



NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, will be held on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 400 West Main Street Ranger, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Robinson

Roll Call/Quorum Check

Invocation of Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation-At this time, anyone on the list will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for a length of time not to exceed THREE minutes. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff-Comments may be made by council or staff, **BUT NO ACTION TAKEN** on the following topics without specific notice. Those items include: Expressions of Thanks, Congratulations or Condolence; Information on Holiday schedules; Recognition of public officials, employees or citizens other than employees or officials whose status may be affected by the council through action; Reminders of community events or announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of the people of the municipality.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the called meeting on June 12, 2023.

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: authorizing a letter of support to the Ranger College Library for the traveling oil exhibit grant application.

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger is a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Ranger, a place convenient and readily available to the general public at all times, and notice was posted by 5:30 p.m., May 19, 2023 and remained posted for 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.

Somer Lee

Somer Lee, City Secretary

The City council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session concerning any of the items listed on this agenda under the authority of the mayor, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE

Ranger City Hall and Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact City Secretary's office at (254) 647-3522 for information or assistance.

This Notice was removed from the outside bulletin board on _____ by _____.



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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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. Joseph Mireles was signed up to speak but was not present.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- 1. City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced that there will be a workshop between the REDC Board Members and the City Council. The meeting will be held on June 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ranger Task Force building. She also informed that applications for the REDC will be accepted until June 30, 2023, and may be submitted to the City Secretary. 2. Commissioner Sigler stated there is a new business in Ranger, Big Foot Detailing.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 22, 2023.

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on May 22, 2023 and 2nd by Commissioner Erwin. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: approving Resolution No. 2023-06-12-N: a resolution of the City of Ranger, Texas, authorizing a change on the signature cards at First Financial Bank with the exception of the police LEOSE and the police special account.

*Motion made by Commissioner Sigler to approve Resolution No. 2023-06-12-N and 2nd by Commissioner Erwin. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: approving Resolution No. 2023-06-12-O: a resolution of the City of Ranger, Texas, authorizing a change on the signature cards on the police accounts at First Financial Bank.

*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin to approve Resolution No. 2023-06-12-O and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:

- **Finance Report-** Director Carol Stephens
- **Library Report-** Librarian Diana McCullough
- **REDC 4A Report-** President Steve Gerdes
- **REDC 4B Report-** President Steve Gerdes
- **Municipal Court Report-** Judge Tammy Archer
- **Fire/EMS Report-** Chief Darrel Fox
- **Police Department-** Chief Moran
- **Animal Control/Code Enforcement-** Trace Douglas
- **Public Works Report**

*Commissioner Moize requested a report for over time.

*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin to approve the monthly department reports and 2nd by Commissioner Moize. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: Convene into executive session **at 5:50pm** pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code to discuss and deliberate the offer of economic incentives to a business that the city seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the city.

*Steve Gerdes requested Travis Rogers to be in executive session and Mayor Robinson allowed.

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into open session to take action as determined appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding the offer of economic incentives to a business that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City.

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to allow the REDC to submit a nonbinding application for a potential business and 2nd by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: Convene into executive session **at 6:17pm** 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 91st Judicial District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into open session **at 7:24pm** 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 91st Judicial District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

***No Action Taken.**

Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider: An Order with Regard to the Abatement of the Sub standards and Dangerous Structure Located at 314 W. Main Street, Ranger, Texas.

*Motion made by Commissioner McGinnis to approve Order No. 2023-3 and 2nd by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 7:27p.m.

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to adjourn and Commissioner McGinnis 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed**

These minutes were approved on the 26th day of June, 2023

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

Terry Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Somer Lee, City Secretary

Ranger City Secretary

From: Helen Cozart
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:14 AM
To: Ranger City Secretary
Subject: Oil exhibit letter
Attachments: Information Sheet.docx

Hello, I am Helen Cozart from the Ranger College Library. I would like to get on the agenda for the 26 June City Council meeting to ask for a letter of support for a grant application. We are developing a traveling exhibit we can take around to the schools and to events like Roaring Ranger Days. I am attaching an overview of the proposal. You can share it around with anyone who might need the information.

I would like to have the city council prepare a formal letter of support, signed by the Mayor. I will also hear suggestions about the plan. I doubt I thought of everything.

Thank you, Helen

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Helen Cozart, MA, MLIS
Assistant Librarian
Ranger College

Information Sheet for Oil Exhibit grant application

The intent of this project is to develop a traveling exhibit based on the 1917 Ranger oil boom, the continuation of early oil booms across Texas, and the long-lasting effects of the oil industry across local, state, and national life. It will be available for organizations to borrow. When not traveling, it will have a permanent home in the lobby of the Ranger College Library. It can be taken to schools and festivals to be used for outreach and information.

We are currently looking at a [retractable banner exhibit similar to this](#). Each panel will hold 3 - 4 photos with 200 – 400 word narratives for each. Two sided banners will be used so we can present information in Spanish and English on the same panel. Six retractable banner exhibits will need to be purchased to cover the information with the following general topics. Details follow.

1. Introduction, Ranger Oil Boom, World War I
2. Life, labor, and chaos
3. Technology and Media
4. Oil across Texas
5. Sports, women, minorities.
6. National perception and current careers

Introduction – This is the title and a one or two sentence overview

Origins of the Ranger Oil Boom – one or two anecdotal tales that don't fit elsewhere and some statistics. It had been a T&P policy since at least 1874 to explore the resources along their routes and in the territories they traversed in order to promote industrial development. Maybe a Boyce House quote about the population increase. Helen Cozart

World War I – Because of the Bolshevik Revolution, Russia pulled out of WWI creating an oil crisis at almost the exact same time oil was discovered in Ranger. We were able to pick up the slack. The Lord Curzon quote “the allies floated to victory on a wave of oil” led Ranger to nickname itself the oil boom that won the War.

Labor – The T&P company town of Thurber played a key role in the boom, but the demand for workers was so high the city sent advertising to the National Chamber of Commerce to recruit workers. It was critical to putting many of the returning soldiers to work. Debbie Liles

Chaos – The first of anything is always chaotic. Ranger was a learning field for many things. Include some of the crime stories and talk about the scams and frauds, including international advertising. Walter Prescott Webb's pattern of boom crime: the boom

attracts the criminal element, local law enforcement becomes overwhelmed, and they call in the Rangers to “run out the criminals and restore local government to the demoralized citizens.” By his observation, the cycle began in Ranger. The boom then ends but another begins and the criminals have a new location to head to just as they are rousted from the previous one and the cycle begins again. It was also the first significant mineral boom in history that families were brought to. This added to the chaos. Lots of statistics about numbers in school, housing crisis, etc.

Technology and regulation – describe new tools and regulations that came into being to manage the chaos. Cable-tool drilling and nitro disappear. The rule of capture was a big part of the reason for the chaos, but I don’t know the regulations on property ownership and extraction. I would like to focus this on changes between 1925 and 1950. Do we know an oil engineer who can tell us if/when technology reached some kind of stasis before computers became available?

Popular media – there were several massively popular movies (Boom Town; Giant) that created the public perception of what a boom town was like. We can do a Hollywood vs. reality panel. "Texans have two pasts - one made in Texas, one made in Hollywood." Don Graham. Books, like Mody Boatright’s *Folklore of the Oil Industry* established the stereotypes, themes, and images we associate with oil booms today.

Moving around the state – booms cascaded across the state. [This map of the boom in Kilgore](#) would also be a great image to use. I think a timeline at the bottom of the display would show this well. We could have a unifying theme by stretching the timeline across all the panels. This would also help keep them in order.

Women – Women were not welcomed in the oil industry. They had to create a niche for themselves with things like the Desk and Derrick Clubs. Cecilia Venable

Minorities – African-Americans, Eastern Europeans, and Hispanics were also not welcome on the sites. We need a look at how that was overcome.

Sports – a look at baseball, the national sport of the oil industry. Entire professional leagues were created and, on occasion, men were chosen for their ability to take their company team up a level.

National perception – How oil shaped Texas and what the rest of the world thinks of us now. Rusty Williams

Current careers in oil – I see this as the outreach part for when we take it around to schools and festivals. Perhaps a bullet list with smaller images like a chemist holding a bottle, a rigger, a pumpjack.