



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOTICE OF LIMITED PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT CITY OF RANGER COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with *Executive Order No. GA-26*, signed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on June 3, 2020 relating to COVID-19 aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, while implementing a safe, strategic plan to Open Texas, everyone must act safely and that all persons should follow the health protocols recommended by DSHS and the CDC. 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 council meeting will be limited to 50 percent of the normal occupancy limit and the overflow of 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, June 8, 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.** Steve Gerdes addressed Agenda Item 7 stating there is no need for the City to have a forensic financial audit, but if it was voted for it should go back to the previous administrations. He stated the requested forensic audit would cause more division within the City. Mr. Gerdes also stated Agenda Item 8 was able to happen now because the City is in a good financial state.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- **1.** Commissioner Monroe announced the Ranger Veteran Support Group would be hosting a Fourth of July celebration at the Vietnam Veteran Park for all on Saturday, July 4, starting at noon. **2.** City Manager Chad Roberts announced the REDC-B Board will have a public hearing at 6:00pm and a meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, June 15. **3.** City Manager Chad Roberts announced City Hall would be closed on Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July. **4.** City Manager Chad Roberts congratulated Freddy Mitchell on his 20 years of service with the City of Ranger. **5.** City Manager Chad Roberts announced the hiring of a full time police officer. **6.** Mayor Pilgrim gave his solitude to Joey Johnston's son that was involved in a vehicle accident. **7.** Mayor Pilgrim announced the tree located on Loop 254 in front of the Railroad Depot had to be removed due to decay and damage.

Agenda Item 04: Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.071 when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation. - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

***No Action Taken.**

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session and take action from Executive Session - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

***No Action Taken.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 11, 2020. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting for the regular meeting on May 11, 2020 and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: a request made by Citizen, Justin Koerner, for a forensic financial audit of the City of Ranger. –Brittini Boykin, Commissioner Place 2

*Motion made by Commissioner Gerdes to not have a forensic financial audit for the City of Ranger and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: approval of awarding a bid and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement hiring a construction contractor for TWDB DWSRF #62746, CID 02 for the water line and pump station improvement project. – Ken Martin, Jacob and Martin Engineering

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to award a bid and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Northridge Construction for TWDB DWSRF #62746, CID 02 for the water line and pump station improvement project and Commissioner Boykin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 09: 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 Monroe to allow the current Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to a Public Health Emergency to expire and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: approval to award a Request for Proposals (RFP) for roof replacement and installation of City Hall. - Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) from Morehart Metal Work, LLC for roof replacement and installation of City Hall and Commissioner Gerdes 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: RESOLUTION NO: 2020-06-08-I: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A UTILITY FUND BANK ACCOUNT AND APPROVING THE SIGNATURE CARDS AT THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORY FIRST FINANCIAL BANK FOR THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS.

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin to approve Resolution No. 2020-06-08-I and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider: replacing the existing sewer line at the Ranger Airfield Foundation. Jared Calvert, RAF

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin to approve replacing the existing sewer line at the Ranger Airfield Foundation and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 13: 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 Gerdes for the approval of all the Consent Items; Monthly Department Reports, Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 6:52pm

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

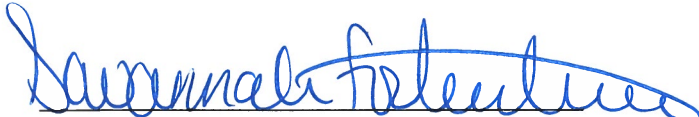
These minutes were approved on the 13th day of July, 2020

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:


Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

