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COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()(
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On this the 10th day of January 2022 the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member # 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member #3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Finance Director

Others present: Chad Hardy, Rachelle Williams, Stan Maresch, Weldon Scrivener, Tyrell Haney-**Citizens**, Robin Burgess- **Runnels County Tax collector**, Mike Parker, Julie Keeler-**McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, PC**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Steve Gray was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Weldon Scrivener met with the Council to give them an update on the improvements that he has made at the airport. The pilot's lounge has been cleaned up. He installed a hot water heater in the lounge. He put a small heater in the lounge to keep the water from freezing. He also installed a microwave and snacks in the lounge. The roof of the big hanger repaired, and he is looking for a way to keep the rocks off the runway.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Approval of minutes from the December 20,2021 meeting

Criminal Justice Grant Resolution: Approval of CJ grant resolution to pursue assistance in purchasing a replacement patrol unit for the police

department. The award amount of this grant varies; however, the anticipated amount would be \$30,000. No match required from the city.

Texas Department of Agriculture Planning Grant application: Approval of a grant for the second year. Staff is seeking the Council's support in once again applying for this grant, maximum award would be \$45,000. City's match is 10% or \$4,500 for maximum award. A few of the activities include utility planning, transportation planning and comprehensive planning.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant applications: Approval for a grant application for the development of a non-motorized trail system along the Colorado River between the Highway 83 and Highway 67 bridges. The maximum award for the non-motorized trail system is \$300,000. These grants are reimbursable grant funding up to 80 percent of the project cost.

Council Member Steven Gray, Jr. made the motion to approve all the items listed in the consent agenda as presented. **Second by Council Member Ryan Lange** and was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR CONSIDERATION: Unless specifically noted, Council may take action on any item.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDER SIGNATORY RESOLUTION: Runnels County and McCreay, Veselka, Bragg and Allen Attorney's at Law seek approval from Ballinger City council to allow the mayor to sign tax deeds on an as needed basis.

Council Member Steven Gray, Jr. made the motion to approve a signatory resolution with the tax attorney's firm and Robin Burgess for tax deeds on an as needed basis. **Second by Rick Morrish** and was unanimously approved.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUILDING AND NFPA CODES: First reading of an Ordinance to adopt ICC2015 building codes along with the adoption NFPA 2014 NEC 70 codes. Set a public hearing for _____ and second and final reading.

Council Member Rick Morrish made the motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to adopt the building and NFPA codes for the City of Ballinger. **Second by Council Member Ken Manley** and was unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Police Department report- Ray is working on the annual racial profiling report.

Law updates- Effective January 1,2022 a new law passed concerning putting heavy chains on animals. Staff will be putting information on this new law on the website and animal control ordinances will be presented to the Council for review.

ARPA and other project updates- The new water line to the livestock show barn is complete. They now have good water pressure to wash the animals before showing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Hear request for future agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the meeting to discuss any matters listed, as authorized by Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney** (To seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act).
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property** (The Council may consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property).
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** The City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officers or employees, and commission members (may also be reappointment). Carolyn Little, Municipal Court Judge.

No executive session was needed.

RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Council Member Ken Manley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. **Second by Council Member Steven Gray, Jr.** and was unanimously approved.

Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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On the 7th day of February, 2022, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members and staff present:

Mayor Dawni Seymore
Rick Morrish, Place 2
Ryan Lange, Place 3
Steven Gray Jr., Place 4

ABSENT:
Ken Manley, Place 1

Staff Present:

City Manager, Brian Frieda
Assistant City Manager, John Pierik III
City Attorney, Sharon Hicks
Police Chief, Ray Cornutt
Cord Bowman Code Enforcement

1. **Call meeting to order.** Mayor Seymore called meeting to order at 5:30
2. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag.** Councilmember Ryan Lange
3. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** None
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Lange moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with the name change in the minutes of “Weldon Scrivner” to “Travis Cecil Walston” and Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

 - a. January 10, 2022 Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Texas Department of Agriculture Planning Grant application for the 2021 TxCDBG Planning Grant to Public Management.
 - c. The Annual Justin Byler 5k run May 30, 2022.
5. **REGULAR AGENDA.**
 - a. **City Manager’s reports.**
 - 1) Police Department Report
January Monthly Report
Delivery of the department’s 2021 Annual Racial Profiling Report
Chief Cornutt gave the January 2022 report (attached)
Chief gave the 2021 Annual Racial Profiling Report compiled by Del Carmen Consulting, Law Enforcement Experts (Attached)

All requirements and objectives were met and no complaints relating to racial profiling were noted.

- 2) ARPA and other project updates.
City work in the Hutchins and Tres Amigos work areas completed, poly lines put in, While contractor was in, had meters from 2016 installed and placed in service relocated flush valve, on 6th Street between Park and Phillips Streets, Trench across Park Street discharging water into drainage located on the South side of Park Street.
N. Runnels line under 83 and line kept failing, assisted in isolating issue and emergency tap and get service restored and helped install smart meter.

AEP LED street light replacement program. At no additional costs, replacement lights will be LED, if city wants to upgrade \$137.86 per light outside of normal replacement. The 2020 audit in process with Condley and company with target of first meeting in March.

b. Future Agenda Items:

- 1) Review downtown liquor policies such as in Fredericksburg (liquor allowances, open container exceptions) (Lange)
- 2) 2nd meeting in March or first meeting in April, review the official ordinance book
- 3) Ordinance changes relating to newly passed animal regulations

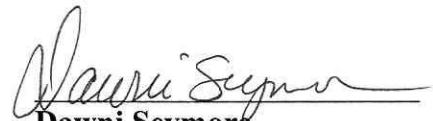
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council convened into executive session at 5:50 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney and reconvened into open session at 6:06 p.m. Mayor noted that no votes or action was taken in executive session.

7. Reconvene and take action if needed executive session.

None

8. Adjourn.

Councilmember Lange moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm. Second by Councilmember Morrish. Unanimously approved.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

ASSISTANT **City Secretary**
BLAKE ROSS

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On the 21st day of February 2022, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members and staff present:

Mayor Dawni Seymore	Ryan Lange, Place 3
Ken Manley, Place 1	Steven Gray Jr., Place 4 (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Rick Morrish, Place 2	

Staff Present:

City Manager, Brian Frieda	Assistant City Manager, John Pierik III
City Attorney, Sharon Hicks	Officer C. Sargent
Cord Bowman Code Enforcement	

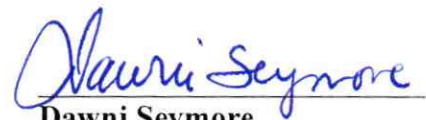
- 1. Call meeting to order.** Mayor Seymore called meeting to order at 5:32
- 2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag.** Councilmember Ken Manley led the prayer and pledges.
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENT:** Elaine Paske from the Park Board gave an update on upcoming events and activities: circus, Easter egg hunt and cookoff.
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA:**


Councilmember Morrish moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Councilmember Manley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

 - a. Minutes:** approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting.
 - b. Adoption of the state's guidelines for records retention and destruction:**
 - c. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Ethnic Festival:** This year's annual ethnic festival will be held the weekend of April 30, 2022. To include the Lions Club annual bike fest.
- 5. REGULAR AGENDA.**
 - a. Accept Retirement of City Secretary Bonita Shields:** Long serving city secretary Bonita Shields has after serving the citizens of Ballinger for over 46 years, has announced her retirement effective as of March 31, 2022. A celebration of Bonita's years of service will be set and announced in the coming days.

The Council expressed gratitude to Ms. Shields for her service to the community. Councilmember Manley moved to accept the resignation and Councilmember Lange seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Future Agenda Items:** Drinking in Public in the Downtown Area.
6. **City Manager's reports.** The city manager reported on the following, no action taken.
- a. Granicus –Renovations and improvements to the city's and chambers website.
 - b. Park Board Easter Egg hunt April 9th to held at city park starts at 10 A.M.
 - c. Will be beginning to have crews working on the exterior and roof of city hall to include painting and repair/replacement of rotted portions of the building.
 - d. This week is severe weather week many entities will be meeting and holding tornado drills Wednesday the 23rd. City staff will be meeting tomorrow afternoon to re-visit the various annexes of the Emergency Operations Plan.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council convened into executive session at 5:51 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney and reconvened into open session at 6:23 p.m. Mayor stated that no votes or action was taken in executive session.
8. **Reconvene and take action if needed executive session.**
None
9. **Adjourn.**
Councilmember Gray moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm. Second by Councilmember Manley. Unanimously approved.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

ASSISTANT City Secretary

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On the 7th day of March 2022, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members and staff present:

Mayor Dawni Seymore	Ryan Lange, Place 3
Ken Manley, Place 1	Steven Gray Jr., Place 4
Rick Morrish, Place 2	

Staff Present:

City Manager, Brian Frieda	Assistant City Manager, John Pierik III
City Attorney, Sharon Hicks	Chief Cornutt
Cord Bowman Code Enforcement	

1. **Call meeting to order.** Mayor Seymore called meeting to order at 5:32
2. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag.** Councilmember Rick Morrish led the prayer and pledges.
3. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** None
4. **REGULAR AGENDA.**
 - a. **Ordinance adopting TML Health Insurance modification:** finalize the insurance benefits to retirees both pre-and post-65 as defined by council.

Discussion included longevity and employee retention and criteria for pre-65 retirees. Motion by Councilmember Manley to approve the Ordinance with the pre-65 retiree definition to include at least age 50, vested and eligible for retirement pursuant to TML standards. Councilmember Gray, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

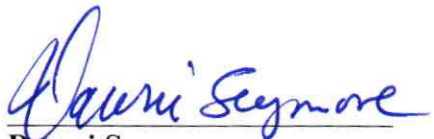
- b. **Ordinance adopting TMRS Buyback:** Periodically the city has renewed its retirement buyback ordinance through TMRS which allows employees as of the date of approval of the ordinance to buy back credits previously cashed out. There is no cost to the city unless an employee chooses to buy back their credits.

Discussion included that this allows employees who have needed to previously cash out benefits for allowed reasons to buy back their credits. There is no cost to the city unless and until an employee buys back credits. Councilmember Lange moved to approve, and Councilmember Manley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


- c. **Leasing of Police Department units:** Discuss and act upon leasing options for patrol units.

City Manager Frieda and Assistant City Manager Pierik discussed that the city is looking to replace older vehicles with a buy-board lease purchase. These vehicles payments would begin in 2023. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the lease/purchase for the vehicles and Councilmember Morrish seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **City Manager's reports.** The city manager reported on the following, no action taken.
- a. Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Cornutt to present report for the month of February 2022.
 - b. Park Board Easter Egg hunt April 9th to be held at city park starts at 10 A.M.
 - c. Street crew has been progressing with the repairs on 13th Street to Strong, and Strong Street back towards South 7th Street.
 - d. The City of Ballinger will be hosting SkyWarn training on March 24th at 6:30 P.M. As of this time the training will be for first responders only due to current restrictions placed on the weather service, however, there is a slight possibility of having the training made open to the public.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council convened into executive session at 6:10 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney and reconvened into open session at 6:24 p.m. Mayor stated that no votes or action was taken in executive session.
7. **Reconvene and take action if needed executive session.**
None
8. **Adjourn.**
Councilmember Manley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Second by Councilmember Morrish. Unanimously approved.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


ASSISTANT **Dawni Foss**
City Secretary

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On this the 4th day of April 2022 the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Assistant City Manager
Brenda Shaw	Interim City Secretary

Others present: Elaine Paske and Estella Gonzalez.

