

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

On the 28th day February 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
Richard "Rick" Morrish
Ken Manley
Ryan Lange
Steve Gray

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Place #1
Councilmember Place #3
Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Randy Everett
Blaine Ross
Sharon Hicks
Cord Bowman
David Brem
Ray Cornutt

Interim City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Public Works Director
Public Utilities Director
Chief of Police

Others Present

Charles Lobstein
Dustin Kresta

Fire Marshall
Ballinger VFD

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** None
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the February 5th, 2024 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray 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. Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety for OMNIBASE (Failure to Appear Program) Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Agreements with law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. to collect
 - 1) delinquent municipal court fines and fees and
 - 2) delinquent utility bills. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the agreements with MVBA. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ordinance #2024-02-001 approving a Collection Fee for Delinquent Utility Bills. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the Collection Fee Ordinance. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approving Ladder Truck repairs. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve repairs with the following stipulations: Repairs are to be completed with new motors. Total costs do not exceed \$40,000.00 and the warranty to be no less than 1 year. Should the repair estimates exceed either of the stipulations, this item must be returned to council. Funds for this repair will be taken from the budget surplus. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion with stipulations. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Financial Reports:
 - i. Accounts Payable, Tax Revenue. City Secretary Ross reviewed the reports.
- b. Police Department
 - i. Accept Racial Profiling Report. Police Chief Cornutt presented the report. Councilmember Manley made a motion to accept the Racial Profiling report. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: None

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

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - i. Texas Water & Soil Demand
 - ii. Contract/Grant Discussions with WCTCOG regarding Generator at PD/FD
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
 - i. Appoint a Board of Adjustment
 - ii. Appoint Bruce Field Airport Manager

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:17 p.m.

a. Appoint a Board of Adjustment. (5 members and 2 alternates) Councilmember Gray made a motion to appoint the following citizens to the Board of Adjustment.

1. Daniel Cavazos
2. Phillip Arp
3. Joseph Olivier
4. Gary Gallant
5. Jeff Cave

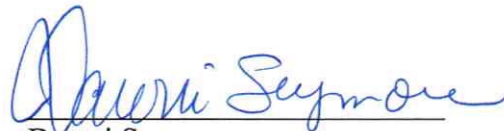
1. Danny Slaughter – Alternate
2. Wade Robertson – Alternate

Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Appoint Bruce Field Airport Manager. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to appoint Ellen McKinnon as the Bruce Field Airport Manager, as a part-time position, with a salary of \$25,000 per year. The salary to be funded from the budget surplus. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Contract/Grant Discussions with WCTCOG regarding Generator at PD/FD. Councilmember Gray made a motion to remove the generator from the Federal Reimbursement Program. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary