

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

On the 16th day of December 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet 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
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1 - absent
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
Ray Cornutt	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 Morrish 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 Public Hearing:** N/A
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from December 2, 2024 City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approve Minutes from December 9, 2024 City Council Meeting.
Councilman Morrish moved to approve the minutes from the December 2, and December 9, 2024 meetings. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Ordinance 2024-08-01 approving budget amendment for an increase of \$150,000 for the rehab and improvements of the swimming pool. This is from the surplus budget and from current salary savings from vacant positions. Councilman Lange moved to approve the budget amendment for the rehab and improvements for the swimming pool. Councilman Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Lange moved to appoint Councilman Morrish as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Discussion on moving the poly cart decision to Budget FY 2026 workshop. City Manager Gayoso discussed getting quotes from other companies in the area for refuse services and to move the discussion of poly carts to the Budget FY2026 workshop. The council agreed and will continue discussions on poly carts at the Budget FY2026 workshop.
 - d. Discussion on City small asset sales for the spring. City Manager Gayoso discussed the several small assets that the City has accumulated over several years

and is proposing a small asset sale like an estate sale to sell items to the public rather than an online auction. Councilman Gray moved to approve the sell of small assets at a spring parking lot sale. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

b. City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso

i. Financial Report - Doug Martella. Financial advisor Martella reported the financials are on track as well as following up with the Auditors. Councilman Lange asked about the debt service on interest received and payments made. Manager Gayoso will be finding out more information on this.

c. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

Councilman Lange asked about FEMA and the floodplain. Manager Gayoso discussed the issues of contacting them and the discussion at a meeting the COG brought up. Attorney Hicks recommended calling the Senator to try and get more information. Mayor Seymore and Councilman Morrish requested for monthly reports on new business permits.

d. Executive Session: Council convened into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

a. Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.

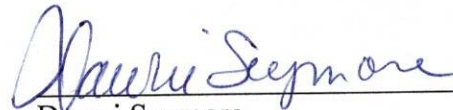
- i. Discuss Interlocal agreement with Runnels County dispatch and Fire Department
- ii. Process of County accepting or rejecting prisoners from Ballinger Police Department

b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.

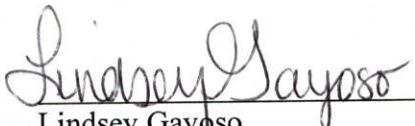
c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

e. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 6:36 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no action was taken.

f. Adjourn: Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary