

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

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Citizen Elaine Paske asked about the splash pad and its opening date. Manager Gayoso stated that the splash pad will open once the pool water reaches the appropriate chemical levels. Manager Gayoso also called on Director David Brem and CPO Gavin Lancaster to provide additional details regarding the water conditions and overall progress of the pool and splash pad. They explained that recent rain and weather have caused delays, but they are working diligently and will continue to keep the public updated on progress.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** N/A
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - Approve Minutes from April 6, 2026 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Fulton 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:**
  - Designation of Ballinger Fireworks Show-** Councilmembers discussed the airport, as well as the Ballinger Lake spillway and dam. Staff was directed to coordinate with Kit Hurt and Pyro tech to determine the most suitable location for parking and the fireworks display and will report back to Council in May.

- b. **Closure of Railroad Ave for the Lonestar Market-** Citizen Stan Bickle requested the closure of half of Railroad Avenue for the annual Lone Star Market. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the closure, with the condition that access for the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department remains unobstructed for emergency vehicle response if needed. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. **FY2027 Budget Calendar-** Manager Gayoso presented dates to council for the upcoming budget season. No action taken
- d. **Review and possible action motor grader purchase** – Manager Gayoso and Public Works Director Bowman discussed ongoing issues with the City’s Volvo motor grader. The equipment is currently incurring significant maintenance and repair costs, placing a strain on the budget. Additionally, staff noted the need for a smaller grader better suited for accessing and working in alleys. Discussion included the option of selling or trading in the existing Volvo grader. After reviewing five quotes from Warren CAT and Yellow house Machinery, staff recommended proceeding with the purchase of a 2026 CAT 120 grader. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the sale or trade-in of the Volvo grader and to proceed with acquiring a new or newer machine. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Consider location of zoning designation within the single-family zoning districts of Ballinger to also allow Tiny Homes/ Manufactured housing to comply with recent state law changes that take effect September 1, 2026.** – no action taken
- f. **Resolution for the Ballinger Police Department Response and Enforcement Enhancement project 2026-2027 Grant** – Councilmember Lange moved to approve the Resolution 2026-04-01 to apply for the grant. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Reports:**

- a. **Financials YTD-** Manager Gayoso presented financial and investment reports to Council
- b. **Mutual Aid Agreements-** Manager Gayoso has confirmed and signed mutual aid agreements with Rowena VFD, Winters VFD, and Miles VFD.

**8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:** FEMA, levy with Lower Colorado River, TWDB (levy?)  
Next council meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026 due to conflicts on May 4, 2026

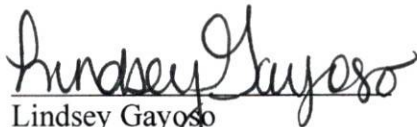
**9. Executive Session:** Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- 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.**

- 10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:29 p.m. Mayor Kelly stated that no votes or actions were taken. Mayor Kelly also stated on behalf of Council that during and following the finalizing of this next agreement with the BVFD, City Fire Department is ready and willing to continue to respond to any and all requests for rescue assistance. Councilmember Lange moved to direct city staff to prepare a letter to the BVFD regarding exchanging of items and plan to reimburse city for items on BVFD equipment, cease pension per prior agreement, and address other items necessary to transact business such as SFFMA, E Dispatch, ESO and Repeater, Email and Website. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 11. Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
Darlene Kelly  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lindsey Gayoso  
City Manager, City Secretary