



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, August 28, 2023 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 Terry Robinson	Mayor
Commissioner Joe Sigler	Place 1
Commissioner Kevan Moize	Place 2
Commissioner Wendy Erwin	Place 3
Commissioner Samantha McGinnis	Place 4
City Manager Savannah Fortenberry	
City Secretary Somer Lee	
Honorable Tammy S. Archer	

### **Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Robinson**

Roll Call/Quorum Check- City Secretary, Somer Lee  
Invocation of Prayer- Mayor Robinson  
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Robinson  
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Robinson

**Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation:** **1.** Brian Rogers announced that he has noticed several improvements throughout the city due to Code Enforcement. He also requested that there be an update on the next agenda for the dangerous buildings as well as the water loss report for the city. **2.** Robin Russel stated that there was an open records request made to the city in regards to fees paid to the city attorney, and that she felt that the city was hoping to keep the records from the public rather than being upfront about the money that the city has spent. **3.** Wayne White expressed that he was a former band director in Ranger and has always been supportive of the town. He also stated that he felt that the city was bypassing plans and have no intentions of bringing revenue to the city. Mr. White also stated that the town has changed since he was here teaching and that it recently seems that the City of Ranger does not have a plan and does not want one. **4.** Jared Calvert addressed each commissioner by name regarding their time as a commissioner. **5.** Wayne Bissett stated that he was not from Ranger, but involved in aircraft education for kids and 14 months ago he was planning on educating at the Ranger Airfield. He proclaimed that the city was on the verge of a real mess up.

**Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff-** **1.** City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced the closing of city hall on September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day. Ms. Fortenberry also informed that the city is still in stage 2 of the drought contingency plan, a 20% of daily water usage is necessary and encourages all residents to conserve as much as possible.

**Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider:** approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 14, 2023 and called meeting on August 21, 2023.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on August 14, 2023 and the called meeting on August 21, 2023, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 05: Discuss:** CDV21-0298 valve and hydrant project update.

\*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, informed that the valve and hydrant project started July 11<sup>th</sup> and was completed August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The clean-up process has begun and will update once this is complete as well. Ms. Fortenberry also stated that there were 20 valves and 15 hydrants installed. **No Action Taken.**

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider:** An Ordinance of the City of Ranger, Texas, closing, abandoning, and conveying a portion of street right-of-way commonly known as Young Street and Dorsey Avenue West of Terrell Avenue and certain adjacent alleyways; authorizing conveyance to abutting property owners in proportion to abutting ownership; and providing for related matters.

\*Kevin Combs, requestor, withdrew his request. **No Action Taken.**

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** a draft ordinance of the City of Ranger, Texas repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 120803-1; adopting regulations concerning junked vehicles within the city; providing for notice and abatement; providing provisions regarding abandoned motor vehicles; providing for abatement by owner or city; providing a penalty; providing severability and repealer clauses; and providing an effective date.

\*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, stated to review the draft and present any changes, etc. prior to the next meeting. At the next meeting, this would be a first reading. **No Action Taken.**

**Agenda Item 08: Discuss:** approving a proposed draft budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

\*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced that majority of the changes requested at the previous meeting had been made, including fuel cost, municipal fines revenue, legal hire, and reduced capital improvements in sewer. She explained that the exact cost for each employee raise is listed on the budget sheet totaling \$36,706.06. Commissioner Erwin questioned the police department budget as to why a new vehicle would be purchased out of General Fund and not the Lease account. Commissioner Moize stated that he would like to see a reduction in the cost of water from ECWSD. He also stated that he would like to see an adjustment increasing the cost of living raises for employees, more than one street project for the fiscal year, and more grants for water. Commissioner Moize mentioned the fee schedule not supporting tax subsidy entities and would like it brought to the next meeting to be reviewed.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the proposed draft budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 with said adjustments and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider:** approving the Republic Services sanitation contract.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Sigler to approve the Republic Services sanitation contract and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider:** approving Resolution No. 2023-08-28-S: 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 on September 16, 2023 sponsored by the Ranger Historical Preservation Society.

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve Resolution No. 2023-08-28-S, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 11: Discuss:** funding and future support of the Roaring Ranger Day Parade and the Annual Christmas Parade.

\*Clinton Eaton with the Ranger Historical Society informed council that this will be the last parade that the Ranger Historical Society sponsors due to lack of funds. He stated that the 2 parades cost them roughly \$5,000.00 a year. Mr. Eaton asks the council to help with funding in order for the Historical Society to continue with the annual parades.

**Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider:** Convene into executive session at 5:58pm pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, and Texas Professional Rules of Disciplinary Conduct to consult with legal counsel regarding Cause No. CV2246534, Ranger Airfield Maintenance Foundation vs. City of Ranger, in the 91<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

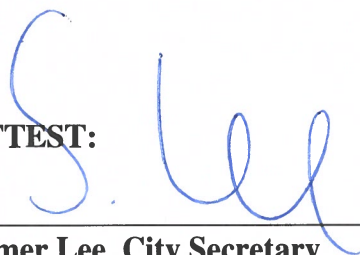
**Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider:** Reconvene into open session at 6:42pm to take action as determined appropriate in the City Council’s discretion regarding Cause No. CV2246534, Ranger Airfield Maintenance Foundation vs. City of Ranger, in the 91<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

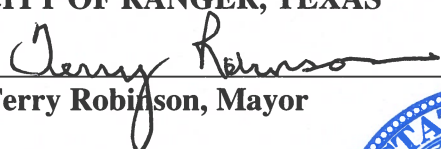
\*Commissioner Moize made the motion to allow legal council to proceed as directed in executive session, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

**Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 6:53 PM**

\*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to adjourn and Commissioner McGinnis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

*These minutes were approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023*

ATTEST:   
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Somer Lee, City Secretary

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS  
  
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Terry Robinson, Mayor



