

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

On the 20th day of October 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	Mayor
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Darlene Kelly	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Lindsey Gayoso	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
David Brem	Public Utilities Director (absent)
Ray Cornutt	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 Kelly 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 of September 8, 2025, and September 29, 2025 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. **Request for closure of half 8th street downtown November 29, 2025 for social after the parade-** Tammy Truesdel, business owner of The Gilded Spur, presented a request to the Council to close half of 8th Street for a social event following *Christmas in Olde Ballinger*. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the street closure from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Renewing AEP parking contract located at North 8th and Railroad Ave-** Manager Gayoso discussed previous maintenance issues at the property and recommended approval of the contract with stipulations requiring AEP to maintain the lot, including but not limited to trimming trees and bushes, and

maintaining sidewalks and pavement. Councilmember Kelly moved to approve the contract with the stated stipulations. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Renewing the Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TXDOT-** Mitchell Gatlin discussed with council the agreement has not been updated since 2013. The other addition to the maintenance agreement is adding FM 2133. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the agreement with TXDOT. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. **Approval of tax roll balancing sheet as presented by the County –** Councilmember Lange moved to approve the tax roll balancing sheet. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Resolution to approve Runnels County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan with FEMA and assistance from West Texas Council of Governments –** Councilmember Gray moved to approve the Resolution for the Runnels County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Director Cord Bowman reported that the paving project has been postponed due to colder weather approaching. The affected roads will be maintained through the winter and rescheduled for completion in the spring. He also noted that the boat ramp at Ballinger City Lake will be closed as soon as possible due to low water levels.
- b. Manager Gayoso reported on behalf of Public Utilities Director David Brem, who was absent due to illness. She noted that the Water Department has been working tirelessly to address a major leak and that the situation was handled successfully.
- c. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt- Police Chief Ray Cornutt distributed departmental reports for police, fire and animal control to all Councilmembers.
- d. City Manager Lindsey Gayoso discussed ongoing grant opportunities for the Recycling Center, the cleanout project at the pond located behind the baseball fields and reported that the Fiscal Year 2024 audit will be completed and presented at the next Council meeting in November.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

- a. Councilmember Lange requested to include discussion regarding FEMA.
- b. Councilmember Kelly requested to include discussion on the Municipal Development District (MDD) and ETJ sales tax.
- c. Councilmember Gray requested to include discussion to revise handling of public comment on agenda items during Council meetings.

9. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**


- i. Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department
- ii. Mutual Aid with surrounding entities

b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**

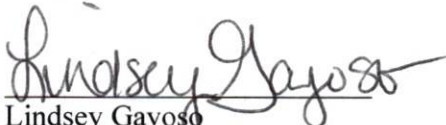
c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Morrish stated that no actions or votes were taken. No actions were taken as a result of Executive Session

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


Richard Morrish
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary