



**CITY OF
RANGER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, November 9, 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	Mayor
Commissioner Larry Monroe	Place 1
Commissioner Brittni Boykin	Place 2
Commissioner John Casey	Place 3
Commissioner Vicki Gerdes	Place 4-Teleconference
City Manager Chad Roberts	
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. Jeane Pruett announced the Boomtown Market Handmade Christmas Holiday would be on Friday, November 27th and Saturday, November 28th from 10am-4pm. Mrs. Pruett also announced the annual Ranger Night-Time Lighted Christmas Parade would be held on Friday, December 4th at 6pm, and immediately following the parade there would be festivities at the Boomtown Market from 5pm-9pm.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- 1. Commissioner Monroe announced on Veterans Day the Ranger Vietnam Veteran Support group would be placing flags on veteran's graves. **2.** Commissioner Monroe announced Saturday, November 14th starting at noon the Ranger Veteran Support Group will be hosting Veterans Day celebration. **3.** Commissioner Monroe announced on November 17, 2020 the Ranger Veteran Support Group would be giving away can goods to the Local Food Pantry to help families in need.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 13, 2020. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 13, 2020 and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: approval of the memorandum of understanding between the City of Eastland, ECWSD and the City of Ranger for Texas Water Development Funding as a Leon River Watershed Study. – Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe for the approval of the memorandum of understanding between the City of Eastland, ECWSD and the City of Ranger for Texas Water Board Development Funding as a Leon River Watershed Study and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: amending the water contract between Eastland County Water Supply District and the City of Ranger. – Steve Gerdes, ECWSD President

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to table Agenda Item 6 at the request of Steve Gerdes and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: approval of the annual Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Reports for Ranger Police Department. – Mike Luna, Asst. Chief of Police

*Motion made by Commissioner Gerdes for the approval of the annual Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Reports for Ranger Police Department and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11-9-M: A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS. – Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-11-9-M and Commissioner Gerdes 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11-9-O: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, PROVIDING ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY'S SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION ON DECEMBER 15, 2020, FOR THE SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION OF TWO CITY COMMISSIONER PLACES 2 AND 4 TO A TERM OF TWO YEARS; PROVIDING FOR EASTLAND COUNTY TO PERFORM ELECTION DUTIES FOR THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-11-9-O and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11-9-N: 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 FOR THE ANNUAL RANGER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY'S NIGHT-TIME LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020. – Jeane Pruettt RHPS

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-11-9-N and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: Setting a date, time and budget amount for the Christmas Open House at City Hall. – Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin to set the date of Wednesday, December 16th from 11am to 2pm with a budget of \$250 for the City Hall Christmas Open House and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider: approval for the Mayor to sign for the acquisition to purchase two new police interceptor vehicles for the police department, with allowable trade in difference of two current city vehicles, paying for one vehicle with the Justice Grant and the remaining balance to be paid out of the Police Lease Special Fund Account. – Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Gerdes for the Mayor to sign for the acquisition to purchase two new police interceptor vehicles for the police department, with allowable trade in difference of two current city vehicles, paying for one vehicle with the Justice Grant and the remaining balance to be paid out of the Police Lease Special Fund Account and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: approval to increase the wages of eligible city employees due to longevity and certifications obtained. – Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to approve the increase in wages of eligible city employees due to longevity and certifications obtained and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 14: 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 Casey for the approval of all the Consent Items; Monthly Department Reports, Commissioner Gerdes 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 15: Convene in Executive Session at **6:15pm** 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

- City Administrator/Manager
- Chief of Police

Agenda Item 16: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session at **7:59pm** and take action from Executive Session - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to accept the resignation of Chad Roberts as the City Manager and Chief of Police effective December 31, 2020 and to comply with the severance amount per the agreement as discussed in executive session and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to hire Gerald Gunstanson as the new City Manager effective January 1, 2021 and for him to begin training and his 90-day probationary period on December 1, 2020 at an annual salary of \$55,000.00 and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to hire Mike Luna as the new Chief of Police effective January 1, 2021 and for him to begin training and his 90-day probationary period effective immediately at an annual pay rate of \$50,000.00 and Commissioner Gerdes 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 17: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 8:04pm

*Motioned by Commissioner Casey to adjourn and Commissioner Boykin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**


These minutes were approved on the 14th day of December, 2020

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:



Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

