

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

On the 4th day of November 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
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4
Absent:	
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1

Staff Present:

Linsey Gayoso	City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
David Brem	Public Utilities Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:**

Rick Sonnenburg informed the council he was happy with the cleaning up of Ballinger and is concerned about properties still needing to be mowed. City Manager Gayoso explained the process of seconded notices that went out to the properties and the City is taking proper steps to address the problem.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - Approve Minutes from October 7, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilman Lange made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - VGI Technology quote for Security at City hall and Police Department, Wade Williams. Wade Williams and Manager Gayoso explained the issues with current security at City hall and the police department. Currently there are no video or panic alarms for the safety of our employees. Gayoso explained the quote is not over the threshold, however, will continue to keep the council in the loop on decisions. Councilman Morrish moved to approve the quote for municipal court security from VGI. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Drought Contingency plan update, approve changes, David Brem. Public Utilities Director Brem discussed the Drought Contingency plan that needed to be changed and recommended by TCEQ, along with an update on the contact information. Councilman Gray moved to approve the changes of the Drought Contingency Plan. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approval of Variable Frequency Drive Service for Water Treatment Plant, David Brem. Due to a lightning strike on 6/1/2024, the VFD will need to be replaced. Mr. Brem outlined the costs of repair vs new. Councilman Morrish made a motion to approve the purchase of a new VFD. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. City Secretary Ross will see if a claim has been submitted to TML, thus negating the expense.
- d. City of Ballinger holidays, and federal holidays Calendar 2025. Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the City holidays. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ordinance 2024-11-001 adopting City policy of no underage drinking on City property, even if parents are present and declaring a penalty. City Manager Gayoso will discuss options with City Attorney Hicks and prepare a draft for future consideration. Councilmember Gray made a motion to adopt this ordinance upon approval of a future draft. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Resolution 2024-11-001 adding Mickie Haddon as a signer at Keystone Bank, Treasury Management authorizations and removing Blaine Ross from such. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Resolution 2024-11-002 adopting a policy for Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology as required by state law/ SB 1893 prohibiting installing of TikTok on government entity devices. Attorney Hicks stated this must be approved by 11/20/2024. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Update: Cord Bowman
 - i. Streets and Parks. Paving and project pothole are ongoing.
 - ii. Upcoming Projects
- b. Public Utilities Update: David Brem
 - i. Sewer and Water. Updates to sewer and water main repairs.
 - ii. Upcoming Projects. SCADA system to be completed in 15 days. Trees on lake dam need removal.
- c. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt
 - i. Police Department. Monthly report submitted.
 - ii. Animal Control. Monthly report submitted.
 - iii. Fire Department. Monthly report submitted. Ladder truck repairs are continuing.
- d. City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso
 - i. Financial Reports-Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

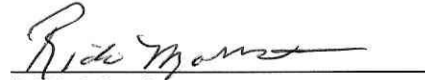
Selection of Airport Board, FEMA

9. Executive Session: Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**


10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no action was taken.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Rick Morrish
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager