

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

On the 14th day of July 2025, 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:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Darlene Kelly	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3 (absent)
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 Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and led the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:**
 - a. Elaine Paske requested assistance from the Public Works Department in obtaining measurements needed for the Park Board to install shade covering over the Imagination Station. She also requested help with the installation of new bridges at the playground.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing: N/A**
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2025 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Priority Power Contract – Bob Foreman- Following discussion, Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve an additional 48-month contract with Priority Power to lock in the rate with WTU for the year 2027. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution and Order for General Election of November 4, 2025, for Mayor, Council Places 1 and 2- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the Resolution and order the General Election on November 4, 2025, for the positions

of Mayor and Council Places 1 and 2. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. 2025 Ballinger All School Reunion request to use the City Pool- Councilmember Kelly moved to approve the All-School Reunion Committee's request to use the City Pool, with the condition that the committee covers the cost of approved lifeguards and that a certified City employee is on duty during the event. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ballinger Police Department 2025 Tahoe purchase for FY2026- Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve the lease purchase of up to three (3) 2025 Tahoe's for the Ballinger Police Department as part of the FY2026 budget. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Budget FY2026
 - i. Approve 3% increase in rates for garbage services beginning October 1, 2025- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve a 3% rate increase for dumpster services effective October 1, 2025. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Review Fee Schedule- Manager Gayoso and staff recommended removing items from the fee schedule that do not apply to the City of Ballinger, along with adjusting certain fees. The Council will review and discuss the proposed changes at the next meeting.
 - iii. Review FY2026 Draft- Manager Gayoso informed the Council that the budget is still under review and that minor adjustments will be made to improve the final projected balance. The focus moving forward will be on identifying necessities versus non-immediately essential items.

7. Department Reports:

- a. Airport Manager Update: Ellen McKinnon
- b. Public works update: Cord Bowman
 - i. Streets and Parks
 - ii. Code Enforcement
- c. Public Utilities Update: David Brem
 - i. Sewer and Water
- d. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt
 - i. Police Department
 - ii. Animal Control
 - iii. Fire Department
- e. City Manager Report: Lindsey Gayoso
 - i. Keep Texas Beautiful- Keep Ballinger Beautiful
 - ii. Financial Reports-Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

- a. Consider appointment of Gary Wilson to the Airport Advisory Board

9. **Executive Session:** Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**

- i. City of Ballinger Fire Department interlocal with Runnels County
- ii. Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department

b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**

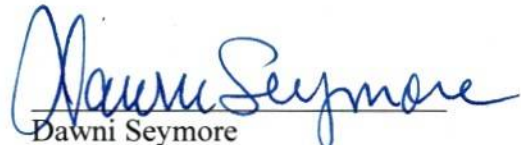
- i. Sale of 209 S 9th (10th and Sealy R9027)

c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

10. **Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:44 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no actions or votes were taken.

- a. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the sale of 209 S 9th street. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary