

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

On the 18th day of May 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:

Darlene Kelly	Mayor
John Fulton	Councilmember Place #2
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4 (arrived @ 6:12 pm)

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Martin Akins	Councilmember Place #1
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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 Fulton 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:**
 - Approve Minutes from the April 20, 2025 City Council Meeting. Minutes' date on agenda is incorrect. Will bring these minutes back to next meeting.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:** (All regular agenda items (other than 6.d.) were approved by Mayor, Lange and Fulton due to the delayed arrival of Gray)
 - Emitter Contract and information- Airport Manager Ellen discussed the meeting she and Councilmember Gray had with the Emitter Program. They are currently awaiting approval from the FAA, as well as a contract from the program. It was noted that the program will utilize the cement slab at the airport located next to the large hangar. Ellen will present the contract to the Council once it has been received.

- b. Request to apply for Airport layout grant FY2027- (estimated 90/10 grant)- Ellen discussed that the Airport Layout Plan is an important component in order to continue qualifying for grant funding. The potential grant amount is up to \$150,000, with the City responsible for a 10% match under a 90/10 funding structure. Councilmember Lange moved to approve applying for the grant for FY2027 budget. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider approval of location of Fireworks Show- Ellen addressed the council and clarified that she is not opposed to the airport location; however, she emphasized the importance of the vendor properly cleaning up the area. Discussions were held with Manager Gayoso and Chief Cornutt regarding relocating from the CRP patch used last year. Additionally, it was discussed that communication needs to be made to ensure the property leaseholder is informed about the upcoming show. Councilmember Fulton moved to approve the location of the Fireworks show. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consider request from Myron Halford with Glory Road Cowboy Church for Glory road property lease- Councilmember Fulton abstained. Councilmembers Lange and Gray agreed that maintenance and clearing of the land and creek bed need to be completed. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Myron Halford for the land located behind Glory Road Cowboy Church. The agreement includes fencing the property in lieu of payment for the first year, followed by a lease rate of \$10 per acre for three consecutive years, with an option to continue on a year-to-year rollover lease thereafter. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Vacating alley at 1308 N Broadway and 1306 N 6th – This alley on the ground did not match original surveyed alley and as such is not needed where being asked to vacate and runs through private property. Councilmember Lange made a motion to vacate the alley to allow the landowner to make improvements to the property. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Resolution to designate Susan Halford, Tax Assessor, to set 2025-2026 tax rate- Due to missing information and an incorrect year listed on the item, this item will be considered at a subsequent meeting.
- g. Resolution to apply for Texas Water Development Board HB 500- Grant for water infrastructure improvements-Councilmember Lange moved to approve the resolution to apply for the HB500 Grant. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. **Public Works Update: Cord Bowman**
- b. **Public Utilities Update: David Brem**
- c. **Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt**
- d. **City Manager: Lindsey Gayoso**

8. Future Agenda Items – None

9. Executive Session: Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:10 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.**
 - i. **Lot 3, 4, 5 Block 64 OT Ballinger**
 - ii. **Lot 4 in Block 6 Elm Heights**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
 - i. **Nominations of Airport Advisory Board**

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:22 p.m. Mayor Kelly stated that no actions or votes were taken.

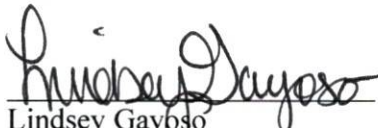
- i. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the sell to the adjoining owner of Lot 3, 4, and 5 of Block 64 OT Ballinger @ \$2000.00 as the property is unsuitable for building by third parties. Councilmember Fulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- ii. Councilmember Fulton moved to nominate Cody Snodgrass, Phillip Arp, and Dawni Seymore to the Airport Advisory Board. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Darlene Kelly
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary