



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, April 28, 2025 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 Charlie Archer	Mayor
Commissioner Vicki Doyle	Place 1
Commissioner Jim McCullough	Place 2
Commissioner Robert Butler	Place 3
Commissioner Jared Calvert	Place 4
Interim City Manager Lambert Little	
Fire Chief Darrell Fox	
City Secretary Hope Delatorre	
Finance Director/Municipal Clerk Carol Stephens	
Police Sergeant TW Youngs	
Public Works Director Daniel Plascencia	
Municipal Judge Doyle Russell	
Utility Clerk Kendyl Powers	

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order-Mayor Charlie Archer

Roll Call/Quorum Check Hope Delatorre City Secretary
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.

Lannette Schlumbohm reminded the citizens and the Commission about the Willow Park Pool sponsored Community Garage Sale.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Commission 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.

Mayor Archer notified the citizens that the camera used to provide a live stream of the meeting was down due to technical difficulties and would be up at the next meeting. Commissioner Butler announced an upcoming budget workshop for May 5, a volunteer group meeting for the cemetery volunteer group. Mayor Archer gave kudos to Kendyl in Utility Billing for the repair of many issues involving the billing. Carol Stephens commended the City Secretary for finding and mending issues involving the City of Ranger health insurance policy.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: City's conduct regarding Ranger Airfield (Ranger Airfield Maintenance Foundation)

Jared Calvert with the Ranger Airfield Maintenance Foundation gave a presentation on interactions with past administration/Commission regarding the Ranger Airfield.

The Commission retired into Executive Session at 18:15 to discuss possible future negotiations on the airfield contract.

The Commission reconvened into Open Session at 18:39 to discuss the possible actions taken during Executive Session.

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to authorize Interim City Manager Little to coordinate a called meeting to be dedicated to receive legal advice from Interim Legal Staff to ask questions about future contracts and options regarding allegations involving the City.

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Abstained by Commissioner Calvert.

Motion Passed

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: Approval of minutes of the previous meetings:

a. April 10, 2025

b. April 14, 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to approve the minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: Jason Bowen update on pool, scope of work and putting the work out for bids. (Willow Park Pool Group)

Jason Bowen went over a contract for bids on the repair of the Willow Park Pool and included a draft of the advertisement for bids for the local newspaper and website. Brian Rogers expressed concern over entering into a contract with the City of Ranger.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to approve verbiage for the information to be filled in.
Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: Payable Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to table the discussion to add the list to the next meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner McCullough

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: Improvements to the Public Works Shop (ICM Little)

Interim City Manager Little and Public Works Director previously received a quote for labor only to install the metal in the amount of \$13,500.

No Action Taken.

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: Update on the Wildfire Mitigation Grant (ICM Little)

Interim City Manager Little expressed that while we are slightly behind neighboring cities in the grant process, we have placed advertisements for bids in the newspaper and had run for two weeks already. Commissioner Butler inquired if the City of Ranger had already signed for the line of credit; and if we should use the line of credit to approve purchase of things under \$50k that would not require a sealed bid.

No Action Taken.

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: Status of pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (ICM Little)

Interim City Manager Little explained that the pump company CSS is willing to accept our offer to complete the pumps and bring back our third pump if we get caught up on past due invoices and include the aerator pump due to it being a specialty part that was already ordered. Commissioner Butler discussed the cost difference of \$4000 more to go with another company but that discussion did not include the additional \$13,000 for the lift stations. He was encouraged to remain with CSS by the Public Works Director.

No Action Taken.

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: Update on Clean-Up Activities (ICM Little)

Interim City Manager Little spoke on certified letters sent out regarding the derelict properties and had been signed and returned. Commissioner Calvert stated Judge Russell had requested a meeting

with the District Attorney to learn the process and discussed potentially speeding up the process of getting the meeting set. Commissioner Butler requested a copy of the list of certified letters sent and the list of about two hundred ordinance violations that were identified around the city.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert for Judge Russell and Mayor Archer to sign an official letter to the District Attorney's office asking them to have a meeting to review the clean-up process. Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider: Reacquire the baseball fields.

Jennifer Farmer with the Ranger Youth Sports Association spoke on the need for the City of Ranger to buy the fields. The parents of the players would be responsible for the maintenance and would receive donations for the equipment and items needed for the RYSA. Commissioner Calvert expressed the importance of figuring out the legalities. Commissioner Doyle suggested buying the fields from the school for the original purchase price of \$1.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to allow the Mayor and Interim City Manager to start the process of communication on purchasing the fields from the school. Seconded by Commissioner McCullough

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: Lease with the Quarter Store (ICM Little)

The Quarter Store discussed acquiring the building from the City of Ranger instead of a lease and the difficulties involved with a lease. Commissioner Calvert inquired if the Quarter Store would like to own or lease the building and suggested taking the question to the board for their meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to table the item until after the next board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Increasing utility rates for customers outside the City Limits.

The Interim City Manager introduced the idea of increasing the cost of utility rates for customers outside the city limits and based on Brownwood and Comanche a 50% upcharge is reasonable and logical. Commissioner Butler expressed interest in reviewing an increase of the rates but highlighted that Eastland and Cisco only charged a 10% additional charge to those customers outside of the city. A rate study should be conducted with any increase included in the Fee Schedule for the next budget year. Brian Rogers inquired as to where the extra money would be going and if it could be used to repair the water pressure for citizens outside of city limits.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to not increase rates at this time and entertain a rate study to be put on a future agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 15: Discuss/Consider: Update on negotiations with: (ICM Little)

1. Frey Software
2. Civic Plus
3. Geek Support
4. General Code

Interim City Manager Little discussed the recent contracts that the City of Ranger was engaging in negotiations about. Frey Software agreed to give back about half of the money paid and would allow the City of Ranger to use their utility billing software. Civic Plus offered a refund of \$3300 of the \$20k already given to design and run the website. Geek Support ended the agreement due to non-payment from the city. Negotiations with the General Code were at a standstill. Commissioner Butler stated that the commission had already voted to cancel the Franklin codification system contract. We would be sending ordinances that need review and changes.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to set up demos with the other companies, acknowledge the separation from Geek Support, pause sending any further ordinance until we can review the contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 16: Discuss/Consider: Repeal of the 2012 Parkland and Pool Ordinance No. 201207-23-B that established a fund for donations for parkland and pools. (Commissioner Butler)

Commissioner Butler discussed Ordinances on the books that still need to be repealed. Due to relocating the funds from the Parkland and Pool account (approved at the last meeting), this ordinance would need to be repealed.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to repeal the Ordinance.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 17: Discuss/Consider: Ordinance 2025-04-28-A—Maximum Sign Height (ICM Little)

The Commission discussed legalities involved regarding maximum sign height for businesses in the City of Ranger. Joe Mireles expressed concern for investors and vague, broad terminology.

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to draft an ordinance on maximum sign height.
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 18: Discuss/Consider: Ordinance 2025-04-28-B—Night Sky Ordinance (ICM Little)

The Commission discussed the possibility of a Night Sky or Dark Sky Ordinance which would regulate the brightness allowed for signs or lights in the City of Ranger and allow for the city to be identified as a “dark sky community.”

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to draft a Night Sky Ordinance.
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 19: Discuss/Consider: Adopt Resolution 2025-04-28-A – A Resolution of the City of Ranger, Texas, Adopting rules for public participation in council meetings. (ICM Little)

Interim City Manager Little spoke on the appropriateness of citizens deliberating with the Commission during meetings on each agenda item and weighed the possibility of citizens airing out their issues with agenda items in the beginning of the meeting during Citizen’s Presentation.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to table the item until the next meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Butler.

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 20: Discuss/Consider: Ranger Police Department/City Law Enforcement (Commissioner Calvert)

Commissioner Calvert expressed a need for police department reform in the form of officially approaching the county to take over the police department. The official conversation could be necessary due to lack of personnel, equipment, and resources. Mayor Archer entertained approaching unsponsored cadets from various police academies in the area as an option.

Motion made by Commissioner Butler for the Mayor and a Commission member to approach the county with some talking points.
Seconded by Commissioner Calvert.

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 21: Discuss/Consider: Performance bonus for employees tied to the significant reduction in water loss. (Commissioner Calvert)

Due to a significant drop in water loss for the City of Ranger, Commissioner Calvert proposed a bonus.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to award a bonus to the Public Works Department and the Utility Clerk in the amount of \$1333.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 22: Discuss/Consider: Repeal of the 2021 Juvenile Ordinance No. 2021-07-26-D that established a curfew for minors. (Commissioner Butler)

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to repeal the ordinance.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 23: Discuss/Consider: Provide notice of cancellation of Mark Kaiser Consulting agreement for budget support. (Commissioner Butler)

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to provide the notice of cancellation.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 24: Discuss/Consider: Implement change to the City of Ranger's Attorney of Record. (Commissioner Butler)

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to remove Knight Law Firm as Attorney of Record.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Abstained by Commissioner Calvert.

Motion Passed.

Agenda Item 25: Discuss/Consider: Adopt Resolution 2025-04-28-B, removing former Police Chief, Joel Moran from the LEOSE and Police Department accounts.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to remove the former Police Chief from the signature cards on the LEOSE and Police Department accounts.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 26: Discuss/Consider: Resolution 2025-04-28-C, adding Finance Director Carol Stephens as a signatory for all bank and credit accounts.

Motion made by Commissioner Calvert to add Carol Stephens as signatory.
Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously Approved.

Agenda Item 27: Discuss/Consider: Retire into Executive Session to deliberate any items as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074

- Review applications and discuss positions for City Manager, Police Chief, Animal Control Officer, and Police Officers.
- Discuss Public Safety Interim Operations/Actions.

Retired into Executive Session at 20:28

Agenda Item 28: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session to take action as determined appropriate regarding:

- Review applications and discuss positions for City Manager, Police Chief, Animal Control Officer, Police Officers.
- Discuss Public Safety Interim Operations/Actions.

Reconvened into Open Session at 21:31

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to review the applications for City Manager, conduct interviews for Police Chief and Animal Control Officers, and look at police cadets as they become available.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously Approved

Agenda Item 29: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Doyle to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Calvert.

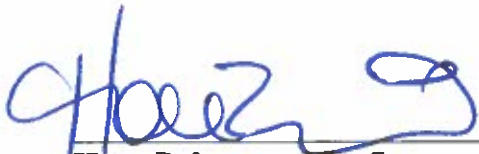
Unanimously Approved.

Adjourned at 21:33

These minutes were approved on the 12 day of May 2025

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



Hope Delatorre, City Secretary



Charlie Archer, Mayor