

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MAY 2023 MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, MAY 11TH, 2023 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present

Mayor Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Katie Cordell
Commissioner Robin Conner
Commissioner Jamie Fowler
Commissioner Doug Moore
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. All the members were present. Commissioner Moore attended the meeting via call-in.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the agenda for the regular May meeting. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

III. Comments from Attendees

The Town Manager informed the Board that there were no comments from attendees.

IV. Presentation of One Gaston 2040

Gina Shell and Leslie Lee of One Gaston 2040 presented a strategic plan for Gaston County and the organizations within it to the Board.

V. Presentation by the Gastonia Honey Hunters

The Town Manager noted that there were no representatives from the Gastonia Honey Hunters present.

VI. Presentation of the Town Manager's Budget Message

The Town Manager presented the Town Manager's Budget Message to the Board. He summarized the details of the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Town Manager noted that the public hearing for the budget will be held at the regular June 8th meeting at 7 pm. The budget will be made public at Town Hall and on the website.

VII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager announced that Boulder Court is open after 8 months of construction. He added that the work on the park renovations continues.

The Town Manager informed the Board the Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 9th in observance of Memorial Day. There will be a one-day delay for garbage pickup.

The Town Manager thanked Mayor United Methodist Church for hosting the senior bingo brunch.

The Town Manager congratulated Finance Director/Town Clerk Sarah Rowan for completing her Master of Public Administration degree.

VIII. Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Black asked if the splash pad would be opening Memorial Day weekend. The Town Manager responded that it will be delayed and opened later in the summer depending on construction at the park.

Mayor Black inquired about the Lodge and the Town Manager responded that the engineers are finalizing the permits.

IX. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell asked if speed bumps were being installed on Boulder Court. The Town Manager responded that the Public Works Director has been collecting quotes for speed bumps.

Commissioner Morton noted the importance of having more police patrol during the summer when the children are out of school. The Town Manager responded that the Police Department recently designated an officer specifically for traffic concerns.

Commissioner Conner requested a list of food banks in the utility bill newsletter. Mayor Black noted the possibility of making Town Hall a distribution site for the summertime bagged lunches. The Town Manager responded that he would look into both requests.

Commissioner Conner requested a Juneteenth event at Gardin Park. The Town Manager responded that the renovation at Gardin Park could potentially line up with a groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting event for Juneteenth.

X. Adjournment

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

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Regular May 11, 2023 Meeting