

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

**On the 7th day of October 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
David Brem	Public Utilities Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Ellen McKinnon	Airport Manager

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Morrish gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** None
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approve Minutes from September 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.  
Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - a. Chamber of Commerce: Discussion and action on
    - 1) Use of Pioneer Plaza and Gazebo for Santas Village at Christmas in Olde Ballinger celebration. Mary Adcock outlined the requested use of the Pioneer Plaza. The event will take place Saturday, November 30, 2024, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm when the parade starts. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the use of the gazebo and Pioneer Plaza. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
    - 2) Lamp post Decoration Contest downtown. Mary Adcock presented the Contest rules and Registration form to the council. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the contest. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) HOT funds Contract and Budget approval. Abby Rollwitz presented the Fiscal Year 2025 HOT funds budget. Although the dollar amounts are true, there will be corrections to the allocation descriptions. The contract will remain the same as prior years, with the exception of the HOT fund grant applications, to be reviewed and granted by the City Council. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the budget, contract and grant. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ratify and confirm appointment of Lindsey Gayoso as City Manager as of July 29, 2024. Councilmember Gray made a motion to confirm the appointment. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ordinance #2024-10-001, removing Sec 18-21, 18-24 from Article III. Permit, Sec 18-54 from Article V: Temporary Sales Vendor, and moving to the general fee schedule set by the Council on an annual basis. City Manager Gayoso asked the council to move the fees from the Charter to the annual fee schedule. Councilmember Morrish motioned to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approve FY2025 Fee Schedule as of October 1, 2024. City Manager Gayoso presented the fiscal year 2025 fee schedule. Gayoso explained the only changes were the vendor permit fees and adding a festival fee for organizations outside the city limits. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the fee schedule. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Approve 2024 Runnels Tax Roll total tax due City of Ballinger for 2024-2025 year. City Manager Gayoso presented the 2024 Tax Roll. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the Tax Roll. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ordinance #2024-10-002 approving vacation of alley in Shopping Basket Parking lot to back to abutting property owner, setting a fee and issuing a deed without warranty. City Attorney Hicks suggested the council set a fee for issuing the deed and a price for the property. After discussion, a fee of \$1,000.00 and price of \$500.00 were suggested. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the ordinance and fees. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Public Works Update: City Manager presented the Public Works update.
  - i. Streets and Parks
  - ii. Upcoming Projects- Gayoso reported on behalf of Public Works Director Cord Bowman the project of adding another pothole truck and the street crews will start filling every pothole in town. Gayoso also reported that the City-Wide cleanup will be November 7-10, 2024.
  - iii. New Hire-Recycle Center. Raymond Fuentes.

- b. Public Utilities Update: David Brem presented the Public Utilities update.
  - i. Sewer and Water: Brem notified the council of the sewer issues happening in Ballinger are from a contractor and the company has been notified and will be responsible for any damage.
  - ii. Upcoming Projects. North Runnels Water Supply Corporation has inquired about the possibility of purchasing additional water. Discussions are ongoing. The TCEQ mandated lead/copper water line inventory is nearing completion and will be submitted by the deadline of October 15, 2024. Mayor Seymore suggested alerting citizens of possible future notifications from TCEQ.
  
- c. Airport Operations: Airport Manager McKinnon updated the council on the completion of the new fuel tank and dispensing equipment. Recent sales show an uptick in traffic to Bruce Field. Manager McKinnon asked the council to appoint an Airport Advisory Board as required by Charter. Mayor Seymore asked to submit candidates at the next council meeting.
  
- d. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt presented the Public Safety update.
  - i. Police Department
  - ii. Animal Control
  - iii. Fire Department. Fire Chief Charles Lobstein has resigned. Michael Lobstein has accepted the vacated position of Fire Chief.
  
- e. City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso updated council.
  - i. Code Enforcement-Gayoso reported the mailouts for the month as well as violations and properties that will be reviewed or cleaned up by the next BOBS meeting.
  - ii. Financial Reports-Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses.

**8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:** Airport Advisory Board.

**9. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. pursuant to the 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 an open session at 7:24 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no votes or actions were taken in executive session and no action taken as a result thereof.

**11. Adjourn:** Councilman Manley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary