

STATE OF TEXAS)()(
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CITY OF BALLINGER)()(

On this the 4th day of October 2021 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
Ken Manley Council Member # 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange Council Member #3
Steven Gray, Jr. Council Member # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields City Secretary
Brian Frieda City Manager
Sharon Hicks City Attorney
Ray Cornutt Chief of Police
Chad Mercer Code Enforcement
John Pierik III Finance Director

Others present: Benny Vela, Sr., Rachelle Williams, Frank Ortega, Eloyed Fuentes, Jodi Halford, Jennie Fulton, Chad Hardy- Citizens.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Ken Manley was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jennie Fulton- Stated that she has worked with Judge Little for years, and she has always known her to be fair professionally not only to the City of Ballinger, but to her clients also. They have had a good relationship and she has all the respect in the world for her.

Jodi Halford- Stated that she has known Judge Little a long time, you may not always agree with her, but she is not a push over. She will stand her ground when dealing with the teenagers and their parents.

CONSENT AGENGA:

All consent agenda items listed are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

- A. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of September 13,2021 meeting.
- B. Hallow Fest: Request from the Ballinger police department to hold their annual Hallow Fest at the community center on October 30-31,2021 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- C. Trunk or treat: Being held by the Chamber of Commerce, the Park Board, and individual businesses along 8th Street on October 31st.
- D. Circus: The Park Board has been approached to sponsor a one-day event. This event is a circus and will be held within the city, but not on city owned property and will be April 1, 2022.

Council Member Steven Gray, Jr. made the motion to approve all items presented under the consent agenda. Second by Council Member Ken Manley and was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR CONSIDERATION: Unless specifically noted, Council make take action on any item.

A. City Manager's report

Police Department activity report

Ray Cornutt presented the Council with the monthly report for September 2021. The reports shows that the department worked 121 citations, answered 250 calls, made three arrests, worked six accidents. The animal control answered sixty-eight animal calls and picked up fourteen dogs. The Council accepted the report as presented.

Public works report-

Rebecca Springer reported that the city crew and County will be paving the street by the school track field. The city crew has been working on a sewer line replacement project in the 700 block of 7th street. The cattle guard at the intersection of 7th street and Harris has been removed and drainage culverts will be installed.

Update on equipment to be leased:

John Pierik III reported to the Council that the Hydra Dig equipment should be delivered by the end of the month. The three police vehicles have been picked up and waiting on docking stations for the computers.

B. Future agenda items: Hear request for future agenda items

Brian reported that Condley & Company should be ready to present the 2019 fiscal year audit to Council at the next meeting or first meeting in November.

Eddie Peacock has started working on the 2020 fiscal year bank reconciliations.

Ken Martin with Jacob and Martin would like to meet with the Council at the next meeting to give an update on the Abilene Water project.

There is a BOB's meeting scheduled for October 21, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the meeting to discuss any matters listed, as authorized by Texas Government Code.

- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney** (To seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act).
- b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property** (The Council may consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property).
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** The City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officers or employees, and commission members (may also be reappointment). Carolyn Little, Municipal Court Judge.

RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action needed or taken.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Steven Gray, Jr. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. **Second by Council Member Ryan Lange** and was unanimously approved.

Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary