



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, February 8, 2021 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 Joe Pilgrim	Mayor
Commissioner Larry Monroe	Place 1
Commissioner Robert Butler	Place 2
Commissioner John Casey	Place 3
Commissioner Bittni Boykin	Place 4
City Manager Gerald Gunstanson	
City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry	
Public Works Director Robert Alvarez	

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Pilgrim

Roll Call/Quorum Check- Savannah Fortenberry
Invocation of Prayer- John Casey
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Pilgrim
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Pilgrim

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation: **1.** Tina Thomas gave a statement regarding the Police Chief and not wanting to lose him. She said her point was mute now as he had already put his resignation in, but hopes in the future things can be arranged. **2.** Joe Sigler announced he delivered a new machine and has 3 more that have been ordered. Mr. Sigler stated there is a new business across from the Ranger Historical Preservation Society that does vehicle wraps. Joe Sigler expressed he was not happy about the Police Chief leaving. He stated he has heard many great things about him. Mr. Sigler also mentioned that people have talked regarding a recall election of Robert Butler. **3.** Steve Gerdes gave an update regarding the construction at the Walnut Street Clinic. He stated the construction started today, February 8, and Randy would have the dirt work and framing done before this coming weekend. **4.** Police Chief, Mike Luna, addressed Council and the Public in a letter. He thanked his family for making the sacrifice and allowing him to work 400 miles away. Chief Luna thanked the staff of City Hall and City Manager, Gerald Gunstanson, for welcoming and treating him like family the past eight months. He also extended his gratitude to all the Citizens that have welcomed him as well.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- **1.** Commissioner Monroe thanked Darrell and the Fire Department for all their help they do with the Vietnam Veteran Park. **2.** City Manager, Gerald Gunstanson, announced City Hall would be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day. **3.** Mayor Pilgrim reminded citizens to be careful with the bad weather coming, and to check on each other's neighbors. **4.** Robert Butler thanked all the exceptional people working for the City. Mr. Butler thanked Gerald Gunstanson for

working on the grants and all he is doing. **6.** City Manager, Gerald Gunstanson, thanked Somer and Savannah for submitting the documentation on the COVID-19 grant. **7.** Commissioner Butler thanked the Ranger Volunteer Fire Department for all their work they do 24/7. He stated Darrell and his team do a wonderful job. **8.** Commissioner Butler thanked the Ranger Police Department for addressing the robberies and vandalisms in town. He also reminded everyone the Evergreen Cemetery has new hours. **9.** Commissioner Butler stated he is proud to be a part of the Council. He added there is no financial gain with being on Council. He mentioned there are now increased meetings and access to the minutes and videos are available online. **10.** Mayor Pilgrim gave his condolences to Richard Williams for the passing of his mother. **11.** Police Chief, Mike Luna, introduced Officer Jeffrey Branch and stated he is glad to have him in Ranger. **12.** City Manager, Gerald Gunstanson, announced during the month of March West Central Texas Council of Government is donating a tire trailer for 1,200 tires and it is free of charge. **13.** Jeane Pruett stated the Ranger Volunteer Fire Department is the best in the whole County.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on January 25, 2021. - Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on January 25, 2021 and Commissioner Butler 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Prior to Executive Session:

*Brittni Boykin addressed Chief Luna, and thanked him for being an asset to Ranger. Mrs. Boykin stated she wished there could have been a meaningful conversation to reach an agreement before Chief Luna submitted his resignation. She wished Chief Luna the best and appreciated all his work he did for the City of Ranger.

*Commissioner Butler stated he was not a fan of executive session and also stated commissioners cannot respond to social media.

Agenda Item 05: Convene in Executive Session **at 6:20pm** Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. – Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

- Chief of Police
- Fire Chief

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into Open Session at **7:25pm** and take action from Executive Session - Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

*Motion made by Commissioner Butler to accept the resignation of Chief Luna effective Wednesday, February 10, and name City Manager, Gerald Gunstanson, as interim Police Chief Administrator pending selection of the new Chief, and allow Officer Elizabeth Wristen to be in charge of the evidence room and Commissioner Casey 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

*Reviewed the personnel matter regarding the Fire Chief. **No Action Taken.**

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

- **Finance Report-** Director Savannah Fortenberry
- **Library Report-** Librarian Diana McCullough
- **REDC 4A Report-** President Gerald Gunstanson
- **REDC 4B Report-** President Steve Gerdes
- **Municipal Court Report-** Judge Tammy Archer
- **Fire/EMS Report-** Chief Darrel Fox
- **Police Department-** Asst. Chief Mike Luna
- **Animal Control/Code Enforcement-** Bradley Keyser
- **Public Works Report-** Director Robert Alvarez

*Motion made by Commissioner Casey for the approval of all the Consent Items; Monthly Department Reports, Commissioner Monroe 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 7:52 pm

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

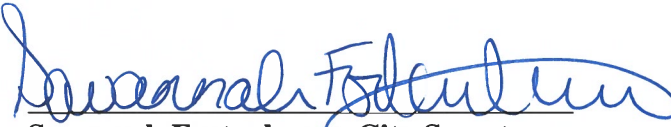
These minutes were approved on the 22nd day of February, 2021

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:



Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary



