



CITY OF  
**RANGER**  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, October 23, 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 Terry Robinson	Mayor
Commissioner Joe Sigler	Place 1
Commissioner Kevan Moize	Place 2
Commissioner Wendy Erwin	Place 3
Commissioner Samantha McGinnis	Place 4
City Manager Savannah Fortenberry	
City Secretary Somer Lee	
Honorable Tammy S. Archer	

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

Roll Call/Quorum Check- City Secretary, Somer Lee  
Invocation of Prayer- Mayor Robinson  
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Robinson  
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Robinson

**Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation:** **1.** Mayor Robinson read a section of the Council Rules of Procedures pertaining to Public Participation. **2.** Jared Calvert spoke regarding a public information request he had previously submitted to the city requesting attorney fees that had been sent to the Attorney Generals Office for review. Mr. Calvert also stated that the City Council is harming the city and he believes that Ranger is a depressing and sad place, but he refuses to go away after giving his entire adult life to saving the airfield, and extends an invite to anyone who would like to meet him. **2.** Brian Rogers announced there had been positive news received regarding the pool project and stated the great job that had been done by all employees and students at the Day of Champions. He also commented on the mysterious letters being received and wishes they would reveal themselves, as well as his concerns with the sign-up sheets for citizens presentation not being available to sign at city hall. Mr. Rogers also announced his attendance at the ECWSD meeting October 19, 2023. **3.** Larry Monroe announced that the Woodbridge Church would be hosting a Pumpkin Smash, October 28, 2023, from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Veteran's Park. Mr. Monroe also stated that November 11, 2023, there will be a Veteran's Day Celebration at the Veteran's Park starting at 1:00pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff-** 1. Commissioner Moize announced that early voting had begun and encouraged everyone to go vote. 2. City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced that November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. She also stated that the city is still in stage 2 of the drought contingency plan but very close to entering stage 3, so conserving as much water as possible is highly recommended by everyone.

**Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider:** approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 10, 2023.

\*Commissioner Moize requested that the ECWSD budget worksheet that was handed out at the meeting be attached with the minutes.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on October 10, 2023 with the amendment made of adding the budget worksheet, and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 05: Discuss:** authorizing the City Manager to initiate the procurement of services to hire Langford Community Management Services, Inc. as the grant administration company for the preparation and submission of a grant application to the U.S. Forest Service for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and for the implementation of wildfire protection project(s) (CWDG), if awarded.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Sigler to authorize the City Manager to hire Langford Community Management Services, Inc. as the grant administration company and Commissioner Erwin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider:** RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-23-V: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF EASTLAND, CISCO, AND CARBON (CITIES) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT(S) ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (USFS) UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE PROGRAM (CWDG).

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve Resolution No. 2023-10-23-V and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** regularly scheduled council meetings for the remainder of 2023.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to cancel the November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meetings and have called meetings if needed and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Erwin. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 08: Discuss:** approval of the 2024 City of Ranger Holiday Schedule.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule as presented and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Moize. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider:** update from the Eastland County Water Supply District (Elected Ranger Directors).

\*There were no ECWSD representatives present for an update. City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced that she attended the ECWSD meeting on October 19, 2023, and there were several items addressed. The ECWSD made changes to their Drought Contingency Plan allowing them to have “teeth” in the plan. This change was not by law but more district requested and the changes were not listed or redlined. One specific change was made to start charging surcharges in stage 2 instead of stage 3 as the 2019 plan states. Surcharges for Ranger and Eastland will begin November 1, 2023. Ms. Fortenberry also reported that the ECWSD budget will be increasing by \$200,000.00 and the cost of water set for \$4.30. The ECWSD had several equipment purchases approved, renewal of 2 CD’s and a line of credit through First Financial Bank for a Government Land Office Project. If Ms. Fortenberry has noted correctly, there is a 5.6 million line of credit for the project to be used as an alternative line of financing in case issues arise with the payout from the project. Commissioner Moize stated that he also attended the ECWSD meeting and was able to ask several questions in which District Secretary, Carrie Goodman, was helpful in answering. **No Action Taken.**

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider:** Convene into executive session at **6:02pm** pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the employment of the City Manager.

**Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider:** Convene into open session at **7:26pm** to take action as determined appropriate in the City Commission’s discretion regarding the employment of the City Manager.

**\*No Action Taken.**

**Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider:** Convene into executive session at **6:02pm** pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05, Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, to consult with legal counsel regarding Eastland County Water Supply District contracts, meetings, and election processes.

**Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider:** Reconvene into open session at **7:26pm** to take action as determined in the City Commission’s discretion regarding Eastland County Water Supply District contracts, meetings, and election processes.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin for the City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, to set a meeting with the City of Eastland and the Eastland County Water Supply District regarding finances, contract, and communications and Commissioner McGinnis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment – 7:27pm**

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to adjourn and Commissioner Erwin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

*These minutes were approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023*

**CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS**

*Terry Robinson*

**Terry Robinson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*S. Lee*

**Somer Lee, City Secretary**

