

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

**On the 3rd day of September 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet 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
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

**Staff Present:**

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works 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 Manley gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Elaine Paske asked for the council to place the Park Board on the next council agenda to address future events and projects the Park Board is considering.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approve Minutes from the August 19th, 2024, City Council Meeting.  
Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - a. Authorizing process to begin selling of alley to adjacent landowner, Shopping Basket for the alley located in the Shopping Basket Parking Lot. City Attorney Hicks stated there is a process to sell the alley. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the steps needed to sell the alley. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Approving a landscaping contractor yearly permit fee for brush and limb haul off. City Manager Gayoso will investigate the matter further. No action taken.
  - c. Permitting Golf Carts/ATV in the City limits, registration and requirements. Police Chief Cornutt suggested educating the public on state laws. No action taken.

- d. Approving a Chamber of Commerce Hot Funds/ agreement. City Manager Gayoso and Councilmember Morrish met with the Chamber. The chamber will present the HOT Funds budget in a forthcoming meeting. All were in agreement that the contract should be kept current.
- e. Approving Contract with Texas Communities Group Code Enforcement. City Manager Gayoso presented to the council the benefits of contracting with Texas Communities Group to help with code enforcement. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the contract. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Approving use of court security funds to construct a security door/window to municipal court office for safety and privacy. City Secretary Gayoso stated the need for a more secure environment for the court administrator. Bids for installing a security door for the court office are being sought. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the court security expense. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Approving the AEP AGREEMENT lease of parking lot for year 2025. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the lease with AEP. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. City Manager's Report:**

- a. Public Works Update: Cord Bowman updated the council.
  - i. Streets and Parks
  - ii. Upcoming Projects
- b. Public Utilities Update: David Brem was not available due to attending classes. City Manager Gayoso updated the council.
  - i. Sewer and Water
  - ii. Upcoming Projects
- c. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt updated the council.
  - i. Police Department
  - ii. Animal Control
  - iii. Fire Department
- d. City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso updated the council.
  - i. Code Enforcement
  - ii. Financial Reports--Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses.

**8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: Park Board.**

**9. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
  - 1. Dispatch/Fire Interlocal between City and Runnels County
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
  - 1. 705 N 13th
  - 2. 703 N 13th
  - 3. 607 N 10th
- 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. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the sale of three city properties. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Seymore stated no other actions or votes were taken.

**11. Adjourn:** Councilmember Manley made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary