

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

On the 15th day of December 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:

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

Absent:

Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
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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 5:38 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Fulton gave the invocation and led the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:**
 - i. Elaine Paske representing the Park Board informed the Council of the upcoming events: Mardi Gras Dance February 28, 2026 and the Easter Egg hunt March 28, 2026
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from November 24, 2025 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. **Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem-**
Councilmember Gray volunteered for the Mayor Pro- Tem position stating he would like to be the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Fulton made a motion to appoint Councilmember Gray as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Ordinance #2025-012-001 designating City Council as the Board for Keep Ballinger Beautiful-**

Councilmember Akins made a motion to approve the ordinance designating the City Council as the Board for Keep Ballinger Beautiful. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Resolution #2025-012-001 confirming the termination of the existing Carnegie Library contract relating to minimum annual budget amount from the City, approving an annual process at budget for funding based on current revenues and approving a \$5000 expenditure to the Library for FY2026 for approved uses-**

Discussion included that the minimum annual budget amount had included the utilities that the City is currently continuing to pay. Accordingly, the contract was amended to clarify that the annual budget amount would only come from available resources, would first encompass the utilities and then any additional amount, if any, would be determined on an annual basis during the budget cycle.

Councilmember Akins moved to approve the Resolution modifying the agreement to reflect the amount provided would be determined at annual budget process and that any amount included utilities. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the WCTXCOG for a regional solid waste grants program-**

City Manager stated that City was looking at grants for recycle center. Councilmember Akins made a motion to approve the Resolution for the filing of a grant application with the WCTXCOG. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Department Reports: all were presented, no action taken on any

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

8. Future Agenda Items –none

9. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - i. Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department
 - ii. Local Mutual Aid Agreement
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
 - i. 1308 N 7th Street
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:

The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:38 p.m. Mayor Kelly stated that no votes or actions were taken.

i. **Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department Agreement-**

Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the Agreement as executed between the parties to transfer certain equipment from the City to the BVFD, allow the BVFD to utilize city property for storage, terms and conditions relating to repairs, insurance, pension contribution and minimum requirements relating to fighting fires inside the city limits of Ballinger. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. **Local Mutual Aid Agreement-**


Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve and send out the mutual aid agreement (which is different from the COG mutual aid agreement) relating to the terms and conditions for providing assistance in the county and other cities to the selected entities. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

iii. **1308 N 7th Street-**

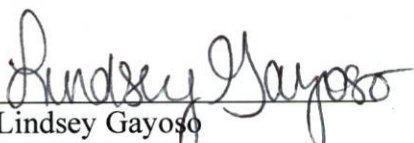
Councilmember Gray made a motion to release the lien on the property upon payment in full, or upon payment of one-third of the balance within 60 days with an approved payment plan, with the lien to be fully released once the balance is paid in full. Councilmember Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Akins made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Darlene Kelly
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary