



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Ranger, Texas, was held on **Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** in City Hall, 400 West Main Street Ranger, Texas. The following subjects were discussed, to wit:

**Agenda Item 01: Call to Order-Mayor Pro-Tem Calvert**

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.

Brian Rogers spoke on progress in the City of Ranger

**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.

No announcements made.

**Agenda Item 04: Discuss/Consider:** Accounts Payable: Listing of monthly bills to be paid.

\*This item was moved until the end of the meeting agenda to allow Mr. Kaiser more time to prepare his presentation\*

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to approve paying the bills except for the three (3) bills from Messer Fort and Knight's Law Firm  
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle  
Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 05: Discuss/Consider:** Minutes of the previous meetings: February 24, 2025

Motion made by Commissioner McCullough to approve the minutes with amendments.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler  
Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 06: Discuss/Consider Departmental Reports:**

- \***Library Report-** Librarian Diana McCullough
- \***REDC 4A Report-**MJ Dawson
- \***REDC 4B Report-** MJ Dawson
- \***Municipal Court Report-**
- \***Fire/EMS Report-** Chief Darrell Fox
- \***Police Department-** Chief Joel Moran
- \***Public Works Report-** Daniel Plascencia
- \***City Manager Report-** Lambert Little
- \***Finance Report-** Mark Kaiser

Librarian Diana McCullough received a grant for two computers.  
Commissioner Butler requested that the Police Department report include the breakout of the individual citations by officer, day, and time like we had the previous report.

No action taken.

**Agenda Item 07: Discuss/Consider:** Enter into a Consulting Agreement with Mark A. Kaiser, CPA.

Motion made by Commissioner McCullough to approve the agreement with edits of term to reflect “as needed” instead of a 30-day notice to terminate services  
Seconded by Commissioner Butler  
Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 08: Discuss/Consider:** Clean up the City of Ranger

Joseph Mireles had some questions regarding what it means to “Clean up the City of Ranger.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Calvert discussed the importance of dividing the town into eight sectors. The clean-up would take around 4 years, 6 months each sector. The Commission would prioritize areas to begin with most dangerous violations each sector. The Commission could also establish a Citizen’s Task Force or a City Restoration Committee Advisory board of five people.

Brian Rogers expressed his own concerns about the clean-up of the City of Ranger.

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to divide the town into eight sectors with loop being the first, and to establish a Restoration Advisory Board of five people to review and provide recommendations to the commission for decision. Other sectors to be determined by a lottery, boundaries established by the Board. Citations/violations will be addressed by the city.  
Seconded by Commissioner Doyle  
Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 09: Discuss/Consider:** Adopt Resolution 2025-03-10-A, entering into an agreement with the Eastland County Joint Elections Commission to administer local elections within the City of Ranger, Texas, according to the attached Interlocal Agreement.

This agreement would raise the annual elections fees from the county by \$1000 due to rising costs.

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to accept the agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle

Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss/Consider:** Adopt Resolution 2025-03-10-B, approving submission of a grant for license plate readers for use by the Ranger Police Department, and naming Interim City Manager Lambert Little as signatory for such grant.

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to table the item until the next meeting with more information on how much the grant is for and if there were matching costs required.

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle

Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 11: Discuss/Consider:** Accept the 2025 Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.

No action taken.

**Agenda Item 12: Discuss/Consider:** Status of pumps at Wastewater Treatment Plant

\*This agenda item was moved until later in the meeting since the Public Works Director was not available. \*

The new pump has been installed, and the Public Works Department has been monitoring throughout the night. The previous pump company (CSS) had given their negative response to the Commission's request for warranty on the pumps previously approved by the Commission. The City Manager and Public Works Director will get new quotes.

**Agenda Item 13: Discuss/Consider:** Approve Community Wildfire Defense Grant

No action taken.

**Agenda Item 14: Discuss/Consider:** Appointments to the REDC Board

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to approve John Boyett to REDC B Board pending REDC approval (for action).

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle

Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 15: Discuss/Consider:** Establishing directives for the EDC

The Commission discussed ways to gauge the performance of EDC board members. Mayor Pro-Tem Calvert suggested four directives for the REDC to be completed by end-of-year.

1. Acquire the Depot and renovate it.
2. Tear down the turquoise building on the loop.
3. Establish a strategy for hotel development on the interstate (the college may be a partner in the marketing effort).
4. Robinson building mural.

Commissioner Butler had two other suggestions:

5. The REDC-A and REDC-B Audits should be rolled into the city annual audit with the REDC boards paying for their portion.
6. Restaurant by Love's Travel Center (or part of the hotel).

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to approve the six directives.

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle

Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 16: Discuss/Consider:** Hiring a Code Compliance Officer

Motion made by Commissioner McCullough to table until the next meeting to acquire more information.

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle

Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 17: Discuss/Consider:** Retire into Executive Session to deliberate any items as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

- 6-month evaluation of Public Works Director Daniel Plascencia
- Consider applicants for Finance Director
- Consider applicants for Municipal Court Clerk
- Consider applicants for Municipal Judge
- Consider applicants for Police Officer
- Consider applicants for City Manager

\*Convened into Executive Session at 19:10\*

**Agenda Item 18: Discuss/Consider:** Reconvene into Open Session to take action as determined appropriate regarding: as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

\*Reconvened into Open Session at 20:29\*

Motion made by Commissioner Doyle to increase the salary of Public Works Director due to performance.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler  
Unanimously Approved

Motion made Commissioner Doyle to accept the application of Carol Stephens as Finance Director and Municipal Court Clerk.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough  
Unanimously Approved

Motion made by Commissioner Doyle to accept the application of Doyle Russell as the part-time Municipal Judge.

Seconded by Commissioner McCullough  
Unanimously Approved

Motion made by Commissioner Butler to table the applicants of Police Officer and City Manager

Seconded by Commissioner Doyle

Unanimously Approved

**Agenda Item 19: Discuss/Consider:** Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner McCullough to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Butler  
Unanimously Approved

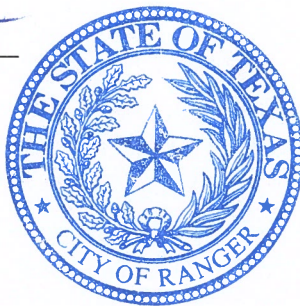
\*Adjourned at 20:47\*

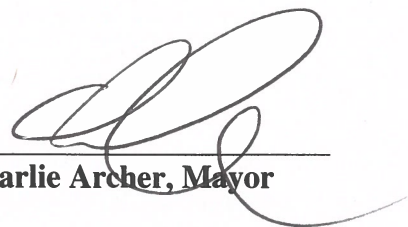
These minutes were approved on the 27 day of March 2025

**CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Hope Delatorre, City Secretary



  
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Charlie Archer, Mayor