

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

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, 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  
Richard "Rick" Morrish  
Ken Manley  
Ryan Lange  
Steve Gray

Mayor  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Councilmember Place #1  
Councilmember Place #3  
Councilmember Place #4

**Staff Present:**

Brian Frieda  
John Pierik  
Blaine Ross  
Sharon Hicks  
Cord Bowman  
Ray Cornutt

City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Secretary  
City Attorney  
Public Works Director  
Chief of Police

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore call the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Morrish gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** None
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approve Minutes from the May 15, 2023, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City Council meeting. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - a. Ordinance No. 2023-06-001 to consider adopting the revised Drought Contingency Plan prepared by eHT engineering. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the revised Drought Contingency Plan. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discuss and consider approving a grant of easement with Conterra Networks for a fiber optic broadband cable and lease to house a fiber cabinet. Several sites were mentioned to accommodate the fiber cabinet. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve a grant of easement and lease of a suitable location. Councilmember ~~Maley~~ <sup>MANLEY</sup> seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Discuss and consider action regarding approving Water Tank Storage Inspection and Maintenance Agreement with Viking Industrial Painting, as per their presentation from the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City Council meeting. Manager Frieda stated that the current contract with Utility Service Company will be cancelled per the contract agreement. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the agreement with Viking Industrial Painting. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. FY 2023 Budget report. CFO Pierik presented the 2023 fiscal year budget report.

**7. City Manager's Report:**

- a. Police Department monthly report. Chief of Police Cornutt presented the April 2023 police report.
- b. Public Works Update: Streets, Wastewater, Water. Public Works Director Bowman presented slides of current projects and stated there have been 10 city blocks repaved in the last 45 days.
- c. Update of the Water Plants intake and chemical injection station. City Manager Frieda stated that PRECON for the water plant intake and chemical inject will be occurring soon.
- d. Update on the current Bonds status. City Manager Frieda reported that the Water Treatment Plant Bond has been paid in full. The Water Meter Bond Project was never completed, and funds may be reclaimed, and the Bond closed. The staff is currently looking into the details.
- e. Budget Calendar/Workshops report for budget beginning October 1, 2023. City Manager Frieda petitioned the Council for their input on time available to setup a budget retreat meeting.
- f. The fireworks display is set for June 29<sup>th</sup> at dusk at Bruce Field. City Manager Frieda confirmed the date for the Fireworks Display celebrating the City's 137<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

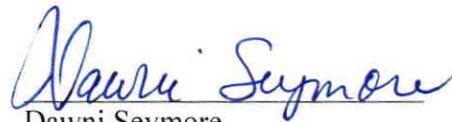
**8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:** Councilmember Lange requested the City contact the hatchery to see if the city can participate in a stocking program.

9. **Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
- 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 7:47 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session and no action taken as a result thereof.

11. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Manley made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary