

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY DECEMBER 2022
MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 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. All members were present.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The Town Manager requested that the agenda be amended to postpone item VI to the regular January meeting.

Commissioner Moore motioned to adopt the agenda as amended for the regular December meeting. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

III. Comments from Attendees

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

IV. Approval of the November 10th Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the November Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Moore motioned to approve the November Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

V. Discussion of Amendment to the Town's Uncontrolled Growth of Weeds Ordinance

The Town Manager explained to the Board that the proposed amendment to the Town's Uncontrolled Growth of Weeds Ordinances places responsibility on the homeowner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the amendment to the Town's Uncontrolled Growth of Weeds Ordinance as-written. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

VI. Mid-Year Financial Report and Overview

The Finance Director gave a mid-year financial report and overview of the department budgets and ongoing projects in the Town. She noted that all of the departments are on track for the year.

VII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager informed the Board that the Public Works Department's backhoe was delivered. He noted that the department greatly appreciates the Board's intent to purchase the equipment.

The Town Manager announced that the Christmas Parade is December 17th at 1:00PM. He noted that there will be a float for elected officials. The Town Manager added that there is a large lineup for the parade and he is looking forward to it.

The Town Manager announced that the Deck the Yard competition will run through December 17th with first, second, and third place to be announced on December 18th.

The Town Manager noted that the Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas. Garbage pickup will be on a one day delay. Town Hall will also be closed January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day. Garbage pickup will be on a one day delay.

The Town Manager reported that the Lodge, meter replacement, and Boulder Court projects are progressing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell inquired about free bulk pickup after Christmas. The Town Manager responded that the Town will be more lenient with pickup during the week following Christmas.

VIII. Comments from the Mayor

The Mayor noted that he had received a message from the Ranlo Church of God about their water situation during heavy rain. The Town Manager responded that the church is located on a State mandated road, so the Town can make additional contact with the Department of Transportation to see if they have any suggestions.

IX. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

There were no comments from the Board of Commissioners.

X. Closed Session Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3)(6)

Commissioner Moore motioned to open the closed session. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XI. Return to Open Session and Consideration of Closed Session Action

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell motioned to return to open session. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell motioned to direct the Town Manager to negotiate an agreement to bring to the Board to appoint Nick Tosco with Poyner Spruill as the Town Attorney. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Conner motioned to adopt the Town Manager's recommended merit-based salary adjustments effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XII. Adjournment

Commissioner Moore motioned to adjourn the regular December meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

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