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag:

Council Member Manley gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

Elaine Paske with Parks Board addressed the Council on the Circus event held this past weekend. Elaine Paske stated they sold 465 tickets and the event was a success.

Estella Gonzalez addressed the Council on how much she appreciated the changes and improvement made throughout the City; she had a question on street closure between 4th and 5th and when or if it would reopen, she also had concerns about people spending the night in the area.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of minutes from the February 21, 2022, and March 7, 2022, meetings.

Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Regular Agenda:**

- a. **Excavator Lease:** Assistant City Manager John Pierik updated Council on excavator lease options. After consideration of two options.

Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve option #2 for a JS131 Excavator for \$132,200.00 after trade with payoff; 60-month lease/\$1,642.00 monthly. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Mural:** Council discussed retaining an artist to paint one or more murals in downtown.

Councilmember Lange made the motion to move forward with consulting with Calina Mishay Johnson to paint murals. The Council will make a final decision on this item at a future date. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Police Department report – Police Chief, Ray Cornutt gave monthly report for March 2022.
- b. Park Board Easter Egg Hunt at City Park on April 9th at 10:00 a.m. City Manager Frieda updated Council on this event stating there will be barricade's set for event. Elaine Paske stated there was a need for individuals to hide the eggs and the Easter Bunny will be in attendance.
- c. Pool update including portable restrooms – Assistant City Manager John Pierik gave update on pool and the city owned portable restrooms.
- d. Public works update – City Manager Frieda updated the Council on Sewer line replacements and street repairs.

8. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:21 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney.

9. Reconvene:

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session.

10. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



BLAINE ROSS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

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On this the 18th day of April 2022 the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3—arrived at 5:37
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Assistant City Manager

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag:

Mayor Seymore gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

None

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:

None

5. Consent Agenda:

a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the April 4, 2022, meeting.

Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Lange not yet present.

6. Regular Agenda:

- a. **Financial Report:** Update on the first two quarters of the current fiscal year.

Assistant City Manager Pierik gave the state of budget for the first two quarters. No action taken.

- b. **City Park Snack Shack:** Oral resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate leasing the old putt-putt course building.

City has received a request to lease the old putt-putt course building as a concession. Councilmember Manley made the motion to authorize City Manager to negotiate a lease. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Lange having arrived and voting in favor of said motion.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Census update.

City Attorney Hicks noted that the Census showed a small decline in population which could be attributed to failure to answer the census. A review of the voting districts would be forthcoming.

- b. City Charter update: Legal and I have begun the task of reviewing the city's current charter for potential charter update election in November 2023.

City Manager discussed the need for a comprehensive review with the November 2023 target date.

- c. Pool update: The pool has been filled and additional preparations are under way for opening day in May.

- d. Budget calendar.

City Manager desires to look at the 1st week of June or week of June 20th for budget kickoff.

8. Executive Session:

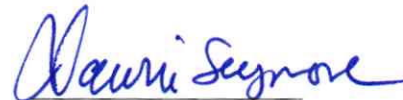
Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:01 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code: a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney; b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property and c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

9. **Reconvene:**

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session.

10. **Adjourn:**

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



BLAINE ROSS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

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On this the 2nd day of May 2022 the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Absent
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Assistant City Manager

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilman Gray gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

Ginger Turner addressed the council concerning the appearance of city streets, grass in the streets, several places around Ballinger in need of being cleaned up.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than a Public Hearing:

None

5. Consent Agenda:

a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting.

Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Lange absent.

6. Regular Agenda:

There were no regular agenda items for the council.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Police Departments monthly report for the month of April 2022: 525 Calls for service, 170 citations issued, and the municipal court reported approximately \$28,000. In fines collected.
- b. Discussion concerning trees along Hutchings Ave. Seeking input from community members and business owners regarding the Oak trees that have grown up and over Hutchings Avenue of which many have been hit by vehicles. Several of those in attendance for the meeting voiced their desire to have the trees removed and seek other landscaping options.
- c. Pool update: Valves have experienced failure and are in the process of being replaced, restrooms continue to be an issue and once again being vandalized, and we are in the process of hiring all positions related to the pool for the upcoming season.
- d. Public works update.

Work has progressed and almost all of Strong to the Courthouse has been completed, as well as a large portion of 6th Street. The water tap for the soccer fields has been completed additional work to be completed on supplies arrives.

- e. RFP Utility rate study.
Staff has released an RFP regarding a utility rate study. This has never been done before and considering the many projects underway and the possibility of an additional construction project in our future this needs to be carried out.

8. Future Items:

None

9. Executive Session

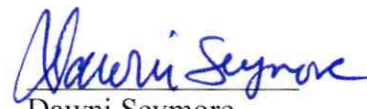
Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:04 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code: a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney; b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property and c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

9. Reconvene:

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session.

10. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



BLAINE ROSS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

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On this the 16th day of May 2022 the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Assistant City Manager

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Morrish gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

None

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:

None

5. Consent Agenda:

a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the May 2, 2022, meeting.

Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda:

- a. Ordinance Approving Recreational Vehicle Park Standards within the City of Ballinger Councilmember Gray approved Ordinance 2022-003 regarding Recreational Vehicle Park Standards and councilmember Manley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution changing the City's Official Newspaper to the Agriplex Flyer. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the Agriplex Flyer as the official newspaper and Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution concerning AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost authorizing hiring of counsel to protest rate request. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the Resolution concerning hiring outside counsel to protest AEP Texas' distribution cost amendment request and Councilmember Manley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. **Financial Report:** Update on the first two quarters of the current fiscal year.

Assistant City Manager Pierik gave the state of budget for the first two quarters. No action taken.

- b. **City Park Snack Shack:** Oral resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate leasing the old putt-putt course building.

City has received a request to lease the old putt-putt course building as a concession. Councilmember Manley made the motion to authorize City Manager to negotiate a lease. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Lange having arrived and voting in favor of said motion.

7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. Oak trees on Hutchings; Have had several discussions and while many like the trees the majority of those visited really did not want them there and would like to find different landscape solution.
- b. Pool update: Staff has been for the most part hired, training underway or completed.
- c. Public Works Update: Water tap for soccer fields completed and will be assisting with the installation of poly pipe to allow irrigation of these fields.
- d. City logo concept for new water billing system.

City Manager desires to look at the 1st week of June or week of June 20th for budget kickoff.

8. Future Agenda Items:

No items discussed

9. Executive Session:

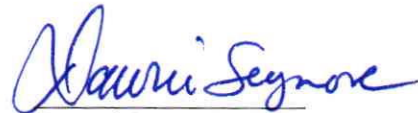
Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:04 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code: a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney; b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property and c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

10. Reconvene:

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Manley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine Ross
Assistant City Secretary

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On the 20th day of June 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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 |
| Ken Manley | Council Member Place 1 |
| Richard “Rick” Morrish | Mayor Pro-tem |
| Ryan Lange | Council Member Place 3 |
| Steven Gray, Jr | Council Member Place 4 |

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| City Staff: | |
| Brian Frieda | City Manager |
| Sharon Hicks | City Attorney |
| Ray Cornutt | Chief of Police |
| Cord Bowman | Public Works Director |

1. **Call meeting to order:**

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:**

Councilmember Manley gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. **Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:**

George Cavazos 800 N. 11th spoke requesting a traffic control device at Sargeant and 11th Street intersection. He discussed a public safety concern. Mayor directed city staff to investigate and assess.

Elaine Paske from the Parks Board spoke regarding the Hotter than Hell cookoff and provided an update and confirmed city supplied items.

4. **Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:**

None

5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting.

Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Regular Agenda:**

- a. Resolution approving the COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Recovery Plan for the City of Ballinger.
Sarah Tankersley with Public Management presented the plan. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the resolution and Councilmember Morrish seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution Cornerstone Community Action Agency: Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).
City Manager Frieda presented the program that would assist low-income residents with utility assistance and the Mayor also indicated that this was a viable program for qualifying residents.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve the resolution for participation with the LIHWAP as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Oral Resolution approving a 5-year extension with Republic Waste Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign the extension.
City Manager Frieda presented the extension for waste services. Councilmember Morrish moved to approve the oral resolution extending the contract for an additional 5 years. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Public Hearing: Ordinance approving extending current night-time juvenile curfew.
City Manager Frieda stated that the juvenile curfew must be renewed by law. Councilmembers discussed the safety of juveniles as a continued concern. Mayor Seymore opened the public hearing at 5:48. No one spoke for or against and the public hearing was closed at 5:49. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the ordinance extending the night-time juvenile curfew. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Resolution approving requirements for inspections (contractor presence and additional inspection fees for re-inspections) and considering bond for contractors.
City Attorney presented for Assistant City Manager Pierik who was absent. The request is to require contractors' registration and presence for all inspections, requiring fees for re-inspections upon failed initial inspections and requiring bonds for contractors to protect citizens from disreputable contractors.
Councilmember Lange moved to approve staff's recommended resolution. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ordinance approving the updated Census numbers for the city of Ballinger and revising voting districts to comply with federal law.
City Attorney presented the census changes, and that the

recommendation was to move citizens from District 2 to District 4 to balance the voting concentration requirements. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the recommended changes. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution approving the County Election contract for November 2022 election and discuss schedule. Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve the resolution for the November 2022 election as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda or Chief Curnutt gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. May 2022 Police update
- b. Pool update: Recorded 8 rescues so far, pool very busy including special events.
- c. Public Works Update.
- d. City's new water billing system update.

8. Future Agenda Items:

No items discussed

9. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:24 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property** (The Council may consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property).
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** The City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officers or employees, *City Manager*, *City Secretary*, *City Judge*, *City Attorney* and Commission Members (may also be reappointed).

10. Reconvene:


Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session. No action was taken on any item from executive session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine Ross
Assistant City Secretary

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On the 18th day of July 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

Absent:
Ryan Lange Council Member Place 3

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	Assistant City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Stanley Maresch	Police Lieutenant
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Rick Morrish gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

Delores Ferguson, 803 N 14th St, addressed council concerning recent notice placed on said property requesting cleanup of items she does not consider “junk”. Also requested paving of west side of 14th St, and all of 15th street. Mayor Seymore directed John Pierik to contact Delores for review of the matter.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:

Ginger Turner spoke in favor of re-instating Municipal Court Judge Little, stating that Little’s punishment style and experience should be taken in consideration.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the June 20, 2022, meeting.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda:

- a. Approve the process to voluntary annex of newly acquired portions of Buddy's Plant Plus.
City Manager Frieda stated that Buddy's requested voluntary annexation. Attorney Hicks discussed that there was a process and would work with City Manager and Buddy's to accomplish.
No action taken
- b. First reading of ordinance approving placing four way stop signs at intersections on North 11th Street: 11th and Harris, and 11th and Sargent Streets.
City Council supports adding stops signs to these locations.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve the Ordinance.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Park report/ request: Circus report, Back to School splash July 26th, Cookoff report
Elaine Paske and Lucy Calvin reported: the circus was well received by the citizens.
Cookoff had 36 cookers. Auction had revenues of \$1,400.00
Back to School Splash on July 26th. Admission is school supplies that will be donated to school administration.
Presented idea of 7th to 8th St walking paths, practice fields, tennis courts and gazebos, renovating McCarver School and securing property.
Council thanked her for the update.
No action taken.
- d. Discussion concerning the purchase or leasing of a street sweeper.
John Pierik outlined a lease/purchase of a refurbished 2016 Peterbilt with two options of financing. Mayor directed city manager to proceed with negotiation.
No action taken.

