

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

On the 12th day of May 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
Richard "Rick" Morrish
Darlene Kelly
Ryan Lange
Steve Gray

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

Staff Present:

Lindsey Gayoso
Sharon Hicks
Cord Bowman
David Brem
Ray Cornutt

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

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange 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 a Public Hearing:** N/A
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from April 21, 2025 City Council Meeting.- Councilmember Lange moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Designation of employee or officer to calculate the No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026- Councilmember Kelly moved to nominate Susan Halford Runnels County Tax Assessor as the officer to calculate the tax rates for FY2026. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Review and adoption of the Council Code of Conduct Policy-Councilmember Kelly moved to approve and adopt the Council Code of Conduct Policy. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Discussion and possible action on Economic Development Sales Tax- Manager Gayoso explained the differences between MDD and EDC. The city is currently maxed out on sales tax and there would be sales tax removed from the general fund

to fund the MDD or EDC unless voters extend the ETJ. Gayoso also explained this will not raise property taxes. This is just on sales tax alone. Gayoso will find out more information on extending the ETJ to receive more sales tax revenue.

- d. Appointment of members to the Planning and Zoning board.-Councilmember Gray made a motion to appoint the members to the P and Z board. These members include Johnny Fulton, Phillip Arp, Tommy Harrell, Eloyed Fuentes, Tom Lee, Scott Matschek, Martha Rose, Michael Shreve, Richard Sonnenberg, and Demetrio Luna. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion to appoint these citizens. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Appointment of members to the Airport Advisory Board – Councilmember Kelly made a motion to appoint these members to the Airport Advisory Board- Scott Studer, David McMahan, Hunter Davis, Austin Williams, Nathan Boles and Cody Snodgrass. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Discussion of priority projects for inclusion in the upcoming budget FY2026- Carnegie Library donation, wall mural, Electronic Message Board, flowers (green movement), Carver School revitalization, streets

7. Manager's Reports:

- a. Public Works Update: Cord Bowman
 - i. Streets and Parks-13th, 8th, 9th
 - ii. Upcoming Projects-Mesquite tree removal and clean up dam at new lake
- b. Public Utilities Update: David Brem
 - i. Sewer and Water-lake level 1658.1
 - ii. Upcoming Projects-Cleaning Cones and filters
- c. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt
 - i. Police Department
 - ii. Animal Control
 - iii. Fire Department
- d. City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso
 - i. Budget Calendar FY 2026-June 9 or 16th
 - ii. Financial Reports-Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses.

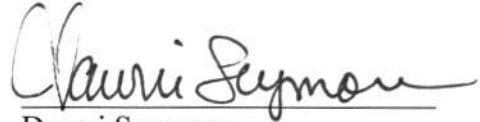
8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: Municipal Development District

9. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

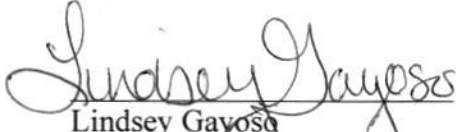
- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - i. Interlocal with Runnels County on Fire Services
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 6:51 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no actions or votes were taken during executive session.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary