

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY
MARCH 10TH 2022 MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2022 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present:

Mayor Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell
Commissioner Hay
Commissioner Fowler
Commissioner Morton

Staff Present:

Town Manager Jonathan Blanton
Town Clerk Sarah Rowan

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell called the meeting to order and Town Clerk Sarah Rowan conducted the roll call. Commissioner Moore was not present.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the agenda for the Monthly March meeting. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

III. Comments from Attendees

The Town Manager reported that there were no comments from attendees wishing to address the Board.

IV. Approval of the February 10th 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Morton motioned to approve the February 10th Monthly meeting minutes. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

V. Public Hearing for Revises Livestock Ordinance

Mayor Black opened the Public Hearing for the revised livestock ordinance.

The Town Manager gave a brief overview of the proposed livestock ordinance. He informed the Board that it allows for the keeping of up to ten hens in town limits with coop requirements and setback requirements. It would require permits for livestock owners.

Mr. Tommy Dellinger of 2600 East Spencer Avenue addressed the Board. He requested that the board allow one rooster in the new proposed ordinance. Mr. Dellinger shared with the Board the importance of his chickens and one rooster to his family.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VI. Action on Revised Livestock Ordinance

Commissioner Hay suggested leaving the current ordinance as it is and enforcing it on a complaint basis. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell agreed and added that enforcement is not necessary unless someone is harming their neighbors.

Commissioner Fowler inquired about the original purpose of the 3 acre requirement in the ordinance. Commissioner Morton responded that it was similar to the Gaston County ordinance at the time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to reject the proposed ordinance and enforce on a complaint basis. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VII. Ratification of Response to the State Treasurer's Office for Fiscal Year 2022 Audit

Commissioner Hay motioned to ratify the response to the State Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year 2022 audit. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VIII. Adoption of Resolutions to Apply for Wastewater, Water, and Additional Interconnect Grant

Commissioner Hay motioned to adopt resolutions to apply for Wastewater, Water, and Additional Interconnect grants. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

IX. Approval of Engineering Service Agreement for Capital Improvement Projects

Commissioner Morton motioned to approve the Engineering Service Agreement for Capital Improvement Projects. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

X. ETJ Appointment to the Planning Board

Commissioner Fowler motioned to appoint Ms. Kezia Simonds of 109 Woodside Avenue as the ETJ representative of the Planning Board. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

XI. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager announced that Town Hall will be closed April 15th for Good Friday. He added that there will be an Easter event on April 16th at the Community Building.

The Town Manager informed the board that representative Richard Burr had helped pass a funding resolution of \$2 million dollars to the Town of Ranlo. The Town Manager added that the resolution is to be signed by President Biden within the next week. He also noted that the first portion of the direct allocation funding of \$3.5 million had been signed for and it will be available to the Town soon.

The Town Manager noted the passing of two former Ranlo Commissioners, Roy Gittens and Dottie Shuford. He expressed thanks for their years of service to the Town.

The Town Manager noted that he and the Finance Director had put together a draft budget. The Board reached consensus to discuss the budget at the regular April meeting.

XII. Comments from the Mayor

There were no comments from Mayor Black.

XIII. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

The Board discussed the rentals of the Lodge and Community Building. Commissioner Morton suggested reintroducing a deposit to the payment. The Town Manager informed the Board that the Lodge is likely to be closed for renovations soon. Mayor Black suggested tabling the discussion until renovations are complete.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell recognized April 9th as Jonathan Blanton's second anniversary as the Town Manager of Ranlo. She noted that he has been a great asset. The Town Manager responded that he is appreciative of the Board and the prior Board as well.

Commissioner Morton suggested that the lobby of Town Hall be reopened. The Town Manager asked for a tentative date. The Board reached consensus on April 1st to reopen the lobby.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adjourn the regular March meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly March 10th 2022 Meeting