

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

On the 1st 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:

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| Dawni Seymore | Mayor |
| Richard "Rick" Morrish | Mayor Pro-Tem |
| Steve Gray | Councilmember Place #4 |

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| Absent: | |
| Ken Manley | Councilmember Place #1 |
| Ryan Lange | Councilmember Place #3 |

Staff Present:

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| Marty Akins | Interim City Manager |
| Blaine Ross | City Secretary |
| Lindsey Byler | Assistant 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 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Interim City Manager Akins gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Jeanne McGraw addressed the Council on her ideas if beautification projects around the city.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** Jeff Smith addressed council on the benefits of taking bids on the copier contracts.
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - Approve Minutes from the June 17, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilman Morrish moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - A Resolution denying AEP TEXAS INC.'S requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city. Attorney Hicks stated this is a standard procedure. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Approve the sale or auction of Copiers/printers in City Hall and Water Treatment Plant and discuss/approve new copier contract with CTWP. Assistant City

Secretary Byler outlined the steps taken for bids and determined a contract with CTWP out of San Angelo would be in the best interest of the city. Byler also stated the old copy/printing machines would be available for disposition by auction if approved by council. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve both the new contract with CTWP and the auction of the old equipment. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Runnels County and City of Ballinger for Paving. Public Works Director Bowman met with Runnels County Officials and the County Judge. The county proposed supplying labor and equipment for road paving, charging \$2,000.00 per tanker. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approve the request For BISD Elementary School Parking. Darcy Cauley addressed the council asking to make the temporary parking approved at the 12/18/2023 council meeting permanent. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the parking layout. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Approve paying off FD building loan. Interim City Manager Akins asked for council approval to pay off the building loan, thus freeing up a CD that is tied up as collateral. The payoff is \$84,304.09. There is currently \$67,418.03 held in a checking account from the loan. Approximately \$16,886.06 would need to be taken from cash reserves. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve paying off the loan. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Approve early termination of 2 CDs (eliminating the \$100,000 line of credit which is backed by 1 CD). Interim City Manager Akins asked for council approval to eliminate the line of credit, which is secured by a CD, and then do an early termination of both CD's, with fees of approximately \$642.00 and moving the funds to the operational account. Both CD's are currently earning 1.05% interest. The operational account is currently earning 4.51%. The funds would be set aside as "encumbered" until which time a suitable investment is determined for the funds. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve both the elimination of the line of credit and the early termination of the CD's, moving the funds to the operational account. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Update: Cord Bowman
 - i. Streets and Parks. Patching of potholes is ongoing. A new supplier for patching materials with improved products is being tried. Councilmember Gray asked for removal of the bump on 13th street to be removed.
 - ii. Upcoming Projects. Paving with the county assistance will begin according to the counties schedule.
- b. Public Utilities Update: David Brem. No reports.
 - i. Sewer and Water
 - ii. Upcoming Projects

- c. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt presented the June reports
 - i. Police Department
 - ii. Animal Control
 - iii. Fire Department
- d. Interim City Manager: Marty Akins suggested moving the fireworks display to the lake park in 2025.
 - i. Code Enforcement
 - ii. FY 2025 Budget update. Interim City Manager Akins updated the council on the FY2024 budget and progress of the FY2025 budget.
 - iii. Financial Reports--Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses.

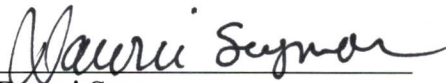
8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: None

9. Executive Session: Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

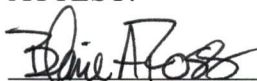
- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:38 p.m. Mayor Seymore asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Assistant City Secretary Lindsey Byler-Gayoso as the new City Secretary and current City Secretary Ross will be Transitional City Secretary Specialist. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary