



CITY OF  
**RANGER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, February 22, 2021 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	Mayor
Commissioner Larry Monroe	Place 1
Commissioner Robert Butler	Place 2
Commissioner John Casey	Place 3
Commissioner Bittni Boykin	Place 4- Absent
City Manager Gerald Gunstanson	
City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry	
Public Works Director Robert Alvarez	

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

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

**Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation:** **1.** Buster Robinson, Pastor of the Cross Point Community Church, opened their church for 116 hours as a shelter to those in need. Mr. Robinson thanked the City for all the work they put forth. Mr. Robinson stated leadership starts at the top and he is proud to be a part of such a great group. **2.** Jeane Pruett thanked all who checked on her during the storm. She stated it is wonderful to know in our hometown everyone thinks of everyone.

**Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff-** **1.** Commissioner Monroe thanked Ken Charman for the 16 pallets of water, Joe Sigler and Steve Gerdes for the 2 pallets they bought, Tim Casey and John Casey for the 6 pallets of water, and the Fire Department for the water they handed out. **2.** Public Works Director, Robert Alvarez, thanked the City Crews for the work they did all night. Mr. Alvarez told the public to thank the guys in the field and not him. **3.** Darrell Fox, Robert Alvarez, Gerald Gunstanson, all thanked the leadership that was put forth for the City of Ranger. **4.** Gerald Gunstanson, thanked Mary's Café for the meals delivered to the Fire Department, Melissa Hill for the beef stew, and Shooter's Café for the food cooked for the shelter at Cross Point Community Church.

**Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider:** approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 8, 2021. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 8, 2021 and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider:** Resolution No. 2021-02-22-C: a resolution designating an administration service provider for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund application and project implementation, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to table Agenda Item 5 to the next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2021 and Commissioner Butler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider:** Resolution No. 2021-02-22-D: a resolution designating an administration service provider for the 2021 Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program for application and project implementation.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to table Agenda Item 6 to the next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2021 and Commissioner Butler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** Review and discuss information associated with the City or Ranger's response to the winter storm and power outages. This includes a briefing by the City Manager and Fire Chief. Discussion items include but are not limited to life safety operations (i.e., sheltering, medical services, food and water), infrastructure impacts/assessment, and budget impacts. – Robert Butler, Commissioner Place 2

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to take no action and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

\*Commissioner Butler stated it is important to reflect on the events that took place. He stated our City's response to the crisis was exceptional considering the circumstances that took place. Mr. Butler state local citizens opened their homes for neighbors in need during this crisis. He thanked the Ranger Fire Department for the job they did during this storm. Mr. Butler listed several that helped during the winter storm; Ranger Ministerial Alliance offered free items to those in need; Shoppin Baskit allowed the free water to be distributed at their store; Tindall's Hardware stayed open extra hours for citizens in need of plumbing parts; and local individuals offered their time to fix plumbing free of charge. Mr. Butler noted if you want to improve Ranger, then you must let go of the negativity.

\*Fire Chief, Darrell Fox, stated on Sunday, February 14, at 3am Ranger went dark. The City went over 24 hours without power, and on February 16, he called the state asking for help because the City was in an emergency. Chief Fox stated residents went without water, food, and power during this disaster. During the winter storm, Chief Fox called for an emergency meeting at the Fire Department to start door to door searches. The Volunteers and Staff of Ranger Volunteer Fire Department made a list of all oxygen dependent residents that needed to be checked on. On February 16<sup>th</sup> the surrounding Fire Departments, Volunteers, and Ranger Volunteer Fire Department started the door to door searches and offering rides to residents in need of going to shelters that had been opened. Chief Fox said the State was not prepared for the winter storm we endured. Mr. Fox thanked the surrounding Fire Departments, City Workers, Ranger Ministerial Alliance, DPS, and all other individuals and groups that helped us during this time of need.

\*City Manager, Gerald Gunstanson, thanked all the hard work that was completed during the crisis that took place. Mr. Gunstanson is very fortunate for all the work Darrell and his team did as well. Mr. Gunstanson stated City Hall was closed for 3 days, but the Public Works Department continued to work through the storm. Mr. Gunstanson said the Public Works crew worked all day on Sunday, February 21 to ensure the School had water so they could resume classes on Monday.

\*Mayor, Joe Pilgrim, thanked the City for the work they did for the residents. He stated the Public Works department went above and beyond to ensure the School and the Ranger Care Center had water even though the issues were on their side.

**Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider:** Discuss City of Ranger recovery planning. Approve actions, as needed, to support recovery efforts that includes unforecasted budget requests, operations needed to support health and safety needs of the community, and availability of external aid and assistance support. Plan for an After Action Review that will allow us to improve planning and mitigate future impacts during an emergency. – Robert Butler, Commissioner Place 2

\*Motion made by Commissioner Butler to approve the overtime to date and the parts that have to be purchased as well as setting a workshop on March 27 from 1pm-4pm to plan for After Action Review and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

**Agenda Item 09:** Convene in Executive Session at 6:42 pm Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. – Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

- Chief of Police

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider:** Reconvene into Open Session at 7:32pm and take action from Executive Session - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to table Agenda Item 10 and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 7:33 pm**


\*Motioned 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021*

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

  
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Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary



