

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

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet in regular session at 5:20 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
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

**Absent:**

Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
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**Staff Present:**

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager/City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
David Brem	Public Utilities Director

**Absent:**

Blaine Ross	Assistant City Secretary
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1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and led the pledges.

Mayor Seymore moved to Consent Agenda Number 6. At 5:22pm—see below  
Mayor Seymore moved to Agenda b. 5) Lease of Property at 5:25pm –see below

**3. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**

**a. 5:30 PM Public Hearings : 5:30pm start**

- 1) For the Proposed FY 2025 **Budget-**  
Mayor Seymore opened the public hearing at 5:30 and asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the Budget. Seeing no one- Mayor Seymore closed the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.
- 2) **Immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing on the proposed budget.** On the proposed **Tax Rate** of \$0.520000 per \$100 of valuation for Tax Year of 2024.  
Mayor Seymore opened the public hearing at 5:32 and asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the Tax Rate. Seeing no one- Mayor Seymore closed the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

b. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding:

- 1) Ordinance 2024-08-01 of the City of Ballinger, Texas, to adopt the FY 2025 Budget: Councilman Gray moved to adopt the FY 2025 Budget with the caveat that no funds would be disbursed to the County for dispatch until the City and County resolve funding between dispatch and providing fire services in the County. Councilman Manley seconded the motion.

a. Roll Call Vote

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| i. Mayor Seymore           | For    |
| Councilman Manley Place#1  | For    |
| Councilman Morrish Place#2 | For    |
| Councilman Lange Place #3  | Absent |
| Councilman Gray Place #4   | For    |
- Motion Carried.

- 2) Resolution 2024-08-03 acknowledging and ratifying the adoption of the FY 2025 Budget will require raising more revenue from taxes than the previous year: Councilman Gray moved to ratify the adoption of the FY 2025 Budget and acknowledge it will raise more taxes. Councilman Manley seconded the motion.

a. Roll Call Vote

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| i. Mayor Seymore           | For    |
| Councilman Manley Place#1  | For    |
| Councilman Morrish Place#2 | For    |
| Councilman Lange Place #3  | Absent |
| Councilman Gray Place #4   | For    |
- Motion Carried.

- 3) Ordinance 2024-08-02 of the City of Ballinger, Texas, to adopt the 2024 Property Tax Rate of \$0.520000 per \$100: Councilman Gray moved to adopt the 2024 Property Tax Rate of \$0.520000 per \$100. Councilman Manley seconded the motion.

a. Roll Call Vote

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| i. Mayor Seymore           | For    |
| Councilman Manley Place#1  | For    |
| Councilman Morrish Place#2 | For    |
| Councilman Lange Place #3  | Absent |
| Councilman Gray Place #4   | For    |
- Motion carried.

- 4) Authorize purchase of Scada System- Public Utilities Director Brem reported on the purchase of a new Scada system for the water treatment plant. They are currently working on an outdated system that is open to hackers. Brem reported several cities that have been taken over from outdated systems. Councilman Gray acknowledged this was something he has been thinking about. Mayor Seymore inquired about cost and what the

budget currently looks like for this purchase. Brem and City Manager Gayoso discussed a few lines have a budgeted amount to purchase the system. Brem reported Trac N Trol will allow the City to pay a portion in this budget year and the other part over next budget year.

Councilman Gray moved to authorize the purchase of the Scada System with Trac N Trol. Councilman Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Lease of property to B&S Towing Wrecker Services 405,407,409 S Broadway – Chief Cornutt reported a new business is wanting to lease these properties for \$1 per year to observe the rate of business. If the company is satisfied, they will purchase the property and continue with business in Ballinger. The rental rate is offset by improvements that B&S will have to incur. B&S will need to put up a fence along with a building for safety and locking reasons. B&S also has a quicker response time and competitive pricing compared to other wrecking services in the area. Councilman Manley moved to approve leasing the said property for \$1 for one year. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Approve Investment Policy 2025: City Manager Gayoso apprised Council that the investment policy should be revised every 2 years which we are overdue for. An advisory committee consisting of 1 or 2 Council members, the City Manager, City Secretary and Financial Advisor will offer oversight and recommendations. Gayoso also will be taking the required classes for an Investment Officer. Councilman Gray moved to approve the Investment Policy 2025. Councilman Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda: None**

**5. Public Comments on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing: None**

**6. Consent Agenda:**

Approve Minutes from the July 19, 2024, City Council Meeting

Approve minutes from the July 24, 2024, City Council Meeting

Approve minutes from the July 30, 2024, City Council Meeting

Approve minutes from the August 5, 2024, City Council Meeting

Councilman Morish moved to approve the minutes of the above meetings. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Seymore reported the fuel system at the airport has been set.

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

HOT funds agreement with the Chamber, Golf Cart Ordinance