

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
THE RANLO LODGE
2000 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH 2021 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present:

Mayor	Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem	Katie Cordell
Commissioner	Jamie Fowler
Commissioner	Effie Locklear
Commissioner	Doug Moore

Staff Present:

Town Manager	Jonathan Blanton
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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Mayor Black offered the invocation.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Locklear motioned to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

III. Approval of the May 20th 2021 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Moore motioned to adopt the May 20th 2021 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

IV. Comments from Attendees

The Town Manager reported that there were no comments from attendees wishing to address the Board.

V. Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Commissioner Moore motioned to open the public hearing for consideration of the fiscal year 2022 budget and Commissioner Fowler provided the second. No person wished to comment on the matter. Commissioner Locklear motioned to close the public hearing and Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

VI. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Ordinance

The Town Manager reported that the State Treasurer's Office had completed their review of the Town's proposed fiscal year 2022 budget and that all requested changes were made. Mr. Blanton asked

for a motion to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt and Commissioner Locklear provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

VII. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 Fee Schedule

The Town Manager presented the Board with a draft fee schedule for fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Fowler stated that he would be in favor of increasing the listed deposit for utility customers to \$100.00, in light of the Town increasing utility rates. He also stated that he would like to see all future customers, both renters and property owners, to pay a deposit to provide for security for excess items left after the occupant vacates the property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell inquired as if this practice is customary and the Town Manager responded that he would research the issue further and bring his findings to the Board. The Mayor and the Board made comments regarding bulk pick-up practices of the Town. Mr. Blanton stated he would bring more information to the Board prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the fee schedule, as amended, which would increase the deposit for utility customers. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the fee schedule as presented. Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

VIII. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting CATS Lynx Silver Line Extending to Gaston County

The Town Manager presented the Board with a draft resolution voicing supporting for the CATS Lynx Silver Line extending into Gaston County. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve and Commissioner Locklear provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

IX. Consideration of Interlocal Agreement for Tax Collection with Gaston County

Commissioner Locklear motioned to approve the renewed three-year agreement with Gaston County for tax collection services. Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

X. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported that public works and the administrative offices would be closed for the Fourth of July from July 2nd through July 5th. Mr. Blanton thanked the community for their patience as the Town worked to tend to monthly bulk pick-up. He also noted that a special meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm on June 24 for the purposes of ordinance amendments and budget amendments. Mr. Blanton lastly noted that the Town would be sponsoring a firework show on July 10th

XI. Comments from the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

Mayor Black noted that he was relieved that the SBI investigation into former Chief of Police Tim Anderson was closed and that no action was going to be pursued by the District Attorney's Office. The Mayor encouraged the Board and the Town to resolve issues without involving the media.

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell brought attention to a Juneteenth celebration at the Gastonia Rotary Pavillon. She encouraged all to attend.

Commissioner Locklear stated that she felt that the Town owed former Chief Anderson a public apology. She stated that she felt Mr. Anderson and the Town of Ranlo were treated unfairly throughout

the SBI investigation. The Mayor inquired as to what Commissioner Locklear was proposing. Commissioner Locklear stated that she would be in support of a written, or verbal, apology to Mr. Anderson.

Commissioner Locklear motioned to invite former Chief Anderson to the next Board of Commissioners Meeting to issue a public apology. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Fowler also encouraged the community to celebrate the upcoming Juneteenth event. He also highlighted June as being LGBTQ Pride Month and encouraged the community to celebrate its diversity.

XII. Closed Session

Commissioner Locklear motioned to enter closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3)(6) to discuss personnel matters and matters relating to attorney client privilege. Commissioner Moore provided the second. The vote was 4-0. The Board remained in closed session for approximately ten minutes.

XIII. Return to Open Session and Consideration of Closed Session Actions

Commissioner Locklear motioned to return to open session and Commissioner Moore provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem motioned to adopt the closed session meeting minutes from May 20th 2021 and Commissioner Locklear provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

Commissioner Locklear motioned to adjourn the regular June meeting and Commissioner Moore provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for Rescheduled Regular June 10th 2021 Meeting