

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF RUNNELS §  
CITY OF BALLINGER §

On the 15 day of July 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

**Staff Present:**

Marty Akins	Interim City Manager
Lindsey Gayoso	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Manley gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:**
  - Jennifer Flores Chairperson for the Park Board reported a profit of \$5,280 for the 2024 Hotter than Hell Cookoff. She stated there were 36 cooking teams, 4 Volleyball teams, 16 washer, 29 cornhole, and 11 vendors.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - Approve Minutes from the July 1, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - Airport report, approval of disposal of fuel tank, approve logo for Bruce field. Airport Manager McKinnon reported not many planes due to the heat. McKinnon requested for the disposal of the fuel tank for preparation in receiving the new tank. McKinnon recommended options of scrap, recycle or sell. Councilman Morrish made note of bill of sell should have as is no warranty or responsibility after the sale of the fuel tank. Councilman Gray moved to sell the fuel tank by auction. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Amend Ordinance NO. 2024-07-001, Article II Section 13-15 #6 relating to brush pile and location placement of limbs. City Attorney Hicks recommended removing the ordinance of placement and size for brush pickup and putting in a resolution. Public Works Director Bowman requested the brush pickup size to be 5x5x10, no more than 50 lbs., and pick up days being Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Councilman Lange moved to accept the resolution. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approve seeking bids for pool repair. City Secretary Gayoso requested the approval to seek pool repair bids. Councilman Ryan moved to accept seeking bids on pool repair. Councilman Morish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approve Staff recommendation of Auditor. Interim City Manager Akins proposed to the council the recommendation of George, Morgan, & Sneed, P.C. as the new Auditors for the City of Ballinger with savings of approximately \$10,000 compared to Condley and Company. Councilman Lange moved to accept the proposal from George, Morgan, & Sneed, P.C. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Order of General Election of November 5, 2024, for Council Places 3 and 4. Councilman Gray moved to Order the election. Councilman Morish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Presentation of Budget Proposal to Council
  - 1. Set budget workshop dates. Interim City Manager Akins requested the Council to set workshop budget dates. Mayor Seymore set Friday 19, 2024 at 9am and Wednesday 24, 2024 at 4pm.
  - 2. Approve 3% increase on water, sewer, garbage rates beginning October 1, 2024. Discussion from Councilman Lange about the water rates he proposed a 4-6% increase due to lack of prior increases and the aging of water structures. Councilman Lange made a motion to increase the rates at 3%. Councilman Manley seconded the motion.

**7. City Manager's Report:**

- A. Interim City Manager: Marty Akins
  - i. Code Enforcement- Interim Akins reported 24 letters went out for high grass and BOBs notifications. In the process of additional training for Code permits and violations.
  - ii. Financial Reports--Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses, Tax Report. Mayor Seymore discussed the financial status is looking good. Interim Akins discussed the financials of the cd and interest rates.

**8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:**

**9. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**

**b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**

- i. Sale of 104 Sealy**
- ii. Sale of 105 N Broadway**
- iii. Sale of 102 S Woodward**
- iv. Sale of 800 N 12th Street**

**c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

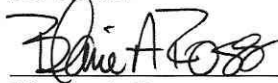
- 1. Review current applications for City Manager, discuss next steps.**

**10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:22 p.m. Mayor Seymore and stated no votes or action was taken in Executive Session. Mayor Seymore then asked for a motion for the sale of properties at 104 Sealy, 105 N Broadway, 102 S Woodward, and 800 N 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Gray moved to sell the properties. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Morish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary