

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

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

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3 left at 6:02pm
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Marty Akins	Interim City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Lindsey Byler	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 5:32 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.
 - a. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** The City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officers or employees.
 - 1) Deliberate the appointment of a candidate for the City Manager position**
 - b. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 5:59 p.m. Mayor Seymore asked for a motion to extend an offer to Lindsey Gayoso for the City Manager position. Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the offer. Councilman Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Budget Workshop-Review, Discuss, Consider and/or Action:**
FY year 2024-2025—Proposed Budget
 - a. Review the Budget and tax rates – Interim Akins reported the tax rate will stay the same as originally proposed.
 - b. Discuss budget hearing calendar and set dates-Interim Akins suggested August 19, 2024, for the budget and tax rate hearing. Mayor Seymore set the date for August 19, 2024.
 - c. Discuss Fire Department expenditures and review Interlocal agreement

with Runnels County – Chief Cornutt reported numbers on the percentage of City of Ballinger Fire Department for County calls outside of the city limits. Mayor Seymore requested Chief Cornutt and Secretary Gayoso to meet with Runnels County to discuss the numbers.

- d. Review and discuss Dispatch interlocal agreement between City of Ballinger and Runnels County- Interim Akins reported he made a payment to the County to finish prior year of 2023 in the amount of \$4,166.00. Currently the City and County have no interlocal agreement. Mayor Seymore wants to work with the County to resolve the issues.

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

- a. Resolution No 2024-07-003 Discuss Runnels County Appraisal Budget FY 2025- The governing entities are questioning budget and to do so, a resolution disapproving the proposed budget is required. Councilman Gray moved to disapprove the Runnels County Appraisal Budget FY 2025. Councilman Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

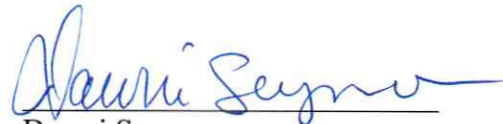
e. City Manager’s Report:

- a. Nomination reporting of new employees- Interim Akins updated new hires including Darrell Rose water department, Jason Sternadel in water distribution, Michael Lobstein in street, and Patricia Blalock in Accounts Management. The Police Department is still actively looking for officers. Councilman Morrish moved to approve these new hires. Councilman Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

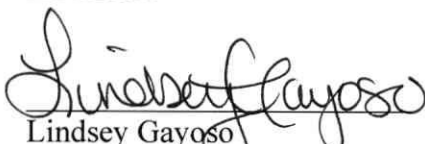
f. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

Discussion of meeting on August 5, 2024, Chamber HOT funds, Golf Carts

- g. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager/City Secretary