



## CALLED MEETING MINUTES

A Called Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 4:00 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 Vicki Doyle	Mayor Pro Tem
Commissioner Jim McCullough	Place 2
Commissioner Katie Billings	Place 3
Commissioner Jared Calvert	Place 4
City Manager Charlie Archer	
City Secretary Hope Delatorre	
Fire Chief Darrell Fox	
Animal Control Officer Carrie Piant	
Utility Clerk Kendyl Powers	
Finance Director Carol Stephens	
Police Chief Charles Rodriguez	

Mayor Pro-Tem Vicki Doyle arrived at 16:04 and the meeting was called to order at 16:05.

**Agenda Item 01:** First Public Hearing of Proposed Budget (Finance Director, City Manager, Mayor Butler)

City Manager Archer notified the Commission that this was the latest draft of the budget including input from the City of Ranger department heads and required minor changes. The budget presented was a workable budget and allowed for the ability to “tweak” through the middle of September.

Finance Director, Carol Stephens, thanked all of the department heads, Robert Butler, and City Manager Archer for their collective efforts on the draft. She informed that the budget presented was a balanced budget with a net of zero, however there were a few items that required editing.

The Animal Control budget had a few line items that required editing including:

- 121303-Medical Expenses was changed from \$6900-\$4500
- 121150-Workman’s Comp changed from \$5900-\$4350
- 121500-Salary changed from \$32,000-\$35,000

The Streets Department budget:

- 140500- Salaries changed from \$60,000-\$97,800 due to increased staff.

140330- Machine and Equipment changed from \$132,513.68- \$94,755 (give or take some change)

The Cemeteries and Parks budget:

155500- Salary changed from \$38,000- \$38,575

155512- Contract Labor was lowered from \$5000- \$4325

Carol informed the Commission that the revenue side was not finished due to needing to update the fee schedule. Updating the fee schedule would get the budget closer to a viable number.

Commissioner Calvert inquired as to why the Code Enforcement numbers were lowered and Carol informed him that demolition of buildings and impound fees were lowered.

Commissioner Billings questioned the nuisance and debris clean-up. City Manager Archer notified the Commission that TCG was still preparing the documents and that the contract still remained unsigned. There had been new legislation introduced that could allow for potential funding options.

The Public Works Department budget included improvements such as a mixer for the water tower and improved monitoring at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Carol stated that the budget improvements included TCEQ requirements and police and fire needs including the radios and reprogramming of the radios for the fire department.

Carol also stated that revenue streams were off a little bit due to the Eastland County Water Supply District possibly raising their prices and the water prices for citizens to increase in the fee schedule.

City Manager Archer announced that the cloud migration would be placed on a five year payment plan instead of one lump sum payment and a new line item was created for the Public Works Department budget for the Public Works Barn that would include items like lighting and safety.

The new quote for the roof given to the Finance Director totaled between \$55k and \$71k depending on the work required.

Motion was made by Commissioner Calvert to approve the budget with changes.  
Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 02: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment**

Motion was made by Commissioner Calvert to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Billings.

Unanimously approved.

Adjourn 16:35


These minutes were approved on the 25 day of August 2025

**CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Hope Delatorre, City Secretary**



  
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**Robert Butler, Mayor**