



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT
CITY OF RANGER COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with Executive Order No. GA-14, signed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people. Additionally, 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 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 of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on Monday, April 13, 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
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. No Participation.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- **1.** Commissioner Monroe thanked Darrell Fox for helping mow the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Park. **2.** Commissioner Casey thanked Shooters Café for the Easter meal that was free of charge to the Citizens. **3.** Mayor Pilgrim announced City Hall staff and Public Works Department are divided into two groups to help mitigate the COVID-19 spread. **4.** Mayor Pilgrim announced the Police Department and Fire/EMS Department would receive a \$2.00 hourly pay increase for hazard duty pay while working during the COVID-19 for the pay week of April 2 through April 30, 2020. **5.** Mayor Pilgrim stated the Ranger Citizen Task Force would not be holding their annual clean up due to COVID-19.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 9, 2020 and the emergency called meeting on March 19, 2020. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting for the regular meeting on March 9, 2020 and the emergency called meeting on March 19, 2020 and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: approval for the extension of the Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to a Public Health Emergency and consider the steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).– Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval of the extension of the Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to a Public Health Emergency and consider the steps to prepare for, respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-13-E: A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY WITH KELLY PERKINS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE BULLDOG CARWASH LOCATED AT 432 EAST LOOP 254, RANGER, TEXAS AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON 08/12/2019. - Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-04-13-E and Commissioner Gerdes 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-13-F: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, POSTPONING THE GENERAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO CITY COMMISSIONER PLACES 2 AND 4, UNTIL NOVEMBER 3, 2020, OR AN EARLIER DATE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE POSTPONED ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-04-13-F and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-13-D: A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, ("CITY") RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION – MIDTEX DIVISION, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "ATMOS TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES;" DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-04-13-D and Commissioner Boykin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-13-H: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT. - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Gerdes for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-04-13-H and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-13-G: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH ONCOR CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTING SERVICES; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL. - Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of Resolution No. 2020-04-13-G and Commissioner Boykin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:

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

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

Agenda Item 12: Convene in Executive Session at **5:58pm** 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 Manager- Annual Evaluation

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session at **6:56pm** and take action from Executive Session - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe to keep the contract as is and in lieu of a raise give a \$4,000 bonus at the end of the year as discussed in Executive Session and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. . **Commissioners Monroe, Casey, Boykin- Ayes and Gerdes Nay and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 6:58 pm

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

These minutes were approved on the 11th day of May, 2020

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:



Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

