



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, August 10, 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
Commissioner Larry Monroe
Commissioner Brittni Boykin
Commissioner John Casey
Commissioner Vicki Gerdes
City Manager Chad Roberts
City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry

Mayor
Place 1
Place 2
Place 3
Place 4

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.** Joe Siegler stated he has been in business for 10 years and is bringing new dollars into Ranger. He stated his business has grown over the last 10 years and he is able to offer new services on the Rota-Jetter Culvert Cleaners.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- **1.** Commissioner Monroe thanked Darrell Fox and the Ranger Fire Department for helping him mow the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Park. **2.** City Manager, Chad Roberts, announced City Hall would be closed September 7, in observance of Labor Day. **3.** City Manager, Chad Roberts, announced the City has launched its website and it can be viewed at www.rangertx.gov.

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

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

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: approval to designate a date for the “**Day of Champions**” for Ranger College and authorize the use of city services - Dr. Bill Campion, President Ranger College

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval to designate Saturday, October 17 starting at 8am and ending at 12:30pm for the “**Day of Champions**” for Ranger College and authorize the use of city services and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: a previously tabled agenda item; 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

*Motion made by Commissioner Monroe for the approval of 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 and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: approval of a street closure for the Roaring Ranger Day Activities to be held on Saturday September 19, 2020, the street included is Homer from the intersection of Pine Street and Main Street. – Ed Violet, Ranger Citizen's Task Force

*Motion made by Commissioner Boykin for the approval of street closures of Walnut, Cherry & North Rusk Streets for the Roaring Ranger Day Activities to be held on Friday evening, September 18, 2020 and Saturday, September 19, 2020 and Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: approval for the gift of real property for lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 located in Block 20 of the Lackland Addition, City of Ranger, Eastland County Texas, also known as Parcel 52699 and 52560. –Chad Roberts, City Manager

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the gift of real property for lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 located in Block 20 of the Lackland Addition, City of Ranger, Eastland County Texas, also known as Parcel 52699 and 52560 and Commissioner Boykin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08-24-A: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Gerdes for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-08-24-A and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **Commissioners Gerdes, Casey, Monroe-Ayes and Boykin-Nay and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: 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 Casey for the approval of all the Consent Items; Monthly Department Reports, Commissioner Gerdes 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 11: Convene in Executive Session at **6:28pm** 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 Secretary
- Finance Director

Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session at **6:45pm** and take action from Executive Session - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey starting October 1, 2020 to combine the positions of City Secretary and Finance Director at the proposed budget salary amount and Commissioner Boykin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 6:46pm

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


These minutes were approved on the 24th day of August, 2020

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:


Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

