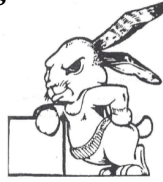


Rankin Borough 4-15-25 Meeting Minutes



Rankin Borough

Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Present:

Cinnamon Coprich, Glenn Ford, Aaron Gibson Jr., Walter Sewell, Arlena Strong, Gaye Velar

Also Present:

Mayor Joelisa McDonald, Solicitor Joe Heminger, Borough Manager Terri Lawson, David Miller, Robert Zischkau, Tax Collector Carl Lewis

Pledge of Allegiance

Walter Sewell announced that the meeting is being recorded only for the transcription of the minutes.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Walter Sewell and seconded by Gaye Vilar. All in favor of approval. **Motion carried.**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the council meetings held March 11, 2025 as presented motion was made by Walter Sewell and seconded by Gaye Velar. All in favor of approval. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items: (3 Minute Limit)

Daniele Cioppa- Spoke on Triton LLC, stated to agreement was made in “good faith”, she requested a copy of ordinance # 587, she also stated she was open to speak and discuss property.

Carl Lewis-Asked what about the parcel I78-S-345 needs condemned.

William “Lucky”Price- questioned the original sale of the property going through Braddock.

Bill Poff - Stated the original offer from the Rankin field property went through Braddock.

Todd Cioppa -stated “Braddock owned the field, and Braddock council put it up for bid”.

Mr. Gilroy- “This is low-life, trying to slide in the eminent domain”

James Weems- What’s up with the planning commission?

New Business:

1. A motion to advertise Ordinance NO 586, providing for parking regulations to Borough street cleaning and sweeping and setting penalties for violation. Motion was made by Gaye Velar and second by Arlena Strong, all in favor of approval. **Motion carried.**

2. A motion to approve the solicitor to commence adverse possession proceedings against the parcel of property known as the Dempster property, identified in County records as being 99 Harriet Street, Block & Lot number I78-S-286. Moved by Gaye Velar and second by Glenn Ford, **Motion carried, initially Cinnamon Coprich voted Nay, and later withdrew her vote.**

3. A motion to ratify the hiring, effective as of April 9, 2025 of Joshua Gentry, a new part-time public works employee at the pay rate of \$15/hr. **Motion carried.**

4. A motion to adopt the Open Street Ordinance (Ordinance #524) Moved by Gaye Velar and second by Glenn Ford. **Motion carried.**

5. Motion to advertise ordinance NO 587, authorizing the solicitor to undertake the legal process for the borough of Rankin to condemn and take by eminent domain for public purpose a parcel of property identified as County tax map parcel I78-S-345 and presently owned by Triton Holdings, LLC. Moved by Gaye Velar, second by Glenn Ford, NAY by Cinnamon Coprich and **Motion carried by the remaining council members.**

6. A motion to pay the bills as presented (in the amount of \$156,738.80). Moved by Gaye Velar, second by

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Arlena Strong. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Solicitor's Report:

Joe Heminger had nothing to report.

Engineer Report:

Robert Zischkau had no report

DPW Report:

David Miller gave an update on Orchard, and new employee.

Police Regionalization Report:

Police Chief Derek Turner was not present/ Mayor McDonald gave police report

Mayor's Report:

Joelisa McDonald gave the Mayor's Report and updated council on her upcoming events..

EMS Report:

Aaron Gibson Jr gave the EMS report.

Fire Report:

Cinnamon Coprich gave the Fire Report.

Code Report:

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Rydzak gave a code report..

Borough Manager Terri Lawson:

Terri Lawson read the Borough total expenses, total income, and total equity and announcements.

Announcements:

- April 26, 2025 is the initial planting date for the Rankin Orchard.
- April 18, 2025 the Rankin Borough Building will be closed in OBSERVATION of Good Friday.
- Rankin Borough Street Sweeping days are the 1st and Last Monday of the month.
1st Monday the EVEN side, and last Monday the ODD side of the street.

Public Comment: Please State Name & Address (3 Minute Limit)

Arlene Watkins- Pot Holes, Rankin Blvd need to be filled asap

William "Lucky" Price- Are the bids for the Rankin blvd project being handled by Rankin?

Mr. John Gilroy- Public hearing request, (regarding Carrie Furnace) "I would like to have ssen this done prior to voting on the project" ..."I am requesting council visit this trail"

James Weems- " We need to have better communication between council and residents,nobody will ever move to Rankin as long as we communicate this way"

Tamika Stevens - "It's not what you say, it is how you say it" we definitely can;t continue to communicate like this and expect good results.

Carl Lewis- " Is the meeting minutes anywhere except online"?"

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.