

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY FEBRUARY 2023  
MEETING  
RANLO TOWN HALL  
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2023 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Governing Body Present**

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

**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. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the agenda for the regular February 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.

**IV. Approval of the January 12th Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes**

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the January Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

**V. Ratification of the Local Government Commission Response Letter**

Commissioner Morton motioned to ratify the Local Government Commission Response Letter. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

## **VI. Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

The Board reached a consensus to meet at 6:00 pm on March 9th before the regular March meeting to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

## **VII. Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager reported that Town Hall will be closed on February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day. Garbage pickup will be on a one-day delay.

The Town Manager updated the Board on the ongoing capital improvement projects. The South Ranlo waterline rehabilitation project has had the final drawings approved. The Town Manager hopes to have the Boulder Court project concluded within the next month. He thanked the public for their patience. The Town Manager informed the Board that 1,585 new meters have been installed and are functioning. There are around 105 meters left to be installed. The new meters allow for higher accuracy in billing and recognition of water loss. The Town is moving forward with the Ranlo Avenue waterline upfitting and expansion. Permitting from the State should be received by the Town in the next couple of days.

The Town Manager presented the Board with a tentative schedule for Spring, Summer, and Fall recreation events. The schedule includes an Easter event at the Lodge, Senior Adult Bingo in May, Music and Movies at the Ballfield in June, a 60th Anniversary Celebration in July, National Night Out in August, and the Annual Fall Festival in September.

Mayor Black inquired about the results of the recreation survey. The Town Manager informed the Board that only seven respondents were interested in participating in sports.

The Town Manager added that he has been talking to GarlandBurks about marketing for the 60th anniversary in July. GarlandBurks had previously helped the Town with a branding campaign and a new logo. GarlandBurks would provide weekly promotional materials for the event including the history of the Town, local businesses, and past and current elected officials. The Board provided consensus to proceed.

The Town Manager thanked the Centralina Regional Council and the Board of Commissioners for nominating him for the James D. Prosser Excellence in Leadership Award. He noted that he appreciates the recognition and the work that has been done over the past three years and the positive spotlight being put on Ranlo. The Town Manager added that past award winners have been the Mecklenburg County Manager, and the Salisbury City Manager.

Commissioner Fowler inquired about the date for the 2023 Christmas Parade. The Town Manager responded that he would coordinate with the float company over the next few days for available dates.

#### **VIII. Comments from the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner Conner inquired about construction for the development off Mitchem Road. The Town Manager responded that the project has been signed off on, but there had been no communication from the developers or progress.

Mayor Black asked if the Town had heard anything from the Department of Transportation concerning Mitchem Road. The Town Manager responded that the NCDOT came out and cleaned out blockages in the storm drains in response to flooding concerns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell thanked the Town Manager for the recreation schedule.

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

Commissioner Fowler motioned to open the closed session. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

#### **X. Return to Open Session and Consideration of Closed Session Action**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to return to open session. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to appoint Mr. Nick Tosco of Poyner Spruill as Town Attorney. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the Town Manager's renewed employment agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

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

ATTESTED TO:

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Mayor Lynn Black

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Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly February 2023 Meeting