7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda or Chief Curnutt gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. Partnership with BISD
 - i. Student Interns through BISD and TEA grant.
 - ii. Update regarding after action report and school security following recent events.
- b. June 2022 Police report.
- c. Pool activity update:
- d. Public Works Update:

- e. City's new water billing related applications ready for citizen enrollment.

8. Future Agenda Items:

No items discussed

9. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:27 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

- i. *City Manager evaluation*
- ii. *City Secretary appointment of Blaine Ross*
- iii. *Municipal Court Judge (reappointment consideration)*
- iv. Commission Members, (may also be reappointed)

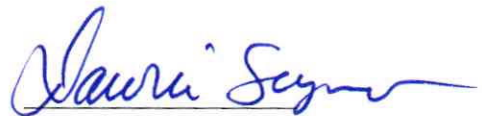
10. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:54 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session.

- i. *Approve City Manager evaluation—no discussion and no action taken.*
- ii. *Approve appointment of Blaine Ross as City Secretary – Councilmember Moorish made the motion to approve appointment of Blaine Ross as the new City Secretary. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*
- iii. *Consider reappointment of Municipal Court Judge – Councilmember Manley made the motion to not reappoint Municipal Court Judge Little and to have John Pierik serve as interim judge. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Manley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine Ross
City Secretary

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On the 8th day of August 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Ryan Lange gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

No citizen comments.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:

No citizen comments.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the July 18, 2022, meeting.
Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda:

- a. Second reading of ordinance approving placing four way stop signs at intersections on North 11th Street: 11th and Harris, and 11th and Sergeant Streets.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve the ordinance.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Presentation by eHT regarding RFP for lagoon cleaning.
Sage Diller with eHT stated that although Synagro was not the lowest bid, they did score the highest and regarding prior experience, recommends this contractor as the lowest responsible bidder.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to accept Synagro as contractor.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Presentation by the BPOA regarding Hallow Fest 2022.
Brian Frieda spoke on behalf of Officer Torres. This will be the 5th year for this event.
- d. Discussion concerning the extending of the pool season.
Brian Frieda will check on availability of lifeguards for extending weekend openings.
- e. Proposed Budget for FY 2023
 - i. Provide first draft of budget for consideration at the August 15, 2022 Workshop. John Pierik submitted a summary of proposed budget.
 - ii. Submission of the no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rates.
John Pierik delivered the Tax Rates as received as follows: No New Revenue Rate per \$100 of valuation has calculated to be \$0.459329. The Voter Approved Rate has calculated to be \$0.725415 before crediting to the property owners \$0.265264 for a final VAR of \$0.465917. However, he noted that there was a potential discrepancy in the calculation that is being investigated. If the difference is correct it would deliver, not generate additional, tax at a rate of \$0.500886 generating more revenue than what the current calculation shows. He has submitted his findings to legal and the Taxing Authority for verification or refusal on this same date, it is a difference of around \$150,000 in taxable deliveries

7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda and Ray Cornutt gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. Police Department monthly report.
- b. New hire introduction. Brian Frieda reported on hiring of Assistant City Secretary Lindsey Byler-Gayoso.
- c. Public Works Update. Waterline repairs are complete at 8th & Broad. Park & 10th paving will begin. Infrastructure of water and sewer has already been completed.
- d. City's new water billing related applications ready for citizen enrollment
Text & email alerts are available to utility customers.

8. Future Agenda Items:

Schedule the annual Trunk or Treat event.

9. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 5:57 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:

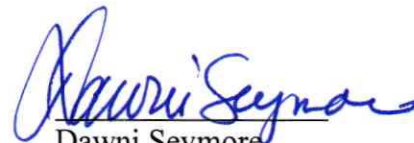
- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

10. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.


Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:19 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions was taken in Executive Session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine Ross
City Secretary

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Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. **Call meeting to order:**

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:**

Councilmember Ryan Lange gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. **Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:**

No citizen comments.

4. **Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:**

No citizen comments.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the July 18, 2022, meeting.
Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda:

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7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda and Ray Cornutt gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. Police Department monthly report.
- b. New hire introduction. Brian Frieda reported on hiring of Assistant City Secretary Lindsey Byler-Gayoso.
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8. Future Agenda Items:

Schedule the annual Trunk or Treat event.

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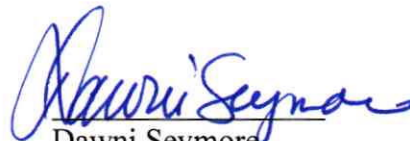
- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

10. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:19 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions was taken in Executive Session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine Ross
City Secretary

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On the 15th day of August 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

Absent:
Ryan Lange Council Member Place 3

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Ken Manley gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

No citizen comments.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:

No citizen comments.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2022, meeting.
Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda:

Paused meeting at 5:46 p.m. to change out video card.

Meeting resumed at 5:49 p.m.

- a. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Council will review FY 2023 Budget preliminary numbers. John Pierik presented budget report by revenue and expenses in a summary report and discussed the proposed tax rate. Asked council and mayor to review prior to next meeting.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. None

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. None

9. Executive Session:

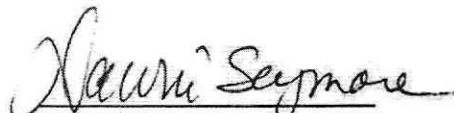
- a. None

10. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.

- a. None

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Manley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine Ross
City Secretary

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On the 12th day of September 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3

Absent:
Steve Gray Jr Council Member Place 4

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Lindsey Byler	Asst City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Brent Allen	Fire department
William Brem	Water Treatment Plant

- 1. Call meeting to order:**
Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- 2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:**
Mayor Dawni Seymore gave the invocation and lead pledges.
- 3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:**
No citizen comments.
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:**
No citizen comments.
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes:** Minutes from August 15, 2022, were not presented and no action taken.
- 6. Regular Agenda:**
 - A. Consider budget items**
 - (1) Adoption proposed tax rate 0.465916 per \$100 of valuation
Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion.

Record Vote:	
Councilmember Morrish	Yes
Councilmember Lange	Yes
Councilmember Manley	Yes
Mayor Seymore	Yes
Councilmember Gray	Absent and not voting

B. Set public hearing for September 26, 2022 @ 5:30 pm to adopt FY 2023 Budget. Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve and Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Set public hearing for September 26, 2022 @ 5:45 pm to set the tax rate. Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve and Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

Ray Cornutt gave a report on the Police Department monthly report.

8. Future Agenda Items: None

9. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 5:46 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:


- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with 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.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:16 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session and that no action was needed based on Executive Session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


~~Dawni Seymore~~ RICHARD MORRISH
 Mayor - PRO TEM

ATTEST:

 Lindsey Byler-Gayoso
 Asst City Secretary

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On the 26th day of September 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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:

Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray	Council Member Place 4

Absent:
Dawni Seymore Mayor

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Pro-tem Morrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Hearings

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 PM:** Proposed FY 2023 Annual Budget
Mayor Pro-tem Morrish opened the public hearing at 5:30 and called for public comments.
No comments were made.
Mayor Pro-tem closed Proposed FY 2023 Budget public hearing at 5:31pm.

At 5:31pm Council moved to Agenda Item #3.

3. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead pledges.

4. Citizen presentations for items not on agenda:

Citizen Chad Hardy presented a formal complaint about Animal Control Officer Julie Parsons. Complaints include the following:

Refusal to respond to animal calls, rude behavior when dealing with citizens, using the excuse that the “shelter is full” to refuse to pick up stray dogs, refusal to trap cats for the spay/neuter return program, not actively getting animals adopted out of the shelter, not returning calls to citizens, being rude to City workers. Mr. Hardy submitted a Petition to

replace Ms. Parsons as Ballinger's Animal Control Officer, that included 55 signatures. The complaint was received and will be reviewed.

Citizen Steve Gray thanked the City for providing barricades during the DECCA street painting, before homecoming.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:

None.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approve Minutes** of the August 15th and September 12th, 2022 City Council meeting.
- b. **Resolution:** Approving the application for non-matching grant funds, Grant Number 4618901 ALERT Law Enforcement Training.
- c. **Resolution:** Approving the application for non-matching grant funds, Grant Number 4623201 Ballistic Shields.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.
Councilmember Manley, seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:38pm Council moved to Agenda Item #7, and considered item c.

7. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action

- c. Review and Approve TML Health Renewal Notice.
John Pierik explained that staying with the Collective II plans would result in an increase cost of 17% to premiums for employees. TML Health now offers a Collective III plan with a higher deductible that would raise premiums only 8.13% on the Copay plan and 5.94% on the HSA plan. Mr. Pierik recommended supplementing the employer contribution to offset the higher deductible, which is within budget, keeping the employee costs close to current premiums and choosing the Collective III plan with the lower percentage increase.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve going to Collective III.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:42 pm Council moved to Agenda Item #8.

8. City Manager's Report

- a. The Public Management community planning onsite evaluation has been completed, and a report will be submitted in the future.
- b. Meeting with engineers regarding water system and improvements.
Engineers are writing up a proposal involving the floating intakes at lake.
An agreement with Atmos Energy has been reached to erect a building at their yard, to bore and tap into the raw line. Additional talks will be had with the engineers in Abilene concerning the additional floating intakes.

At 5:45 pm Council moved back to Agenda Item #2.b.

2. Public Hearing at 5:45 PM

- b. Regarding the proposed 2022-2023 tax rate of .465916/100 valuation. Mayor Pro-tem Morrish opened the public hearing at 5:45 pm and called for public comments. No comments were made. Mayor Pro-tem closed the public hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 tax rate of .465916/100 valuation at 5:46 pm.

At 5:46 pm Council moved to Agenda Item #7; a and b

7. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:

- a. Discuss, consider, and act upon:
 - i. Ordinance No. 2022-09-001 adopting the FY 2023 City of Ballinger Budget. City Manager Frieda stated the Budget has not changed from the original draft budget presented at the Workshop. City Secretary Ross read Ordinance No. 2022-09-001 caption. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Mayor Seymore	Absent
Councilmember Manley	For
Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Councilmember Gray	For

The Motion passed and the budget for FY beginning October 1, 2022 is approved.

- ii. Resolution 2022-2023 acknowledging and ratifying that the adoption of the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual budget will require raising more revenue from the property taxes than the previous year.

Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Mayor Seymore	Absent
Councilmember Manley	For
Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Councilmember Gray	For

Motion passed.

- b. Discuss, consider, and act upon Ordinance No. 2022-09-002 of the City of Ballinger adopting the 2022 Property Tax Rate of \$0.465916 per \$100 valuation. City Secretary Blaine Ross read Ordinance No. 2022-09-002 caption.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER APPROVING THE 2022 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, NOT EXEMPT BY LAW; PROVIDING REVENUES FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO ASSESS TAXES USING THE TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve.
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Mayor Seymore	Absent
Councilmember Manley	For
Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Councilmember Gray	For

The Motion passed and the tax rate of \$0.465916 per \$100 is approved.

Following the vote on the budget and tax rate, Council moved back to item 8

8. City Manager's Report

- d. City Manager Frieda commented on work being done to the exterior of City Hall, replacing rotted wood and research of historic paint colors. Emerald green appears to be the paint used originally, which matches the paint on the Santa Fe signs on the building and recommended this color to be used.

c. Public Works Update.

