

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

On the 29th day of September 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:

Vacant
Richard "Rick" Morrish
Darlene Kelly
Ryan Lange
Steve Gray

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Place #1
Councilmember Place #3-(absent)
Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Lindsey Gayoso
Sharon Hicks
David Brem
Ray Cornutt

City Manager
City Attorney
Public Utilities Director
Chief of Police

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Pro-Tem Morrish 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:** N/A
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than Public Hearing:** N/A
5. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Approve Participation in the Secondary Opioid Settlement and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Amendments to correct typographical errors relating to the 2025 tax rate as follows:
 1. Amend Ordinance 2025-09-001, Exhibit A to correctly reflect the posted tax rate of \$0.567900 instead of \$0.567902 per \$100 valuation which results in an approximate \$5.00 reduction in ad valorem collections for the upcoming budget. Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve the amendment of Ordinance 2025-09-001. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

City Manager Gayoso called for roll call vote
Mayor - Vacant
Councilmember Kelly Place #1 – For
Councilmember Morrish Place #2 – For

Councilmember Lange Place #3 – Absent

Councilmember Gray Place #4 – For

Motion carried.

2. Amend Resolution 2025-09-001 to reflect that the additional revenue from property taxes compared to last year's budget is \$147,147 instead of \$141,152. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the amendment of the Resolution. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion.

City Manager Gayoso called for roll call vote

Mayor - Vacant

Councilmember Kelly Place #1 – For

Councilmember Morrish Place #2 – For

Councilmember Lange Place #3 – Absent

Councilmember Gray Place #4 – For

Motion carried.

3. Amend Ordinance 2025-09-002 to correctly reflect the posted tax rate of \$0.567900 instead of \$0.567902 per \$100 valuation which results in an approximate \$5.00 reduction in ad valorem collections for the upcoming budget of \$141,147 instead of \$141,152. Councilmember Grey made a motion to amend the Ordinance. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion.

City Manager Gayoso called for roll call vote

Mayor - Vacant

Councilmember Kelly Place #1 – For

Councilmember Morrish Place #2 – For

Councilmember Lange Place #3 – Absent

Councilmember Gray Place #4 – For

Motion carried.

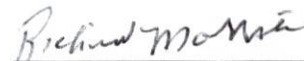
- c. Extend the City's banking services RFP/Agreement with Keystone Bank through June 30, 2026. Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve extending the agreement. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: N/A

7. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - a. **Mutual Aid Agreement**
 - b. **Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
 - a. **City Park Board Appointment**
 - b. **City Council**

8. **Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 6:43 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Morrish stated that no votes or action were taken. It was noted that Mayor Seymore had vacated her position as she no longer resides in the City Limits. Council thanked her for her service. Councilmember Gray made a motion to appoint Elaine Paske and Felicitas Sanchez to the 2 positions on the City Park Board. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Richard Morrish
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary