

RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR OCTOBER 2020 MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
Thursday, October 8, 2020
7:00 PM

MINUTES

Governing Body Present:

Mayor	Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem	Katie Cordell
Commissioner	Robin Conner
Commissioner	Jamie Fowler
Commissioner	Effie Locklear

Staff Present:

Town Manager	Jonathan Blanton
Finance Director	Lieke Janssen

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and Town Manager Jonathan Blanton conducted the roll call. Commissioner Moore was not in attendance.

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 September 24, 2020 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the agenda and Commissioner Conner provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

IV. Comments from Attendees

There were no comments from attendees.

V. Public Hearing for North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application

Commissioner Locklear motioned to open the public hearing to discuss an application for the North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application and Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The Town Manager explained that this will be one of three public hearings needed to apply for infrastructure and COVID-19 relief funds from the State. Mayor Black noted this grant would be used for water-line rehabilitation and Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell inquired as to whether this grant would preclude the Town from applying for future funding from the agency. Mr. Blanton confirmed that a portion of this grant is for water line rehabilitation and that the Town would not be

precluded from applying for similar funding for other projects in the future. No person wished to make a comment on the application. Commissioner Locklear motioned to close the public hearing and Commissioner Conner provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

VI. Discussion of Setting a Public Hearing for a Variance for 2489 Ridge Avenue

The Town Manager explained that Mr. Jonathan Huffstetler has made a request for a ten-foot variance on his property located at 2489 Ridge Avenue. Mr. Huffstetler would like to build a home on the property and the variance would provide the needed forty-foot front yard setback.

The Board reached consensus to set the public hearing for Thursday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

VII. Discussion and Approval of Revised Meeting Schedule

The Town Manager presented a revised meeting schedule based on recent changes to meetings of the Board and based on recently agreed upon special meetings for October and November.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the revised meeting schedule and Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 4-0.

VIII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager thanked the Ranlo Police Department for their efforts in patrolling the community given the increased level of calls and expressed his appreciation for employees within the Public Works Department given recent large projects that were being undertaken.

Mr. Blanton also reported that funding has been secured for the rear-end loaded and that the loan from BB&T would be finalized in the upcoming days.

Lastly, the Town Manager reported that a request to settle liens on 77 Crescent Avenue had been submitted earlier in the day. The proposed settlement made was for \$3,000.00 to settle liens for code enforcement and demolition. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell inquired as the cost of demolition and the Town Manager reported that it was approximately \$2,500.00 for the actual demolition. The Mayor commented that the other liens were for grass cutting and Mr. Blanton confirmed. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss at the October 22, 2020 meeting.

IX. Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Black inquired as to when the Town would begin curbside leaf pick-up for residents. The Town Manager explained that he had conferred with the Public Works Director and that pick-up would begin in the upcoming weeks.

X. Comments from the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Locklear inquired as to whether there had been any further discussion about parades within Gaston County and the Town Manager stated that given the current state of health affairs in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was considerable uncertainty surrounding holiday events. The Town Manager stated he would continue to monitor the situation and report any changes or clear consensus from other municipalities.

Mayor Black confirmed that Mountain View is still planning their Halloween celebrations. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell confirmed that Mountain View would be proceeding with their planned activities and that the Ranlo Police Department will be in attendance and handing out stickers.

XI. Adjournment

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

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 2020