



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, March 9, 2026, 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 Robert Butler	Mayor
Commissioner Vicki Doyle	Place 1
Commissioner Jim McCullough	Place 2
Commissioner Katie Billings	Place 3
Commissioner Jared Calvert	Place 4
City Manager Charlie Archer	
City Secretary Hope Delatorre	
Animal Control Officer Carrie Pilant	
Fire Chief Darrell Fox	
Finance Director/Municipal Clerk Carol Stephens	

### **Agenda Item 01: Call to Order**-Mayor Robert Butler

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:** Public hearing concerning a property located at the corner of E. loop 254 and Tiffin Rd. The purpose of this hearing is to review the plan(s) to bring the property into compliance with all city ordinances. The property is in violation of ordinance 2023-09-25-D (junk vehicles) and ordinance 0223-01-23-A, dangerous structures. The property is owned by Rebecca Swinney Casey of Ranger, Texas.

\*Moved to the end of the agenda to allow the property owner time to arrive\*

No hearing was conducted due to the property owner not being in attendance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Billings to turn back over to Code Enforcement.  
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 03: 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.

No citizens were signed up to speak. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 04:** 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 Butler reminded and encouraged the citizens and Commission to attend the Vietnam Veterans Wall That Heals event at Ranger College on April 23-24.

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

- February 19, 2026, Town Hall
- February 23, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Billings to approve the minutes.  
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider:** Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:

- **Library Report:** Librarian Diana McCullough
- **REDC 4A Report:** MJ Dawson
- **REDC 4B Report:** MJ Dawson
- **Municipal Court Report:** Judge Doyle Russell
- **Fire/EMS Report:** Chief Darrell Fox
- **Police Department:** Chief Charles Rodriguez
- **Animal Control Report:** Officer Carrie Pilant
- **Code Enforcement Report:** Chief Rodriguez/Diana McCullough
- **Public Works Report:** Daniel Plascencia
- **Finance Report:** Carol Stephens
- **Code Enforcement Report:** Charlie Archer

REDC A Board reported that site readiness and property development was ongoing on the Loop 254 property with signage planned. They are working with GrantWorks on grant applications. The Strategic Plan items will be approved by the REDC prior to council presentation. A Board balance is 519,827.93.

REDC B Board is preparing an assistance application which will be presented at the next meeting if approved. It was noted that \$63,540.72 erroneously deposited to the B board account and has been

transferred back to the REDC A board account. REDC B balance is \$165,429.65. Soon the Treasurer to separate CD and money market accounts similarly to the appropriate A and B board accounts. The council highlighted that the Boards must maintain a clear financial separation between the boards and projects unless it is an approved collaborative project.

Municipal Court collections for the month (2/4/26–3/2/26) was \$2,869.90. The council suggested to staff that future reports include state remittance amounts in future reports.

The Fire/EMS report outlined that YTD calls were 136 for EMS and 71 for Fire. For the month there were 101 calls (up from ~80 last year). Active grants submissions were listed as \$103,000 for training aids (\$10,000), Jaws of Life (\$25,000), RAC (\$3,000), skid unit (\$20,000), large pump, and tank (\$45,000). The grants submissions are staggered due to matching funds requirements. The city engine passed its test but was listed as having a drafting deficiency.

The Police Department reported 211 calls for service, 73 building checks, 52 traffic stops with four arrests: two for possession of controlled substance, one for assault bodily injury, and one for terroristic threat. The PD launched a code compliance webpage, is establishing an unwanted prescription drop off, and is expecting the new patrol car in Mid-March with another approved in the budget once the 2027 models are available.

Animal Control Report for February included two warnings for dogs at large, seven dogs in foster care with four adoptions completed, and one scheduled. PetSmart Charities partnership approved which will assist with grants and adoption events. The Spay/Neuter program continues but eligibility is limited to Ranger residents, and the animal must be registered with the City. Planning continues for the June Animal Control fund raising and awareness event.

Public Works reported Eastland County Water Supply District purchases were 12,167,000 gallons at an average of 435,000 gallons/day. Flushing accounted for 108,800 gallons while known leaks accounted for ~107,000 gallons (Feb 2). They are focused on installing new lines and valves as an effort to upgrade in lieu of patching issues that arise. The effluent pump issues are resolved, and the pump is in service. The street team continues to process orders and has filled potholes, laid millings, resurfaced roads. There were 51 total work orders. The Water Development Grant continues to move forward with about 36 months prior to final award.

The audit cost came in at \$20,500 but \$3500 will be billed to the REDC for reimbursement. Wildfire Mitigation loan funds are almost fully reimbursed and are in that fenced account. With the completion of the audit and as we move to a more efficient finance tool, we will do our mid-year review and adjustments, if needed. This will provide the basis for the remainder of the year's spending and the preparation of next year's budget. This has no impact on taxes as there are no mid-year tax assessment changes. The City will schedule the annual midyear budget review workshops led by the City Manager after department head consultations. This will address define transition plan and timeline for adopting a more efficient finance tool (data migration and staff training).

Code enforcement activities and community property improvements were reported with the following items highlighted: Seven notices of violation issued with photos; six administrative search warrants executed for dilapidated properties; one illegal dump resolved; one RV ordinance citation;

on a single property the number of RVs were reduced from six to two and those remaining two are in process, and junk removal underway.

Two frame homes and one mobile home taken down by the owners and awaiting disposal. There is work proceeding on 26 additional properties.

Motion was made by Commissioner Doyle to approve the departmental reports consent items. Seconded by Commissioner Billings.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** Approval of the REDC A Board Annual Report for submission. (REDC A Board). The packet shall include three previous reports in addition to proposed annual report.

The REDC A Board will make suggested changes to their end of year reports for the Texas Secretary of State. It was highlighted that site readiness that is essential to maintaining Capital Assets will be listed as an expense. The suggestion was made to list land assets with values for the report. The council was provided the previous five years of reporting for comparison..

Motion was made by Commissioner Billings to table the final report until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider:** Approval of the REDC B Board Annual Report for submission. (REDC B Board). The packet shall include three previous reports in addition to proposed annual report.

The REDC B Board will make suggested changes to their end of year reports for the Texas Secretary of State. It was highlighted that recreational facilities was listed as an asset, and that may not belong to the B Board which would require it to be removed. The council was provided the previous five years of reporting for comparison.

Motion was made by Commissioner Billings to table the final reports until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider:** Approval of Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (TexSTAR) Investment Pool as an authorized investment and approval of application for participation in TexSTAR (REDC A and B Boards)

The EDC had previously voted at their meetings to allow A & B board funds to move to better yielding accounts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Billings to approve the EDC boards request to join the investment pool and to be managed by the President and Treasurer.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Abstained by Commissioner Doyle.

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider:** Approval of Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) Investment Pool as an authorized investment and approval of application for participation in LOGIC (REDC A and B Boards)

The EDC had previously voted at their meetings to allow A & B board funds to move to better yielding accounts.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCullough to authorize participation in LOGIC and approve the application to be managed by the EDC President and Treasurer.

Seconded by Commissioner Billings.

Abstained by Commissioner Doyle.

Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider:** Resolution 2026-03-09 – A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ranger, Texas, declaring the unopposed candidates for the offices of Commissioner, Place Two (2) and Place Four (4) as elected; providing that the May 2, 2026, General Election is cancelled (City Secretary)

Motion was made by Commissioner Calvert to adopt the Resolution.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider:** Ordinance 2026-03-09-A. Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance for the use and operation of motor-assisted scooters, mini-motorbikes, and pocket bikes by limiting or prohibiting the operations of motor-assisted scooters, mini-motorbikes, and pocket bikes on streets, highways, sidewalks, paths, and alleys; providing a penalty for adults, parents, and children for the use of a motor-assisted scooter, mini-motorbike, and pocket bike in a restricted or prohibited area; requiring that children wear a protective helmet while operating or riding a motor-assisted scooter; providing for a penalty for parents and children for failure of a child to wear a helmet; providing a repealing, severability and savings clauses; providing for a penalty for the violation of this ordinance; providing an effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption. (Chief of Police)

Motion was made by Commissioner Doyle to approve the second and final reading for the Ordinance.

Seconded by Commissioner Billings.

Unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider:** Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner McCullough to adjourn the meeting.  
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle.

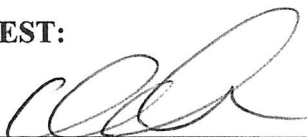
Unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 18:50.

These minutes were approved on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026

**CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**



**Charlie Archer, City Manager**



**Robert Butler, Mayor**