Recent leak repair on 5th street completed.

Manhole replacement and street repair on Broad completed.

Crew working on cleaning cones at Water Treatment Plant which will help in reducing the manganese in the water supply.

Replacement of valves and plastic lines in pool chemical regulating equipment this year has reduced chemical usage. Chemical controller is now tied into the internet and can be controlled remotely.

Sludge pit cleanup is slower than expected due to the fact it may have never been performed in the past but continuing towards completion.

9. Future Agenda Items: None

10. Executive Session:

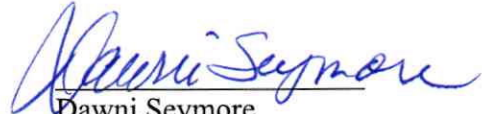
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11. Adjourn:

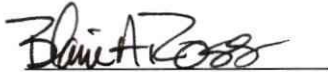
Councilmember Morrish made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary

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On the 17th day of October 2022, the Ballinger City Council met 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	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray	Council Member Place 4

Absent:
Ken Manley Council Member Place 1

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Brent Allen	Fireman

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentations for items not on the agenda:

Citizen Elanie Paske confirmed that the City will place barriers for this year's Trunk or Treat activities on 10/31/2022

Elaine asked if the Park Board needed to ask for permission to place new playground equipment in park areas, specifically the park along the Colorado River behind Toliver Chevrolet. The park board currently has funding for new equipment, stating the vendor delivers and sets up any new equipment at the desired location.

City manager Frieda welcomed future discussion on the subject.

4. Public comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:

None.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes** of the September 26, 2022 City Council Meeting.
Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:

a. Discuss, Consider, and Act Upon:

- i. Approval of the City of Ballinger Tax Roll Balancing Sheet for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, as provided by Robin Burgess, Runnels County Tax Assessor Collector.
Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the City of Ballinger Tax Roll Balancing Sheet for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Resolution 2022-10-001R. Confirming and re-appointing Dr. Matt Beldon, DVM and Julie Parsons as the City of Ballinger's Rabies Authority personnel.
After discussion, Julie Parsons name was removed from this resolution.
Amended Resolution 2022-10-001R. Confirming and re-appointing Dr. Matt Beldon, DVM as the City of Ballinger's Rabies Authority personnel.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve the Resolution.
Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Allowing Memorial Benches in the City Limits.
The decision was made to involve the Park Board in placement areas.
The placement of benches is to be permitted.
The bench shall be made of metal and anchored to a concrete slab.
Citizens wanting to place a memorial bench shall pay for the bench and slab.
Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve this decision.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Establishing hours for the municipal court.
A discussion of days per week and hours per day was tabled until a Municipal Court Judge was appointed.
- v. Electronic message sign(s) and lockable events board exterior of city hall.
City Manager Freida discussed placement locations, expense of setup, with inquiries as to if the signs would be dimmable and possibly involve the Chamber of Commerce with funding.
No action was taken.

7. City Manager's Report.

- a. Police Chief Cornutt delivered the monthly Police Department's report. ACM Pierik showed a video that was posted on Facebook that explained the hangtags being placed at businesses after a cursory visit by officers during nighttime hours.
- b. WCTCOG Annual Meeting November 2, 2022.
City Manager announced that Invitations have been received and asked councilmembers and mayor to let him know if they will be attending. The meeting will take place at the Grace Museum in Abilene Texas.
- c. Public Works Update.
Public Works Director Bowman reported:
Paving at 3rd and Sargent is underway and nearing completion.
A major water main leak at 9th & Country Club Road has been repaired and repaving will commence once the fill material has settled.
Manhole at 11th & Broad has been repaired after the rain guard had collapsed resulting in sewer backing up into the street.
Street repair at East & 14th has been completed.
City Manager Frieda reported on the large hole behind the cones at the water treatment plant, commenting on the need for a solution to access the valves at the bottom of the hole.
- d. Exterior work of City Hall.
City Manager Frieda reported repairs and painting are nearly completed, stating that ADA replacement handrails will be installed soon, and ADA access doors are in the planning.
ACM Pierik commented on the exterior lighting.
- e. CDBG/Downtown Revitalization and other grant opportunities.
City Manager Frieda report that per Public Management recommendation, the city will pass on this year's CDBG grant, as the city will be penalized for applying three consecutive years. Also, 2021 audit needs completion.
ACM Pierik commented on an historical grant that might apply to the Historical Carver School, African/American Heritage Site. Preservation of this site could qualify for a \$75k grant per year of application.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Counsel Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:29 pursuant to Texas Government Code

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
 - i. Ballinger Housing Authority
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
 - i. Naming an interim municipal Court Judge
 - ii. City Manager

10. Reconvene and take action if needed executive session.

The Council reconvened in open session at 8:10 pm.

a. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

i. Naming an interim municipal Court Judge

No action taken.

ii. City Manager

Councilmember Lange made a motion to extend the city manager's contract. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Morrish Yes

Councilmember Lange Yes

Councilmember Gray Yes

Mayor Seymore Yes

Councilmember Manley Absent and not Voting


11. Adjourn.

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary

7. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:

a. Discuss, Consider and Act upon:

1. Removal of all or sequence of trees lining Hutchings Ave and discuss cost estimate in doing so. Manager Frieda has received a quote of \$19,250.00. Expecting other quotes to come in. Councilmember Manley made a motion to wait for other quotes and table discussion until the first meeting in December. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report

- a. Lieutenant Maresch delivered the October Police Department Report.
- b. Meeting with Engineers regarding water system and improvements. A meeting with Enprotec engineers will take place on November 10, 2022. Plans to be presented include the floating intake at lake, the building at Atmos's yard, boring under county road to tie into injection point for treating Lake Ivie water.
- c. Public Works Update. 4th Street and Park Ave leak repair. Country Club Road leak repair. 11th and Broad water main upgrade. Sewer Farm leak.

9. Future Agenda Items to Discuss and Consider.

None

10. Executive Session

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 5:53 pm pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

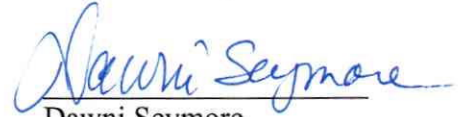
11. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

- a. Housing Authority Board Member Appointment. No Action taken. Council accepted the resignation of Housing Authority Director Amy Fava. City staff will bring information back to council on an audit of the Housing Authority.
- b. Interim Municipal Court Judge Appointment. Councilmember Gray made a motion to appoint JT Owens of Brady, TX as the Interim Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

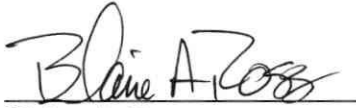
12. Adjourn:

Councilmember Morrish made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary

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On the 21st day of November 2022, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:36 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the Following member present:

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

Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Suzanne Torres	Corporal, Police Officer

- 1. Call meeting to order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda.**

Citizen Chad Hardy asked that when the new code enforcement officer assumes full time duty, that citizen requested are better tracked. Mr. Hardy also inquired about the petition he submitted on 9/26/2022, asking for the replacement of the current animal control officer.
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**

None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2022 and November 7, 2022 meetings.**

Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve both meetings minutes.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Resolution canvassing the election returns and approving the results of the General Election of November 8, 2022 for Single Member District Council Places 3 and 4.**

City Secretary Ross read the Election Polling Location Tallies and the Results from the tallies, declaring winners as being:
Single Member District Place 3 - Ryan Lange.
Single Member District Place 4 - Steve Gray.

Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the election results and the resolution accepting the tally and declaring the winners.

Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Swearing in and Oaths of office for Councilmembers Place 3 and 4.
City Secretary Ross lead the Swearing in and Oath of Office for Councilmembers Lange and Gray.
- c. Setting time and place for regular and special council meetings.
City Manager Frieda recommended no change of location or time of regular or special council meetings. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the no change of location or time.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Setting the salaries for Mayor and councilmembers.
City Manager Frieda recommended no change to salaries. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the no change in salaries for mayor or council members.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.
City Manager Frieda stated that this is required after every election.
Councilmember Morrish stated that he would continue acting as Mayor Pro-Tem.
Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve Morrish as the Mayor Pro-Tem.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Economic Development Consultants meetings.
City Manager Frieda reported that Mayor Seymore had discussion at a recent conference with
GSLI, Global Site Location Industries, LLC of Dallas, TX., stating that he is interested in their guidance to stimulate economic growth within the City of Ballinger. A meeting is set on December 5, 2022 for a formal presentation by GSLI. City Manager Frieda stated that it would be financially advantageous to hire a company to oversee our economic development rather than fund and recruit someone to fill such a position within the city.
- b. Meetings concerning Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
Discussions with three companies have occurred to gain a better understanding of how charging stations work for potential customers.
- c. Meeting with engineers regarding water system improvements.
A meeting with Enprotec Hibbs and Todd. They are moving to the next stage of following ARPA guidelines for the floating intakes at the lake.
- d. Public Works Update:
Discussion with TXDOT as to who is responsible for maintenance of Baker Street between Stripes and Pompa's Kitchen. Without coming to a conclusion of responsibility,

The City of Ballinger made necessary repairs to Baker Street. Meeting set with TXDOT on November 22, 2022 to discuss the city's local agreement. 14th and East Avenue repairs. Water line repairs at the intersection of highways 261 and 382, 3rd and Park have been completed.

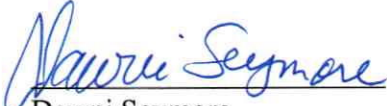
8. **Future Agenda Items:** Update on Animal Control Personnel.
9. **Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.
 - a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
 - b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property**
 - c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

10. **Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.**


The council reconvened in open session at 6:28 p.m.
No action taken

11. **Adjourn:**

Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary

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On the 5th day of December 2022, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following member present:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard "Rick" <i>MORRISH</i>	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place # 3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place # 4

Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Brent Allen	Fire Department
Chris Sargent	Sargent Police Officer

Absent:

Ken Manley	Councilmember Place # 1
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney

- 1. Call meeting to order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda.**
None
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**
None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the November 21, 2022 meetings.**
Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes.
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Tree removal along Hutchings Ave. downtown and required permits from TxDOT.**
Only one quote has been received, from Billy Boyer (Bearded Brother's Tree Care & Services) out of Coleman, for \$19,250.00 for the removal of 22 trees.
Still waiting for TxDOT's reply on necessary permits.

- b. Economic Development Consultant Presentation (GSLI)
Eric Kleinsorge gave a presentation of GSLI's services in helping cities with Economic Development, and companies seeking relocation sites.
City Manager Frieda asked the council to consider a motion to hire GSLI as Ballinger's Economic Development Coordinator/Consultant for \$50,000.
Councilmember Gray made a motion to hire GSLI. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

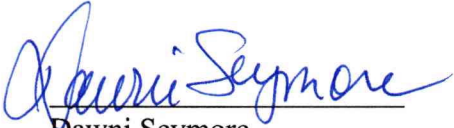
- a. City Manager Frieda gave the November Police report.
- b. ACM Pierik gave the Financial Report.
- c. Public Works Director Bowman reported on projects at 11th & Broad, 1100 block of 5th St., 13th St. and the Standpipe and the water main on Broad Avenue.
- d. City Manager Frieda reported that 3 employees have recently resigned, those being Esmeralda Hernandez, Marcos Soto and Jeremy Sherman.

8. Future Agenda Items: None.


9. Executive Session: None

10. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary