

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY OCTOBER 2022
MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2022 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present

Commissioner Wade Morton
Commissioner Robin Conner
Commissioner Fowler
Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell
Mayor Black

Staff Present

Town Manager Jonathan Blanton
Town Clerk Sarah Rowan

I. Call to Order

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

II. Ceremonious Installment of Commissioner Robin Conner to the Board

The Town Manager noted that the Board voted to appoint Commissioner Conner during the regular September meeting. Since then, Commissioner Conner had been sworn in at Town Hall.

Town Clerk Sarah Rowan administered the oath to Commissioner Conner for her installment to the Ranlo Board of Commissioners.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell requested that naming a new delegate to the Centralina Regional Council be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

IV. Comments from Attendees

The Town Manager noted that there were no comments from attendees.

V. Approval of the August Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Morton motioned to approve the August Monthly Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VI. Approval of the September Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the September Monthly Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VII. Approval of the September Monthly Meeting Closed Session Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the September Monthly Meeting Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

VIII. Approval of the October 4th Emergency Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the October 4th Emergency Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

IX. Centralina Regional Council Delegate

The Town Manager noted that former Commissioner Hay was the delegate to the Centralina Regional Council, and Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell is the current alternate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to appoint Commissioner Connor as the delegate to the Centralina Regional Council. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

X. Approval of RFQ for AIA - Water

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the Request for Qualifications for the Water Asset Inventory Assessment. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

XI. Approval for FRQ for AIA - Sewer

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the Request for Qualifications for the Sewer Asset Inventory Assessment. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

XII. Bow and Arrow Hunting in Town Limits

The Town Manager reminded the Board that several residents had reached out with concerns over bow and arrow hunting in the Town. After looking through old minutes, the Board at the time had considered prohibiting hunting, but the revised ordinance failed 3-2. The Town Manager informed that no other municipality in Gaston County allows for bow and arrow hunting. Under current Ranlo ordinances, bow and arrow hunting is permitted inside Town Limits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell requested proposed ordinances to not allow bow and arrow hunting. Commissioner Morton added that a public hearing would be appropriate to let the citizens voice their opinions. Commissioner Fowler noted that he has been informed of citizens finding arrows on their property. Mayor Black asked if there was a requirement to only hunt in wooded areas. The Town Manager responded that there are no area restrictions on hunting.

The Board reached consensus to look at proposed ordinances at the regular November meeting.

XIII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported that the Town has spent \$226,493.68 from the State Capital Improvement Fund Grant on engineering reports, sidewalk repairs, the extension of Ranlo Avenue, lodge renovations, and Boulder Court renovation surveys.

The Town Manager reported that the lodge renovation project is currently underway with a few change orders made to the original proposal. The Town Manager expressed confidence that the project will be completed under budget. To date, the projected cost of the lodge renovation is \$387,107 with change orders included.

The Town Manager also noted a change order for the Boulder Court renovation. He noted that the total cost for the project is still under the projected cost at \$818,256.50.

The Town Manager reported to the Board that the engineer had signed off on final construction designs for the ten houses on Mitchem Road. The Town Manager noted that there is not a concrete date for the beginning of construction, but everything required has

been submitted. The Town Manager noted that he will keep the Board updated as the project continues.

The Town Manager informed the Board that he has reached out to other municipalities to get an understanding of costs for a Town Attorney. The Board reached consensus for the Town Manager to issue a formal Request for Qualifications for a Town Attorney.

The Town Manager presented his 2.5 year report to the Board of Commissioners.

The Town Manager presented the Board with Christmas floats for the annual Christmas Parade. He noted that each float is \$500 each and they come pre decorated. The company then drives each float through the parade. The Town Manager noted that he has 6 business owners interested in sponsoring floats. The Town Manager added that the floats were only available for the 17th of December, rather than the first Saturday of December, when the parade is traditionally held. The Town Manager noted that he would like to move forward with planning with the Board's approval.

The Board reached consensus to move forward with Christmas Parade planning.

Commissioner Fowler expressed concern over the projects on Mitchem Road with Boulder Court also being under progress. The Town Manager responded that the Town will work with the developer the best they can to compromise.

Commissioner Conner inquired about the sidewalks and gutters on Mitchem Road being included in the project. The Town Manager responded that he believes the plans include the sidewalks and gutters and that the plans abide by all requirements.

The Town Manager announced that he is looking to secure a sponsor for the Thanksgiving meal giveaway. He added that the tentative date is November 19th. The Town Manager asked if there is a preference as to a sit down meal, drive through, or delivery method. He noted that some residents mentioned they had missed the community sit down since Covid. The Town Manager added that a sit down meal can be planned with delivery as needed.

Commissioner Morton suggested that the Town do a sit down meal at the Ranlo Baptist Church.

Commissioner Fowler inquired about the history of the host for the meal, since the lodge renovations will not be complete by November. Mayor Black noted that it was usually the Ranlo Church of God that hosted with the Town providing entertainment.

The Board reached consensus to host a sit down Thanksgiving meal with delivery as needed.

XIV. Comments from the Mayor

There were no comments from the Mayor.

XV. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell brought the agenda from the Centralina Regional Council's meeting to share with the Board.

Commissioner Fowler welcomed Commissioner Conner back to the Board.

Commissioner Morton noted that the prayer walk was a success.

The Town Manager showed appreciation for Ranlo Church of God, Ranlo Baptist Church, Faith and Assembly Church, and Grace Baptist Church for attendance.

XVI. Adjournment

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

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly October 2022 Meeting