administer Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members, Mayor, Place 1 and Place 3.

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger is a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Ranger, a place convenient and readily available to the general public at all times, and notice was posted by 10:00 a.m., May 12, 2023 and remained posted for 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.

Somer Lee

Somer Lee, Ranger City Secretary

The City council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session concerning any of the items listed on this agenda under the authority of the Mayor, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE

Ranger City Hall and Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact City Secretary's office at (254) 647-3522 for information or assistance.

This Notice was removed from the outside bulletin board on _____ by _____.



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, May 8, 2023 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 John Casey	Mayor
Commissioner Larry Monroe	Place 1
Commissioner Terry Robinson	Place 2
Commissioner Kevan Moize	Place 3 Absent
Commissioner Samantha McGinnis	Place 4
City Manager Savannah Fortenberry	
City Secretary Somer Lee	
Honorable Tammy S. Archer	

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Casey
Roll Call/Quorum Check- City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry
Invocation of Prayer- Mayor Casey
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Casey
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Casey

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation: **1.** Brian Rogers asked if enforcement on dangerous buildings and codes will be enforced throughout the city. **2.** Jared Calvert read a letter on a litigation matter that he stated is being sent to the city from his attorney to inform the new elected commissioners.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- **1.** Commissioner Monroe announced Saturday, May 27, 2023 will be the Memorial Day celebration at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park for Veterans and the community starting at noon. **2.** City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced that city hall will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day. Ms. Fortenberry also stated that Stage 1 Drought Restrictions are currently in affect for the City of Ranger. She also announced the delivery of the new 2023 public works truck. **3.** Mayor Casey congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: Public Hearing on a Dangerous Building Condemnation Case for the structure located at 314 W. Main Street, Ranger, Texas.

*Public Hearing started at 5:39pm. Chief Fox supplied a written inspection on May 2, 2023 to Council stating that no repairs had been made and deteriorating conditions exist. Chief Fox stated the conditions of the building have continued to deteriorate and the conditions set out in section 3 of the Board of Appeals Order are still present. Chief Fox recommended Council uphold the Board of Appeals Order and the building be ordered by Council to be demolished. City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, stated the records required by the ordinance were searched and J Lyn S Homes, LLC was identified as the property owner, and Jessica Stangenwald is the president of the company. Ms. Fortenberry stated that Jessica Stangenwald was notified of this meeting via email, regular U.S. mail, certified mail, and posted in the Eastland County Today newspaper. The city received no response from Ms. Stangenwald. Public Hearing ended at 5:43pm.

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: an Order Making Orders, Determinations, and Findings of Fact in Dangerous Building Abatement Case for the Building located at 314 W. Main Steet, Ranger, Texas

*Chief Fox recommended Council approve the order as drafted based on the evidence presented in the public hearing. Ms. Fortenberry stated that Ms. Stangenwald can appeal this order to district court within 30 days.

*Motion made by Commissioner Robinson to approve Order 2023-2, Order Making Orders, Determinations, and Findings of Fact in Dangerous Building Abatement Case for the Building located at 314 W. Main Steet, Ranger, Texas and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 24, 2023.

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on April 24, 2023, and 2nd by Commissioner Robinson. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss: current water levels and drought contingency stage.

*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, stated that ECWSD notified the city that stage 2 was near triggering level. Ms. Fortenberry supplied a handout with stage 2 regulations. **No Action Taken.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: Resolution No. 2023-05-08-J: a resolution of the City of Ranger, Texas appointing persons to enforce violations of ordinance number 2023-01-23-A which establishes regulations for substandard buildings; providing findings of fact; providing severability, effective date, and open meetings clauses; and providing for related matters.

*Commissioner Robinson questioned if this could be tabled until more information was provided. City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, asked what further information is needed and stated the city attorney provided the resolution in order for the code enforcement official title be used as deemed in the resolution.

*Motion made by Commissioner McGinnis to approve Resolution No. 2023-05-08-J and 2nd by Commissioner Monroe. **Ayes: McGinnis, Monroe, Casey; Nay: Robinson; Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:

- **Finance Report-** Director Carol Stephens
- **Library Report-** Librarian Diana McCullough
- **REDC 4A Report-** President Steve Gerdes
- **REDC 4B Report-** President Steve Gerdes
- **Municipal Court Report-** Judge Tammy Archer
- **Fire/EMS Report-** Chief Darrel Fox
- **Police Department-** Chief Moran
- **Animal Control/Code Enforcement-** Trace Douglas
- **Public Works Report**

*Motion made by Commissioner Robinson to approve Monthly Department Reports and 2nd by Commissioner Monroe. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 5:55p.m.

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to adjourn and Commissioner McGinnis 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

These minutes were approved on the 15th day of May, 2023

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

John Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Somer Lee, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-15-K

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 6, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

Whereas, pursuant to the City Charter and Texas Election Code, the City Commission of the City of Ranger, Texas, convened on this the 15th day of May, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of canvassing the vote in the general election held on May 6, 2023;

Whereas, balloting was conducted through the Eastland County Joint Election Administrator for the conduct of an election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, THAT:

Section One. Canvass of Vote. There came to be considered the returns of the general election held on the 6st day of May, 2023, for the purpose of electing Commission members for Mayor, Commissioner Place 1, and Commissioner Place 3, and it appearing from said returns, duly and legally made; that each of the candidates in said election received the following votes:

COMMISSIONER BY PLACE:

VOTES CAST:

FOR MAYOR

Kevan Moize

77

Terry Robinson

153

FOR COMMISSIONER, PLACE 1

Joe Sigler

138

Justin Koerner

82

FOR COMMISSIONER, PLACE 3

Rick Haynes

49

Wendy Erwin

178

Section Two. Findings and Declarations. It is found, determined and declared by the City Commission that said election was duly called; that notice of said election was given in accordance with law, and that said election was held in accordance with law; and that Terry Robinson was duly elected to Mayor, Joe Sigler was duly elected to Commissioner Place 1 and Wendy Erwin was duly elected to Commissioner Place 3. Said above named parties are hereby declared duly elected to said respective offices, subject to the taking of the oath of office as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Section Three. Open Meetings. It is further found and determined that in accordance with this Resolution of this governing body that the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient to the public, and said notice having been so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the date of this meeting.

A copy of the return of said posting shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting and shall be made apart thereof for all intents and purposes.

AND, IT IS SO RESOLVED.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2023.

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

John Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Somer Lee, City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-15-L

A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 06, 2023, ELECTION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS.

Whereas, pursuant to the City Charter and Texas Election Code, the City Commission of the City of Ranger ordered an election to be held in the City of Ranger, Texas for the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (one-fourth (1/4) cent) to be used for the continued maintenance and repair of existing municipal streets, more fully described in Resolution No. 2023-01-23-B;

Whereas, balloting was conducted through the Eastland County Joint Election Administrator for the conduct of an election; and

Whereas, the official ballot read as follows:

City of Ranger, Texas

PROPOSITION NO. 1

“THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS”

For **Against**

Whereas, the City Commission has investigated all matters pertaining to the balloting; and

Whereas, the election officers who conducted all balloting have duly made the returns of the results of said election and said returns are hereby presented to the City Commission, and are incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS:

1. That this Commission, sitting as a Canvassing Board, officially finds and determines that the City of Ranger election described hereinabove was duly ordered, that proper notice of said election was duly given, that the proper officers conducted the balloting in said election; that due returns of all balloting in said election have been made and delivered; and that this City Commission, sitting as a Canvassing Board, has duly canvassed said return of said election all in accordance with law.

2. That the City Commission, sitting as a Canvassing Board officially finds and determines that only qualified electors were allowed to vote at said election/ that only properly cast ballots were counted; that the following combined total of votes, for both early voted ballots and election day ballots, based on the returns and statement of canvass of said election, made to the City Commission, were as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1	Votes For	<u>187</u>
	Votes Against	<u>40</u>

3. It is further found and determined that in accordance with this Resolution of this governing body that the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place, and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located at City Hall, a place convenient to the public, and said notice having been so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the date of this meeting.

APPROVED BY MAJORITY VOTES OF

THAT, as a result of said election, the Canvassing Board officials find that the Propositions were approved.

AND, IT IS SO RESOLVED.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2023.

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

John Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Somer Lee, City Secretary