



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### NOTICE OF LIMITED PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT CITY OF RANGER COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with *Executive Order No. GA-29*, signed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on July 2, 2020 relating to COVID-19 aiming at using the least restrictive means available to protect the health and safety of Texans and combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texans safe is for all people to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices, 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, July 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 Brittini 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- Gerald Gunstanson  
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 Ranger Historical Preservation Society is working on a Cowboy Breakfast and it will be held once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. She also stated Roaring Ranger Day is being held on Saturday, September 19.

**Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- 1.** Commissioner Monroe announced the Ranger Veteran Support Group had a good turnout for the Fourth of July Celebration. **2.** Commissioner Gerdes thanked the College for hosting the baseball tournament and hoped it could be held again next year. **3.** Police Chief, Chad Roberts, introduced officers Larry Watson, Jr, Bryan Butler and the newly hired Assistant Chief of Police, Mike Luna to the Council. Assistant Chief Luna comes to Ranger with many years of experience. **4.** Police Chief, Chad Roberts, presented a plaque, ID, and badge to Chaplain Gunstanson and read a "Pastor's" poem for his 13 years as a veteran for the Ranger Police Department. Chief Roberts expressed his gratitude to Chaplain Gunstanson for all his service he has given the department. **5.** Diana McCullough gave a reminder that Election Day was tomorrow, July 14.

**Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider:** approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on June 8, 2020. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting for the regular meeting on June 8, 2020 and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider:** approval for the annual renewal of the Provision of Services Agreement with Eastland County Crisis Center. - Rhonda Howie, Executive Director

\*Robin Hoover informed the Council on what the Crisis Center does for the County and presented the agreement. The motion was made by Commissioner Gerdes for the approval of the annual renewal of the Provision of Services Agreement with Eastland County Crisis Center and Commissioner Boykin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider:** approval for the use of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for a three-day event of the annual Ranger Airfield's Fly-In and Airshow No.13 to be held October 2, 2020, through October 4, 2020. – Jared Calvert, RAF

\*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval for the use of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for a three-day event not to exceed \$2000.00 for event insurance for the annual Ranger Airfield's Fly-In and Airshow No.13 to be held October 2, 2020, through October 4, 2020 Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** approval of the temporary closer of Desdemona Boulevard during the Ranger Airshow Performances on Friday, October 2, 2020 from 6:15pm-7:00pm and Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 12:45pm-2:00pm as required by the FAA – Jared Calvert, RAF

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the temporary closer of Desdemona Boulevard during the Ranger Airshow Performances on Friday, October 3, 2020 from 6:15pm-7:00pm and Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 12:45pm-2:00pm as required by the FAA and Commissioner Boykin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 08: Discuss:** update on the Community Quarter Store from the Ranger Ministerial Alliance. - Gerald Gunstanson, RMA

\*Gerald Gunstanson announced the Community Quarter Store would be closed until further notice due to COVID-19. He also gave an update on how the quarter store is able to help people in our community. **No Action Taken**

**Agenda Item 09: Discuss:** a presentation of the new automatic meter reading system, a project funded by TWDB. – Gerald Gunstanson, AMR Project Coordinator

\*Gerald Gunstanson, AMR Project Coordinator, gave a power point presentation over the new automatic meter reading system and explained how it worked. **No Action Taken**

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider:** approval for an expenditure request of public funds from REDC-4A not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the repairs and improvements for compliance of the ADA (American Disability Act) to the Walnut Street Clinic, located at 200 Walnut St, Ranger. – Diana McCullough, REDC Type A Executive Director

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of an expenditure request of public funds from REDC-4A not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the repairs and improvements for compliance of the ADA (American Disability Act) to the Walnut Street Clinic, located at 200 Walnut St, Ranger and Commissioner Boykin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider:** approval for an expenditure request of public funds from REDC-4A not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the Ranger College to financially assist with job training or placement for the local nursing program. – Diana McCullough, REDC Type A Executive Director

\*After 2 motions from Commissioner Gerdes that failed for lack of a second, a motion was made by Commissioner Boykin to table agenda item 11 and find other options for the Ranger College Nursing Program that could be placed in Ranger and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mayor Pilgrim requested Commissioner Boykin to organize and negotiate a compromise between the City and Ranger College. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 12: Discuss:** an update on the current projects being conducted by the REDC-4B. - Steve Gerdes, President

\*Steve Gerdes gave an update on the projects currently happening through the REDC-4B. Mr. Gerdes announced the REDC 4B paid for the roll offs 225 S. Rusk St. for the cleanup to allow a feeder building for the Reptile Rescue. He announced the Fire Departments new slab has been poured and striping was painted by Chief Fox and firemen. The next project is to purchase a conex to store decorations. Mr. Gerdes stated the committee for Christmas decorations found a company to purchase from and they were cheaper than the budgeted amount. These decorations will be shipped once the conex is bought for storage. **No Action Taken**

**Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider:** purchasing playground equipment for the City of Ranger's Parks. The 4B REDC will set up a committee to research prices of playground equipment, quality of the playground equipment and devise the lay out for the playground equipment to be laid out in the Parks. - Steve Gerdes, REDC 4B President

\*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval of purchasing playground equipment for the City of Ranger's Parks. The 4B REDC will set up a committee to research prices of playground equipment, quality of the playground equipment, devise the lay out for the playground equipment to be laid out in the Parks and come back to council for approval of expenditures and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider:** approval of an amendment to the Ranger Economic Development Corporation 4B fiscal year 2019/2020 annual operating budget. - Steve Gerdes, REDC 4B President

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of an amendment to the Ranger Economic Development Corporation 4B fiscal year 2019/2020 annual operating budget and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**\*5 Minute Recess at 7:04pm; reconvened at 7:09pm**

**Agenda Item 15: Discuss/Consider:** approval for the donation of vacant or unused land from the City of Ranger to the Ranger Economic Development Board Type 4B. - Steve Gerdes, REDC 4B President

\*Mr. Gerdes requested 3 to 5 acres to be donated for a potential project as well as the storage of the conex. Motion was made by Commissioner Monroe with approval from the Mayor for the placement of the conex and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 16: Discuss/Consider:** approval to designate a free clean-up day located at the City's Collection Station for residential customers with rules applying. – Brittini Boykin, Commissioner

\*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe for the approval to designate a Saturday every quarter for a free clean-up day allowing up to 4 roll-offs to be used until they are full located at the City's Collection Station for residential customers with rules applying and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 17: Discuss/Consider:** approval to authorize the Mayor to enter into an initial five year term for an Option and Land Lease agreement with the tenant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and AT&T Mobility Corporation on city property located at 600 North Tiffin Road at the Ranger City Barn. - Chad Roberts, City Manager

\*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe for the approval to authorize the Mayor to enter into an initial five year term for an Option and Land Lease agreement with the tenant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and AT&T Mobility Corporation on city property located at 600 North Tiffin Road at the Ranger City Barn and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 18: Discuss/Consider:** approval to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for services by an engagement letter from Cameron Gulley, CPA to prepare the annual audit for the fiscal year of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. – Chad Roberts, City Manager

\*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for services by an engagement letter from Cameron Gulley, CPA to prepare the

annual audit for the fiscal year of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and Commissioner Gerdes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 19: Discuss/Consider:** to award a bid or proposal for the purchase of a new tractor and related attachments as a budgeted expenditure item and authorize the Mayor to enter into negotiations for a reduced purchase price with the allowable trade-in or auction or donation of the existing city owned John Deere tractor. – Chad Roberts, City Manager

\*Council reviewed 3 bids and a motion was made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval to accept the bid from Clark Tractor & Supply for up to \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a new John Deere Utility Tractor and related attachments as a budgeted expenditure item and donate the existing city owned John Deere 2755 Tractor to the Ranger Airfield Maintenance Foundation and Commissioner Monroe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 20: Discuss/Consider:** RESOLUTION NO: 2020-07-13-J: 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 COMMERCE STREET TO THE RANGER WILLOW PARK FOR A ROARING RANGER DAY PARADE SPONSORED BY THE RANGER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY.- Jeane Pruet, RHPS

\*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin to approve Resolution No: 2020-07-13-J and Commissioner Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 21: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 22: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 7:36pm**

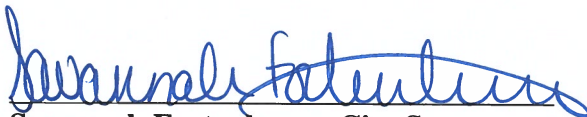
\*Motioned by Commissioner Casey to adjourn and Commissioner Boykin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

*These minutes were approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020*

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

  
Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary



