

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

On the 25th day of August 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:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Darlene Kelly	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3 arrived at 6:54 pm
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager
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 5:33 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and led the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:**
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**

Elaine Paske discussed the Trunk or Treat date, noting that Halloween falls on a Friday this year, which coincides with an out-of-town football game. She recommended keeping Trunk or Treat scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the understanding that whoever is in town will be able to participate.
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from August 4, 2025 City Council Meeting.
 - b. Tamale Fest October 4, 2025 request for ½ of the City Park to hold event
 - c. Request to place porta potty trailer downtown 8th street for overflow of Reunion event. Councilmember Morrish moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Trunk or Treat (closing of downtown 8th street) and set date- Councilmember Kelly moved to approve the Date for October 31, 2025 from 5:30pm-7pm with road closure of downtown 8th street from 5-7:30pm. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Ordinance approving vacation of Alley of Lankford Subdivision of Quarry Block of Guion Addition, Block 2, back to sole abutting property owner – Councilmember Gray moved to approve the ordinance to vacate the alley with the location of utility lines. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Discuss combining polling locations for the upcoming election-location to be at Elections office- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve combining polling locations. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Budget Workshop-Review, Discuss, Consider and/or Action
FY2026-PROPOSED BUDGET**

- a. Tax Rate-Local Sales Tax and business closures
- b. Budget Summaries & Reviews
 - i. All Funds
 - ii. General Fund
 - iii. Enterprise Fund
 - iv. Airport Fund
 - v. Fee Schedule

City Manager Gayoso and Chief Financial Officer Martella presented the budgets and discussed legislative changes proposed to limit city and county local control. No action taken.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: KRUN Beautify, Carver School

9. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - i. **Runnels County Interlocal Dispatch Agreement with City of Ballinger**
 - ii. **City of Ballinger Mutual Aid agreement with other entities**
 - iii. **City of Ballinger Fire Department Interlocal Agreement with Runnels County**
- 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 7:33 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no actions or votes were taken. No action taken in open session.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Dawni Seymore Richard Morrish
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary