

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY SEPTEMBER 12TH  
2024 MEETING**

**TOWN HALL  
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Governing Body Present**

Mayor Lynn Black

Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Moore (Via Phone)

Commissioner Robin Conner

Commissioner Ronnie Laws

Commissioner Effie Locklear

Commissioner Wade Morton

**Staff Present**

Town Manager                      Charlie Hansen

Public Works Director              Jason Green

Police Captain                      Ralph Dowd

Finance Director                      Reagan Day

Asst. Public Works Director      Charles Harper

## **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mayor Lynn Black called the meeting to order, and the Town Manager conducted the roll call. Mayor Lynn Black led the invocation

## **II. Adoption of the September 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 Agenda**

Mayor Lynn Black called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular September meeting. Commissioner Laws motioned to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Locklear seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

## **III. Swearing in of Officer Eric Woods**

Ranlo's Town Manager Mr. Hansen led the Swearing of Town of Ranlo's new police officer Eric Woods and welcomed him to the police department and town.

## **IV. Swearing in of Officer Jose Ricardo Renderos**

Ranlo's Town Manager Mr. Hansen led the Swearing of Town of Ranlo's new police officer Jose Ricardo Renderos and welcomed him to the police department and town.

## **V. Employee Recognition: Years of Service: Charles Harper- 5 Years**

Ranlo's Public Works Director Mr. Jason Green congratulated Mr. Harper on 5 years of service with the Town of Ranlo. Mr. Green goes on to state how Mr. Harper started in the water/sewer department and has worked his way up to Assistance Public Works Director as well as all the accomplishments he has made during his time so far.

## **VI. Employee Recognition: Years of Service: Ralph Dowd- 20 Years**

Ranlo's Town Manager Mr. Hansen congratulated Mr. Dowd on his 20 years of service with the Town of Ranlo on the behalf of Chief Lunsford who was absent. Mr. Hansen goes on to share a personal story about himself and Mr. Dowd that showed Mr. Dowd's leadership skills.

## **VII. Levi Melvin- Citizen Presentation**

Mr. Melvin recorded a video to show during the meeting to express gratitude to Ranlo's Police department especially to Officer Workman who showed compassion/comfort to not only the individual but to the family as well. Commissioner Conner on behalf of the Melvin family presented gifts to Officer Workman and his family as gratitude.

#### **VIII. Comments from Attendees**

Resident from Spencer Heights area requested to see if there was any way to get approval for parking on side of street when having parties/get together as well as wanting to know update on speedbumps. Ranlo's Town Manager advised that the Police Department does give out parking permits and would be more than happy to give her all the info on how to obtain permits after the meeting and stated that the speedbumps are going to be discussed later in the meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **IX. Adoption of the August 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board**

Commissioner Locklear called for a motion to adopt the August 8th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board. Commissioner Laws seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

#### **X. Adoption of the August 8th, 2024, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Board**

Commissioner Laws called for a motion to adopt the August 8th, 2024, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Board. Commissioner Locklear seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

#### **XI. Town Hall Discussion from staff and Brian Sciba, Gaston County**

Ranlo's Town Manager Mr. Hansen started off the discussion by showing pictures of the Town Hall currently he then goes on to state he had Mr. Brian Sciba come and look at the building. Mr. Sciba then disclosed what all he found and thoughts of Ranlo needing a

new town hall and getting out of the current building sooner then later due to it being a safety concern.

## **XII. Adoption to move Town Hall to Ranlo Church of God Temporary**

Commissioner Morton made a motion to move Ranlo's Town Hall to Ranlo Church of God's middle building temporary while starting to design/ build new Town Hall.

Commissioner Laws seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

## **XIII. Discussion on Speedbumps in Spencer Heights**

The Town Manager advised that the Spencer Heights HOA allowed him to speak at their monthly meeting. Mr. Hansen advised that if the Board would look at the map placed in each of their packets of the proposed speedbump location. The HOA suggested to put a temporary speedbump and meet a month later to discuss if these locations will work or not. Mr. Hansen also advised Speedbumps would be \$825 a piece for permanent speedbumps to answer the mayor's question on how much the speedbumps would cost.

## **New Business:**

## **XIV. Presentation of the Monthly Financial Expense Report**

The Town Manager went over the new Monthly Financial Expense Report noting that this month's report goes over the monthly and year-to-date spending for the Town. The manager highlighted Page 1 of the report gives an overall look at all the Town's accounts and associated interests accrued in each of the accounts. Page two of the document shows each department account within the general operating budget and the percentage each account has expended compared to how far along the town is throughout the fiscal year.

## **XV. Resolution of Tentative Awards- Ranlo Avenue Extension & Waterline**

The Town Manager advised they put the project out to bid and advised the Lewis Site Development group had the lowest bid and would like the board to consider awarding them the project. Commissioner Laws made a motion to award Lewis Site Development the Ranlo Avenue Extension & Waterline Project. Commissioner Locklear seconded the vote. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

Other Business:

**XVI. Town Manager's Report**

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The Town Manager advised that the council t-shirts, name badges, and retirement plaque have been ordered and will be picking them up soon.

Mr. Hansen goes on to discuss the Kaylyn Brown event at the baseball stadium and how great of a turn out it was. He states how proud it is to have Ranlo show up and out for our Olympian.

Mr. Hansen advised of our events coming up. The fall festival in Sept. and Faith in blue coming up in October. The YMCA announced flag football is going to be in Ranlo as well

Mr. Hansen wanted to take the time to thank Mr. Jason Green for his service for the Town of Ranlo from building up the Public Works department and will be greatly missed and wish him the best as he goes on to further his career at Mt. Holly.

**XVII. Police Report**

Captain Dowd on behalf of Chief Lunsford presented the monthly police report to the board of the types of calls run and the amount of illegal and dangerous items off the streets

**XVIII. Comments from the Mayor**

Comments from the Mayor and Board

Mayor Lynn Black took a minute to discuss MPO meetings and talked about the Town of Ranlo Sign and that it would take probably a year or so to get and can only keep it up for four years for Kaylyn Brown.

**XIX. Comments from the Board**

Commissioner Connor states how much she is going to miss Mr. Jason Green and how he was so well rounded in helping the Town of Ranlo and wish him the best.

**XX. Adoption to move to Closed Session**

Commissioner Locklear motioned to go into closed session discussion. Commissioner Laws seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

**XXI. Consideration of Closed Session Related Items**

No discussion on Closed Session Related Items

**XXII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Locklear made a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0 vote.

ATTESTED TO:

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Mayor Lynn Black