

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY JUNE 2023 MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH 2023 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present

Mayor Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Katie Cordell
Commissioner Jamie Fowler
Commissioner Doug Moore
Commissioner Wade Morton

Staff Present

Town Manager Jonathan Blanton
Town Attorney Nick Tosco

I. Call to Order

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and the Town Manager conducted the roll call. Commissioner Conner was not present.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the agenda for the regular June 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 May 4th 2023 Special Meeting and May 11th 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Morton motioned to approve the May 4th Special Meeting Minutes and the May 11th Regular Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

V. Presentation from Montcross Area Chamber of Commerce

Marc Jordan, President and CEO of the Montcross Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board. Mr. Jordan thanked the Board for the Town's continued membership in the Chamber. Mr. Jordan gave an overview of the current programs and services that are offered by the Chamber.

VI. Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Commissioner Moore motioned to open the public hearing for the fiscal year 2024 budget and Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 4-0. There were no comments on the fiscal year 2024 budget. Commissioner Fowler motioned to close the public hearing and Commissioner Morton provided the second. The 4-0.

VII. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell confirmed with the Town Manager that five meetings were held regarding the planning for this budget. Commissioner Fowler inquired as to whether the Local Government Commission had reviewed the Town's budget and the Town Manager confirmed that he submitted all the required information to the Office of the State Treasurer.

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the 2024 budget ordinance and Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

VIII. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Fee Schedule

The Town Manager provided the recommended fee schedule for 2024. He noted that there are no changes to water or sewer rates. Mr. Blanton stated that the only change is an increase for additional bulk-pick up based on the weight of the pick-up.

Commissioner Morton motioned to adopt the fiscal year 2024 fee schedule and Mayor Pro Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

IX. Discussion of Gardin Park Upgrades

The Town Manager presented the Board with a proposal for upgrades to Gardin Park in order to make the park accessible and ADA compliant.

Commissioner Moore motioned to accept the proposal as submitted and Mayor Pro Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

X. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported that he recently spoke with Congressman Jeff Jackson's Office regarding a \$1 million allocation for a second interconnect for the Town. Mr. Blanton stated he would keep the Board updated on the matter.

Mr. Blanton updated the Board on the progress at THE Fulbright-Wagner Park. He stated that the project is ahead of schedule and moving quickly. The Town Manager also stated that renewed paperwork had been submitted to Gaston County in order to proceed with a building permit for The Lodge.

The Town Manager gave an update on the planning for the upcoming 60th anniversary celebration and stated he would like to continue the celebration throughout 2023 by having GarlandBurks continue their marketing efforts on social media.

Mr. Blanton stated that a movie in the park was scheduled for June 23. He also stated that Town Hall would be closed for July 4. He requested that the Board add an additional holiday for July 3 for all the Town's employees. Commissioner Moore motioned to add the additional holiday and Commissioner Morton provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

XI. Comments from the Mayor and the Board

Commissioner Moore announced that the Ranlo Fire Department would be having an open house on June 24 and invited the public to attend.

Commissioner Fowler inquired about summer meals for school children. The Town Manager confirmed that the Town is providing free meals through Gaston County Schools for summer meals daily at the Community Building.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell motioned to adjourn the June 8th meeting of the Board. Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

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