



**CITY OF
RANGER**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, December 12, 2022 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 John Casey	Mayor
Commissioner Larry Monroe	Place 1- Absent
Commissioner Terry Robinson	Place 2
Commissioner Kevan Moize	Place 3
Commissioner Samantha McGinnis	Place 4
City Manager Gerald Gunstanson	
City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry	
Public Works Director Andrew Lopez	
Honorable Tammy S. Archer	

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Casey
Roll Call/Quorum Check- Mayor Casey
Invocation of Prayer- City Manager Gunstanson
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Casey
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Casey

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation: 1. Joe Pilgrim spoke regarding the Ranger Airfield; stating it had grown leaps and bounds and asked for things to work.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- 1. City Secretary, Savannah Fortenberry, announced City Hall would be closed December 22, 23, and 26th for Christmas and January 2 for New Years.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on November 28, 2022. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Robinson to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on November 28, 2022 and 2nd by Commissioner Moize. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: an update regarding the Ranger Economic Development Corporation 4A and 4B.- Steve Gerdes, REDC President

*Steve Gerdes updated council regarding the REDC Boards. Mr. Gerdes stated the boards hired GSLI for \$5,950.00 for the first year to help relocate businesses to Ranger, and design a website.

The REDC hired FSS to clear and mow grass at 3 properties on loop 254, and remove a billboard sign to relocate at a later date.

Mr. Gerdes stated the EDC was looking at installing lighting facilities on the lamp post near the railroad crossing to be able to plug in lights. The boards are looking at building an ADA compliant ramp in the front of City Hall, and they would need to employ the city engineer to design. Mr. Gerdes also is looking at setting up a teen court in Ranger in conjunction with the Ranger Police Department and Municipal Judge. Commissioner Moize asked that the REDC A&B boards review title 12 on lighting and ADA compliant ramp to ensure the projects were in compliance.

***No Action Taken.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: accepting bids for REDC owned properties; parcel 52651 and parcel 52652.- Steve Gerdes, REDC President

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to accept the bids received by Giselle N. Gonzalez on both properties lister; parcel 52651 and 52652 and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: Convene into executive session **at 5:58 pm** pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Local Government Code, and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct to consult with legal counsel regarding:

- REDC contacting One Source Agreement

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session **at 6:18pm** to take action as determined appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding:

- REDC contacting One Source Agreement

*An update with the City Attorney took place regarding the REDC contacting One Source Agreement. **No Action.**

Agenda Item 09: Discuss: the 2023 water rate set by Eastland County Water Supply District. – John Casey, Mayor

*The public was made aware that Eastland County Water Supply District's 2023 water rate was set at \$4.17 per thousand. **No Action Taken**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds Expenditures. – Kevan Moize, Commissioner Place 3

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to buy tasers and vest through ARP funds for the Police Department; pay all employees \$1,500.00 each for premium pay through ARP funds and 2nd by Commissioner Robinson. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:

- **Finance Report-** Director Savannah Fortenberry
- **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-** River Gibson
- **Public Works Report-** Director Andrew Lopez

*A motion was made by Commissioner Moize to approve the reports and 2nd by Commissioner Robinson. **All Ayes and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 12: Convene in Executive Session at 6:34pm Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. – John Casey, Mayor

- City Manager
- Public Works Director
- Municipal Judge
- City Secretary
- General Consulting Services

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session at 7:22pm and take action from Executive Session – John Casey, Mayor

*A motion was made by Commissioner Moize to pay the City Manager 2 months of salary pay and 6 months of insurance upon his departure and 2nd by Commissioner Robinson. **All Ayes and the motion passed.**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Moize to pay the Public Works Director 2 months of salary upon his departure and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and the motion passed.**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Moize to place the Municipal Court Judge as Interim Office Manager with an interim salary increase of \$1,000.00 per month until employment issues are resolved and 2nd by Commissioner Robinson. **All Ayes and the motion passed.**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Moize to place the City Secretary as Interim City Administrator with an interim salary increase of \$1,000.00 per month until the hiring of a City Administrator/Manager and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and the motion passed.**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Moize to authorize the mayor to engage in Consulting agreements with a previous consultor, possible private sector firm, and for city services for public works and 2nd by Commissioner Robinson. **All Ayes and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 7:30pm

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

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of January, 2023

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



John Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary



