

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

**On the 9th day of December 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 arrived at 5:33p.m.
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3 arrived at 5:33p.m.
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

**Staff Present:**

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

- 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 led the pledges.
- 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than Public Hearing: None present**
- 4. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.
  - a. Section 551.071 Consultation with the 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).

Discussion regarding conflict between 1995 Federal Court LULAC  
Compromise Settlement Agreement and City Charter related to elections

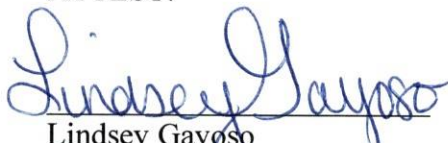
**Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 5:40 p.m. Attorney Hicks provided information regarding the 1995 LULAC settlement that changed city elections from majority vote to plurality vote and discussed that once the settlement was rediscovered, it was determined that the December 14, 2024 runoff election for Council Place 4 between Steve Gray and Marty Akins should be cancelled. Mayor Seymore asked for a motion to cancel the runoff election and declare Steve Gray the winner of Council Place 4. Councilman Lange moved to cancel the

reelection and declare Steve Gray elected to Council Place 4. Councilman Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Adjourn:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lindsey Gayoso  
City Manager, City Secretary