

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

On the 18th day of December 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:

Richard "Rick" Morrish
Ryan Lange
Steve Gray

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

Absent:

Dawni Seymore
Ken Manley

Mayor
Councilmember Place #1

Staff Present:

Randy Everett
Blaine Ross
Cord Bowman
David Brem
Stan Maresch

Interim City Manager
City Secretary
Public Works Director
Public Utilities Director
Police Lieutenant

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Pro-Tem Morrish called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange 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 December 4th, 2023, 2023 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the December 4th, 2023 minutes. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Ken Manley. Swearing in and Oaths of Office Council Place #1. Tabled.
 - b. REMOVE FROM THE TABLE. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem. LEAVE ON TABLE.
 - c. Set dates and times for the January 2024 Council Meetings. After council discussion, Councilmember Gray made a motion for meeting dates of January 8th and 22nd. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. BISD Broad Ave closure for roofing construction, and Broad Ave Parking areas. Ballinger Elementary School Principal Darcy Cauley provided suggestions for modifying the parking area on Broad Ave during construction, and then permanent modifications after construction. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the changes for construction, and to revisit the issue after construction. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Resolution authorizing application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for water system improvements: hiring bond counsel, financial advisors, and engineers to assist with said application and making certain findings in connection therewith. City Secretary Ross informed the council this item is premature, the city is still waiting for RFQ's to be returned. Councilmember Gray made a motion to table this item. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Item 6e is TABLED.

7. City Manager's Report:

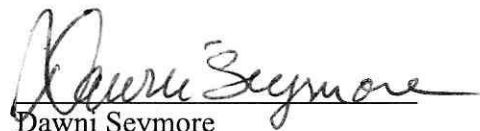
- a. Public Works Update:
 - i. Streets and Parks. Public Works Director Bowman updated the council to ongoing street repairs. A special thanks was made to Ed Studer for his continued donation of crushed materials used in repairs.
 - ii. Water Treatment Plant, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Treatment. Public Utilities Director Brem announced the replacement of the RO membranes is now complete, and calibration of the SCADA system is progressing. Ballinger Hospital construction is ongoing.
 - iii. Animal Control – None.
 - iv. Code Enforcement – None.
 - v. Fire Department.
 - a. Grant authority for Fire Safety Inspections without State Certification no longer authorized, will use Bureau Veritas for inspections.
 - vi. Upcoming projects: Interim City Manager Everett reported there is a new fuel pump at the airport. The City of Winters now has an administrator. Stage 3 water conservation is now in effect.

b. Financial Reports:

- i. Accounts Payable. City Secretary Ross presented a current accounts payable report.
- ii. Revenue vs Expenses. City Secretary Ross presented a current Revenue vs Expense report.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: None

- 9. Adjourn:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary