

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

On the 2nd day of February 2026, 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:

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| Darlene Kelly | Mayor |
| Martin Akins | Councilmember Place #1 |
| John Fulton | Councilmember Place #2 |
| Ryan Lange | Councilmember Place #3 |
| Steve Gray | Councilmember Place #4 |

Staff Present:

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| Lindsey Gayoso | City Manager |
| Sharon Hicks | City Attorney |
| Cord Bowman | Public Works Director |
| Ray Cornutt | Chief of Police |

Absent:

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| David Brem | Public Utilities Director |
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- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Akins gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Public Hearing**
 - a. 5:35 PM Public Hearing to consider ordering demolition of 108 S 12th street – as recommended by Texas Communities Group Samantha Hyatt via zoom-** Citizen Jennifer Flores expressed interest in buying the property, Samantha explained that this is for abating and cleaning up the property, purchasing is further in the future.
Public hearing closed at 5:42 pm- Councilmember Lange made a motion to abate of nuisance including demolition of any structure on the property after 30 days of noncompliance. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Citizen Frank Ortega presented to Council a complaint on an officer of the Ballinger Police Department.
- 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**
- 6. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from January 5, 2026 City Council Meeting.**

- b. City of Ballinger Holiday Calendar 2026 (same as 2025)
Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. **Swearing in of City of Ballinger Fire Department Volunteers-** Chief Cornutt swore in new Ballinger Fire Department Reserves- Edward Garcia, Wacey Cason, Cord Bowman, and Cody Ralston all took the oath to serve as reserve fire fighters for the City of Ballinger
Mayor Kelly read a letter to the citizens explaining the decisions of the council on the subject of the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department.
- b. **Racial profile report- Presented by Chief Cornutt-** Councilmember Gray made a motion to accept the Racial Profile report 2025. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Relating to the Old School Property between 7th and 8th Street previously decided to the City**
 - a. **Designating the property to be used by the City Park Board-** Councilmember Lange made a motion to designate this property to the City Park Board. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Consider naming of the Property, and Discussion by Park Board of possible renovation plans and/or usage-** Discussions included- pickle ball, baseball fields, softball fields, walking trail all to be funded by grants—No action taken.
- d. **Resolution Ballinger Police Radio Communications Grant-** Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the Resolution to pursue a grant.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Department Reports:

- a. **Public Works Update: Cord Bowman**
- b. **Public Utilities Update: David Brem**
- c. **Public Safety Update: Ray Cornutt**
- d. **City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso**
 - i. **Pool/Splash Pad Fencing-**Manager Gayoso discussed bids from the City Park board on fencing to be able to utilize the splash pad when the City Pool is not open. Bid went to Lloyd Construction.
 - ii. **Recycle Center-** Manager Gayoso and Director Bowman discussed the rebuilding of the recycle center and the Grant awarded to the City of Ballinger for the Building
 - iii. **Quarter 1 Financials**
 - iv. **Next Meeting-** March 2, 2026

9. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: FEMA

10. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

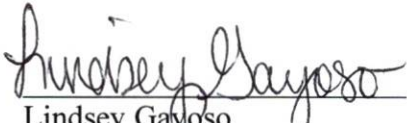
- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
 - i. **Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

11. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:11 p.m. Mayor Kelly stated that no actions or votes were taken.

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


Darlene Kelly
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary