

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

On the day of the 16th of March 2026, 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:

Darlene Kelly	Mayor
Martin Akins	Councilmember Place #1
John Fulton	Councilmember Place #2
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

**Staff Present:**

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
David Brem	Public Utilities Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Citizen Cheryl Buchanan presented a letter to Council of her concerns of the possible new park behind her home.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** N/A
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - Approve Minutes from the March 2, 2026 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - Approve items for auction-** Chief Cornutt and Manager Gayoso presented 5 items for auction. Two being seizure vehicles and 3 being Police Tahoe's. Councilmember Gray moved to approve these vehicles for auction. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  - Presentation of Memorandum of Agreement 287 (g) Task Force Model-** Chief Cornutt presented the TFM, explaining that the Police Department currently follows established protocols in coordination with the Border Patrol. He further stated that under the 287(g) Agreement, the City will receive compensation for the time and resources dedicated to these efforts. Councilmember Lange made a

motion to approve the agreement and participate in TFM 287(g). Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Approve paying off one of the 2026 Tahoe's-** Councilmember Lange approved the payoff for a 2026 Tahoe to decrease the expense of interest. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. **City Policy for Employees possessing Concealed to Carry License-** Chief Cornutt and Manager Gayoso discussed potential options for employees to carry concealed firearms, with protocols to be established by Chief Cornutt and the City Council. The policy will be brought back to the Council with detailed guidelines for review and approval.
- e. **Proposal from Independent Contractor for City Pool for April 2026-September 2026-** Manager Gayoso presented the Council with a proposal from the previous pool contractor, Regeon's Pool Services. Public Utilities Director Brem discussed issues experienced with the contractor during the previous summer and recommended seeking a new contractor. Councilmember Akins concurred, noting complaints that had been brought to his attention. Following discussion, the Council agreed to solicit bids for a new contractor, expressing hope that a local citizen may be able to fulfill the contract work.

**7. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: FEMA**

**8. Executive Session:** Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

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


**9. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 6:49 p.m. Mayor Kelly stated that no actions or votes were taken.

**10. Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
Darlene Kelly

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lindsey Gayoso  
City Manager, City Secretary