

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

On the 5th day of August 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
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Doug Martella, via conference	Financial Advisor

**Absent:**

Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
David Brem	Public Utilities Director

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Manley gave the invocation and led the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Elaine Paske with the City Park Board asked if a permit is required for erecting a shade over the playground at the lake park.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approve Minutes from the July 15, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - a. Discuss and approve TexStar – Financial Advisor Doug Martella stated that TexStar is a Municipal Investment Group that does not charge fees, requires no minimum investment and the funds can be withdrawn at any time without penalty. The percentage rate paid fluctuates with the fed rate. The investment is authorized in the City’s Investment Policy. He recommends the City consider using them as part of their portfolio. A resolution will need to be passed to proceed with the investment.
  - b. Approve the Proposed Tax rate of \$0.52/100 and set a public hearing date for August 19, 2024. Mayor Seymore called for a motion to approve the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate and

set the public hearing for August 19, 2024 . Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

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

- c. Discuss the sale of Generator at Fire Department– Police Chief Cornutt stated that discussion of the generator has taken place in a prior council meeting, and he is asking for permission to sell the generator. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the sale of the generator. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Discuss the sale of the Fire Department metal building. Police Chief Cornutt stated that discussion of the metal building has taken place in a prior council meeting, and he is asking permission to sell the building. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the sale of the building. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. City Manager’s Report:**

- a. Update from Police Chief Cornutt on Police Academy participants. Chief Cornutt reported the city employee Zach Fritz is currently participating in the Police Academy training. City employee Richard Jalomo has expressed interest in the training.
- a. **Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:** Chamber of Commerce HOT funds. Golf Cart ordinance. Contract with City Employee David Brem relating to licensing and retention. Police Department recruits.

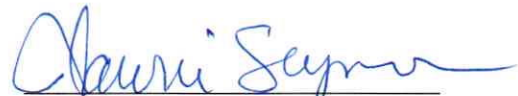
**8. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

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

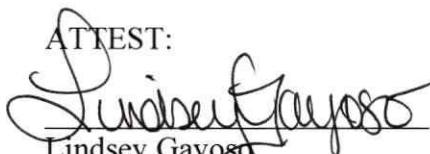
1. City Manager, Terms and Conditions relating to Employment, Contract.

**9. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no votes or action were taken in executive session and no action taken as a result thereof.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lindsey Gayoso  
City Manager / City Secretary