

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

On the 19th day of July 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet in Budget session at 9am., 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
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Marty Akins	Interim City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Lindsey Byler	Assistant City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works

Staff Absent:

Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
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- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- 2. Budget Workshop – Review, Discuss, Consider and/or Action:**

FY 2024-2025 – Proposed Budget

- Revenue Sources
- Budget Summaries & Reviews-
 - All Funds Summaries
 - General Funds – Revenue and Expenses
 - Enterprise Fund – Water & Sewer – Revenue and Expenses
 - Other
 - Airport
 - Technology
 - Court Security
 - Interest & Sinking Fund
 - Debt Summary
 - Fee Schedule
- Council Comments and Recommendations- Mayor Seymore inquired about the reclassification of the Recycle Center. Interim City Manager Akins and City Secretary Gayoso explained the benefits of knowing the profit and loss of the recycle center going forward would be beneficial. Councilman Gray asked about receipts of payment at the recycle center. Mayor Seymore asked about the Airmed the citizens receive, Secretary Gayoso explained the citizens pay for this on their water bill and then the City pays Airmed. Mayor Seymore also inquired about the MASA for the employees. The

City is still providing this service. Interim Akins explained that there will be a Employee benefits package to explain to the employees their benefits that the City pays for. Akins recommends not reacting quickly but thinking about the process of the benefits they receive. Mayor Seymore explained the issue of raises every year and the benefits total package. Council discussed a new alternative for insurance which provides for more money in the employee pocket to offset some expenses. Secretary Gayoso will continue seeking better insurance options every year. Council also discussed the HSA benefit for employees and will proceed with the \$900 per month contribution for health insurance vs any proposed increase.

Council also discussed the interest rates of loans. Secretary Gayoso is working on getting quotes for better rates to refinance.

Councilman Lange inquired about the police department overtime. Interim Akins explained Chief Cornutt is still actively seeking employees.

Mayor Seymore brought up the Volunteer Fire department and expenses the City is responsible for. Interim Akins recommended setting an agreement for what the City will contribute to the department.

Mayor Seymore called on Animal Control Parsons for questions pertaining to the program of spay and neuter. Parsons explained the City no longer budgets for this and the local Vet clinic has options for spay and neuter.

Mayor Seymore inquired about the pool repair contract for the City pool, as well as if it is budgeted correctly. Akins explained the contract information and the future for the pool. Secretary Gayoso is still actively looking for grants and working with the Park Board on this.

No action was taken.

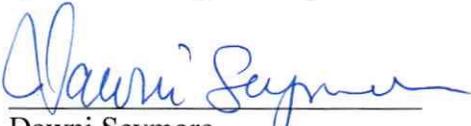
3. Executive Session: Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code.

a. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** The City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officers or employees.

1. Interview Candidates for City Manager

4. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 3:31 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no action was taken.

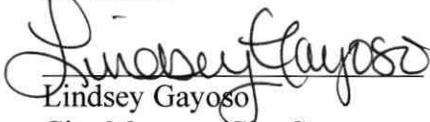
5. Adjourn: Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3.35 p.m.



Dawni Seymore

Mayor

ATTEST:



Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager/City Secretary