

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

On the 2nd day 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
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4 --

arrived at 6:30 P.M. Items 5-6f were considered by Mayor Kelly and Members Akins and Fulton

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
David Brem	Public Utilities Director

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Fulton gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** N/A
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** N/A
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - Approve Minutes from February 2, 2026 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Fulton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - Swearing in of City of Ballinger Fire Department Reserves-**
 - Paving Interlocal Agreement with Runnels County-** Councilmember Akins made a motion to approve the Agreement. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Airport Rules and Regulations-Adopted by Bruce Field Airport Advisory Board-** Board Chairman Austin Williams presented the Council with the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Williams also informed the Council that four outgoing

members of the board will need to be replaced. Councilmember Fulton made a motion to approve the Bruce Field Airport Rules and Regulations. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. **City of Ballinger Fire Reserves Pension Board-** Chief Cornutt and City Manager Gayoso were granted permission to recruit candidates and provide recommendations to the City Council for appointment to the Fire Reserve Pension Board. The board will consist of three active Fire Reserves, two citizen representatives, and one City employee.
- e. **Purchase of Tahoe's for Ballinger Police Department-** Council discussed the high interest rates associated with the financing of the Tahoes. It was proposed that the City further evaluate the option of paying off the Tahoes early rather than continuing to finance them, in order to potentially save money in the future.
- f. **Runnels County Chief Appraiser Stoney Hariman** Mr. Hariman presented requirements from the state that his office is complying with and steps going forward. No action taken.

7. Department Reports:

- a. **Public Works Update- Cord Bowman**
- b. **Public Utilities Update- David Brem**
- c. **Public Safety Update- Chief Ray Cornutt**
- d. **City Manager- Lindsey Gayoso**

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: N/A

9. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - a. **Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department (not city)**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
 - a. **Airport Manager**
 - b. **City Hall personnel**

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:13 p.m. Mayor Kelly stated that no votes or actions were taken.


The Council revisited Item # 6.e and were updated that the Council had previously approved the Tahoe purchases but wanted to revisit whether paying for one or more outright was a better choice than to finance all. Councilmember Akins made a motion to execute the agreement on the Tahoes and to explore options for paying for one out right, paying them off early or reducing the interest rate in order to maximize the use of City funds. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Fulton made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Darlene Kelly
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lindsey Garoso
City Manager, City Secretary