



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Tuesday October 10, 2023 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 Terry Robinson	Mayor
Commissioner Joe Sigler	Place 1
Commissioner Kevan Moize	Place 2
Commissioner Wendy Erwin	Place 3
Commissioner Samantha McGinnis	Place 4
City Manager Savannah Fortenberry	
City Secretary Somer Lee	
Honorable Tammy S. Archer	

Agenda Item 01: Call to Order- Mayor Robinson

Roll Call/Quorum Check- City Secretary, Somer Lee
Invocation of Prayer- Mayor Robinson
Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag- Mayor Robinson
Pledge of Allegiance to Texas Flag- Mayor Robinson

Agenda Item 02: Citizen's Presentation: **1.** Bryan Rogers announced there had been a meeting at the city pool with an engineer, Jason Bowen, to help see what all needed to be done to get the pool fixed. Mr. Rogers also gave props to Jared Calvert for putting on the airshow. **2.** Jared Calvert stated that there were 250 aircraft that visited the airshow from multiple different states. Mr. Calvert also stated that he believes because of dishonest propaganda made up by one commissioner, the citizens, taxpayers, and youth have all been harmed and the Commissioners are all fools. **3.** Brenda Lombas stated her concerns with the recall petitions filed by Steve Gerdes involving Commissioner Moize and Commissioner McGinnis, as well as the lawsuit against the faithful City Secretary, Somer Lee.

Agenda Item 03: Announcements from City Council or Staff- **1.** City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, announced that the Day of Champions would take place on October 14, 2023 from 8:00 am until noon and volunteers are needed. Ms. Fortenberry also stated that Stage 2 of the drought is still in effect until further notice and citizens are urged to conserve water as much as possible. **2.** Commissioner Sigler boasted on the improvements being made throughout the city and wanted to make it known that they were noticed and appreciated.

Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider: approval of the city council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 25, 2023, and the approval of the public hearing meeting minutes on September 25, 2023.

*Motion made by Commissioner Sigler to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on September 25, 2023 and the public hearing meeting minutes on September 25, 2023, and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider: Republic Sanitation bulk pickup starting October 16, 2023.

*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, explained that the sanitation bulk pick up would begin October 16, 2023, and would continue every third Monday of each month thereafter. Ms. Fortenberry also stated the first nine months Republic Services would sweep the town by picking up any bulk items put out that do not exceed the 4x4x4 rule and weighs no more than 40lbs. After the initial nine months, the citizens will be required to call into city hall to be put on the bulk pick up list. **No Action Taken.**

Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider: update from the Eastland County Water Supply District (Elected Ranger Directors).

*There were no representatives present for an update. Commissioner Moize provided council with a handout of the August 2023 financial information that he received from the ECWSD as requested. Commissioner Moize provided comments related to the information he received from ECWSD. The comments are attached.

Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider: approval of the annual renewal for the Eastland County-City of Ranger Cooperative Dispatch Interlocal Agreement.

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the annual renewal for the Eastland County-City of Ranger Cooperative Dispatch Interlocal Agreement and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **Ayes: Moize, McGinnis, Sigler; Abstain: Erwin; Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider: approval of the annual renewal for the Eastland County-City of Ranger Cooperative Ambulance Service Contract.

*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin to approve the annual renewal for the Eastland County-City of Ranger Cooperative Ambulance Service Contract. and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider: approval to waive fees at the collection station for residential customers with an active utility bill on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to waive fees at the collection station for residential customers with an active utility bill on Saturday, October 14, 2023 and 2nd by Commissioner Erwin. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider: Stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan.

*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, informed that the city is still under stage two drought and it is very important that all water usage be reduced by 20%. The 20% reduction was not met in the month of September. **No Action Taken**

Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider: second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-10-10-E: an ordinance by the city commission of the City of Ranger, Texas, amending the city's existing ordinances by amending and establishing fees for certain licenses, permits, and other services provided by the city of ranger; including findings of fact and proper notice and hearing; repeal previous ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance; providing a penalty clause; providing severability clause; effective date and open meeting clauses; and providing for related matters.

*City Manager, Savannah Fortenberry, stated the requested changes from the previous meeting had been made on page four.

*Motion made by Commissioner Erwin to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-10-10-E; and 2nd by Commissioner Moize. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider: Resolution No. 2023-10-10-U: a resolution of the city council of the City of Ranger authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager/Administrator to enter into an interlocal agreement with Eastland County for the submission of an application, and with selection, the development and completion of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) through the United States Forest Service (USFS) under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Wildfire Defense Program (CWDG).

*Motion made by Commissioner McGinnis to approve Resolution No. 2023-10-10-U: and 2nd by Commissioner Moize. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider: approving the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Eastland County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

*Motion made by Commissioner Moize to approve the Interlocal Agreement to participate in the Eastland County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and 2nd by Commissioner McGinnis. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider: Consent Items; the Approval of Monthly Department Reports:

- **Finance Report-** Director Carol Stephens
- **Library Report-** Librarian Diana McCullough
- **REDC 4A Report-** President Marla Tovar
- **REDC 4B Report-** President Marla Tovar
- **Municipal Court Report-** Judge Tammy Archer
- **Fire/EMS Report-** Chief Darrel Fox
- **Police Department-** Chief Moran
- **Animal Control/Code Enforcement-** Trace Douglas
- **Public Works Report-** Steven Burch

*Commissioner Moize stated that he would like to see a REDC report with financial totals with CD's included from the REDC at next months meeting.

*Motion made by Commissioner Sigler to approve the monthly department reports and 2nd by Commissioner Moize. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 15: Discuss/Consider: Convene into executive session at **5:58pm** pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, and Section 1.05, Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, to consult with legal counsel regarding Eastland County Water Supply District contracts, meetings, and election processes.

Agenda Item 16: Discuss/Consider: Reconvene into open session at **6:46pm** to take action as determined in the City Commission’s discretion regarding Eastland County Water Supply District contracts, meetings, and election processes.

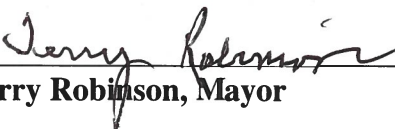
*Commissioner Moize made a motion to table Agenda Item 16 until the next meeting to give the city attorney more time to review and look at options and 2nd by Commissioner Sigler. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

Agenda Item 17: Discuss/Consider: Adjournment- 7:09p.m.

*Motion made by Commissioner Sigler to adjourn and Commissioner Erwin 2nd the motion. **All Ayes and Motion Passed.**

These minutes were approved on the 23rd day of October, 2023

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Terry Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Somer Lee, City Secretary



ECWSD 2308 budget review

The title of " Budget Performance" (B1) is not quite clear if it is an overall Budget or specifically the Operational Budget. Since it does not include all revenue and debt issues, it appears that it is a partial Operational Budget Performance. Partial, because it does not include the complete operational budget. It also includes debt revenue; but, not debt expenses.

A quick review of the bottom line (B2), does not yield a usable evaluation. With a YTD Net Ordinary Income of \$709,000, it would appear that the district is on a path to over \$1,000,000 in net income. This misrepresents the performance due to the \$394,797 in debt income B5 (lines 4070 -4080), yet does not include the debt expense.

The water sales budget (B3) of \$1,695,000 aligns with the 2023 budget (see the next page); however the Expense Budget (B4) is short by \$255,000 which include FFB loan payments, Membrane reserves and Unbudgeted reserves. This is perhaps the correct Expense Budget since these expense are not operational , nor allowed by the contract.

Note that line items 4010-4060 (B6) \$112,504 are not budgeted. It should also be noted that these items are supposed to offset the city's cost according to the contract. It appears that the district just adds this revenue to the ever increasing surplus.

Removing the debt income (B7), the true Total income is \$1,278,377 and not \$1,673,173

Other than the missing Budgeted expense items of \$255,000 mentioned above, the Interest Expense (B8)(line item 6224) of \$141,404, should be deducted because it is not an operational expense. The Correct Adjusted Total Expense (B9) is \$822,672 and the Correct Net Ordinary Income (B10) is \$455,705. Since this represents 8 of the 12 months of income, the Projected Year end Net Income (B11) is \$683,557 or another \$227,852. This represents 47% of the current budget.

Surplus

The term reserve is not defined in the contract nor does it occur in the contract.

Total Current Assets (S1) is \$7,454,873. This represents Liquid assets. Of this number \$5,089,609 (highlighted lines) represents current bonds and associated restricted assets. This leaves a remainder (S2)of \$2,365,264 in surplus funds. Add to this the projected additional surplus of \$227,852 and the Accumulated Year End Surplus will be \$2,593,116.

With the continued over budgeting and acquired debt without the city approval and the significant surplus, I renew my previous recommendation that the ECWSD water rate should not increase, but rather be decreased by 50%.

Eastland County Water Supply District
Statement of Activities Budget Performance
August 2023 B1 OPERATING BUDGET?

	Aug 23	Budget	Jan - Aug 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4000 · Water Sales	205,645.44	141,250.41	1,165,872.88	1,130,003.28	1,695,004.92
4010 · Irrigation Water Sales	0.00		12,116.01		
4030 · Interest on Time Deposits	1,153.68		7,727.35	B6 \$112,504	
4040 · Other Income	0.00		3,180.63		
4043 · Reimbursements	0.00		74,056.57		
4049 · Septic & License	0.00		2,450.00		
4050 · Lease Income	3,195.00		7,580.67		
4060 · Park & Recreation	433.00		5,392.40		
4070 · Debt Service Ranger 2012	4,601.27		83,032.31		
4071 · Debt Service Eastland 1992	5,583.58		44,668.64		
4072 · Debt Service Ranger 1992	3,520.58		28,164.64		
4073 · Debt Serv Special Eastland 1992	3,937.50		31,500.00		
4074 · Debt Service Eastland 2012	7,297.55		99,968.25		
4075 · Debt Service Ranger 2019	966.75		7,734.00		
4076 · Debt Service Eastland 2019	1,533.25		12,266.00		
4080 · Grant Revenue	0.00		107,463.00		
Total Income	237,867.60	141,250.41	1,673,173.35	1,130,003.28	1,695,004.92 B3
Expense					
6000 · Utilities Elec TXU	9,506.64	11,800.00	72,761.54	94,400.00	141,600.00
6001 · Utilities Elec Comanche	177.43	200.00	1,551.82	1,600.00	2,400.00
6002 · Utilities Water	960.88	240.00	3,705.72	1,920.00	2,880.00
6003 · Utilities Trash	968.25	100.00	8,063.73	800.00	1,200.00
6004 · Utilities Telephone	263.62		2,773.43		
6005 · Utilities Internet	101.95	160.00	1,611.67	1,280.00	1,920.00
6010 · Telephone	0.00	891.67	1,629.52	5,533.36	8,300.04
6040 · Testing Fees	1,100.73	1,250.00	7,391.86	10,000.00	15,000.00
6050 · License/Permits	0.00	666.67	2,621.00	5,333.36	8,000.04
6051 · Permits and Inspections	600.00		1,600.00		
6052 · TCEQ Fines	0.00		113.75		
6060 · Lease Expense	0.00	333.33	2,777.49	2,666.64	3,999.96
6080 · Office Expense/Postage	1,887.46	1,450.00	14,832.19	11,600.00	17,400.00
6081 · Lake Office Expense	30.00		30.00		
6090 · Accounting Fees	0.00	833.33	5,400.00	6,666.64	9,999.96
6100 · Legal/Audit Fees	0.00	4,583.33	28,953.75	36,666.64	54,999.96
6101 · Escrow Fees	0.00		886.88		
6110 · Director's Fees	0.00	120.00	390.00	960.00	1,440.00
6120 · Seminars/Schools	1,005.00	708.33	3,424.50	5,666.64	8,489.98
6121 · School Lodging	0.00		851.25		
6122 · School Meals	0.00		324.00		
6130 · Truck Expense	1,117.34	1,458.33	10,232.74	11,666.64	17,499.96
6140 · Dues/Memberships	75.00	125.00	1,198.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
6145 · Engineer Fees	4,200.30	14,583.33	50,949.47	116,666.64	174,999.96
6165 · Chemical Expense	22,111.25	20,000.00	180,085.33	180,000.00	240,000.00
6170 · Plant Supplies	2,144.80	2,500.00	11,373.04	20,000.00	30,000.00
6171 · Lake Supplies	59.99		276.98		
6180 · Repairs/Maintenance Plant	11,598.59	18,583.33	164,832.39	148,666.64	222,999.96
6181 · Equipment repairs	119.00	500.00	670.77	4,000.00	8,000.00
6190 · Repairs/Maintenance Lake	115.95		7,860.88		
6200 · Insurance/Bonds	0.00	8,333.33	0.00	66,666.64	99,999.96
6210 · Election Fees	0.00	500.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
6221 · Insurance Life	147.00		354.00		
6222 · Insurance Health	5,371.14		31,107.68		
6223 · Insurance Workmans Comp	0.00		1,008.00		
6224 · Interest Expense	0.00		141,404.06	B8	
6225 · Salary & Wages	34,625.88	22,500.00	159,854.18	180,000.00	270,000.00
6226 · Insurance Property	0.00		136.00		
6230 · IRA Contributions	0.00	666.67	0.00	5,333.36	8,000.04
6600 · Payroll Taxes	6,247.94	5,416.67	26,941.42	43,333.36	65,000.04
7044 · Misc Equipment	9.98	1,058.33	3,512.38	8,466.64	12,699.96
7047 · Superintendent house	0.00		1,527.85		
7048 · Equipment Purchase	0.00		137.00		
9503 · Emergency Dam Repairs	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
Total Expense	104,544.12	120,611.65	964,076.25	964,893.20	1,447,339.80 B4
Net Ordinary Income	133,323.48	20,638.76	709,097.10 B2	165,110.08	247,665.12

	Stated Total Income	\$1,673,173
B5	Income from Debt?	(\$394,797)
B7	Corrected Total Income	\$1,278,376

	Stated Total Expense	\$964,076
B8	Interest Expense	(\$141,404)
B9	Corrected Total Expense	\$822,672

B7	Corrected Total Income	\$1,278,376
B9	Corrected Total Expense	(\$822,672)
B10	Corrected Net Ordinary Income	\$455,704

B10	Corrected Net Ordinary Income	\$455,704
	x 12 mos / 8 mos	x 1.5
	Projected Year End Net Income/ Surplus	\$683,556

	Projected Year End Net Income	\$683,556
B10	Corrected Net Ordinary Income	(\$455,704)
	Projected Additional Surplus	\$227,852

	Projected Year End Net Income	\$683,556
B4	/ Expense Budget	\$1,447,340
	% Annual Overbudgeted or Surplus	47%

	2022 budget	2023 Budget
ome	\$ 1,680,812.00	\$ 1,695,004.92
aries	\$ 264,000.00	\$ 270,000.00
roll Taxes	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Benefits	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
ilities	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
phone	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,300.00
ees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
septic/TCEQ	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
ense	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
ense/Postage	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,400.00
pping	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
gal & Audit	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
ector Fees 180per	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
minars/Schools	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
ck Exp	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
es/Memberships	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
ngineer/operation fees	150,000.00	175,000.00
EQ Assessment Fees	\$ 4,800.00	\$ -
emical Supplies	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
nt Supplies	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
pairs/Maint/Plant	125,000.00	223,000.00
up Repairs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
urance/Bonds	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
ntract Labor	20,000.00	\$ -
ction Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
up Pur/Misc Equip	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,700.00
sc Equip	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
B Loan Int pmts	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -
B Loan pmts	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
s Membrane Replace	105,000.00	105,000.00
s Unbudgeted Exp	50,000.00	50,000.00
m Maint	15,000.00	15,000.00
Totals	1,520,740.00	1,702,340.00

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B4 \$255,000

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**Eastland County Water Supply District
Statement of Financial Position
As of August 31, 2023**

	Aug 31, 23	Aug 31, 22	\$ Change	% Change
Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1000 - FFB - Revenue (2402)	523,831.76	483,217.63	40,614.13	8.4%
1001 - FFB Revenue Bonds 2012 (5984)	1,595,973.23	1,590,143.18	5,830.05	0.4%
1002 - FFB Savings (5666)	398,284.10	363,581.14	35,702.96	9.8%
1003 - Rev Bonds - I & S(8419)	89,458.03	86,500.91	2,957.12	3.4%
1004 - Interest & Sinking (2210)	43,807.21	42,594.57	1,212.64	2.9%
1005 - FFB 2012 Revenue Fund (3216)	13,808.81	22,558.08	(8,751.47)	(38.8)%
1007 - FFB 2012 Int & Sinking (3208)	103,964.72	100,230.93	3,733.79	3.7%
1008 - FFB FEMA (6930)	77.89	77.89	0.00	0.0%
1009 - Lake Revenue Account (1078)	30,288.22	36,746.89	(6,448.67)	(17.6)%
1011 - USDA Emergency Grant (2621)	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.0%
1012 - Res/Unbudgeted Expenses(5972)	133,188.96	18,392.57	114,794.39	624.1%
1013 - Dam Maintenance (3728)	58,483.00	53,761.00	4,732.00	8.8%
1016 - 2019 Bond TWDB L 1000977 (4728)	733,439.53	733,439.53	0.00	0.0%
1017 - Series 2019 Revenue Bond Constr	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.0%
1018 - 2019 TWDB LF 1000978 Esc (4734)	1,954,550.09	1,982,885.09	(28,315.00)	(1.4)%
1019 - Rest. Membrane (8008)	454,508.15	349,508.15	105,000.00	30.0%
Total Checking/Savings	6,134,670.63	5,863,608.69	271,061.94	4.6%
Other Current Assets				
1010 - Cetera Investment Service 26325	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.0%
1015 - Cetera Investment Services (2)	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.0%
1022 - CD FFB (33040001161)	108,288.55	108,288.55	0.00	0.0%
1024 - CD FNB Santo	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00	0.0%
1025 - CD FFB (33040001432)	46,957.90	46,957.90	0.00	0.0%
1028 - CD TB(2201)	232,451.70	232,451.70	0.00	0.0%
1201 - Water Sales Receivable	339,779.88	159,852.99	179,926.87	112.6%
1260 - Due from County - FEMA (Dam)	111,802.06	111,802.06	0.00	0.0%
1401 - Prepaid Insurance	30,922.00	30,922.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	1,320,202.07	1,140,275.20	179,926.87	15.8%
Total Current Assets	7,454,872.70	7,003,883.89	450,988.81	6.4%

S1

S1	Stated Current Assets	\$7,454,873
	Restricted Assets (Highlighted)	(\$5,089,609)
S2	Surplus To Date	\$2,365,264
	Projected Additional Surplus	\$227,852
	Accumulated Year End Surplus	\$2,593,116

