

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

On the 8th day of September 2025, 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:

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| Dawni Seymore | Mayor |
| Richard "Rick" Morrish | Mayor Pro-Tem |
| Darlene Kelly | Councilmember Place #1 |
| Ryan Lange | Councilmember Place #3 |
| Steve Gray | Councilmember Place #4 |

Staff Present:

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

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Kelly gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action**

a. 5:30 PM Public Hearings

- 1. For the Proposed FY 2026 Budget-** Mayor Seymore opened the public hearing at 5:31p.m. and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Citizen Chad Hardy spoke regarding how much improvement had been made by the City but questioned if some current budget accounts had not used as much as projected why were proposed budget increases being asked for. Staff explained that city was continuing to tighten its expenditure but that some items needed to be added back and that budget was not a full year due to when state law requires upcoming budgets to be approved. Citizen Hardy also requested careful consideration be given to increase in budget and tax rate given downturns in economy and loss of business in town.

Chad McDuffee addressed the council regarding overtime for the Animal Control department. He noted that the budgeted amount for overtime is minimal and expressed concerns about managing the animal problem moving forward.

Mayor Seymore closed the hearing at 5:49 p.m.

2. **Immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing on the proposed budget. On the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.56902 per \$100 of valuation for Tax Year of 2025-** Mayor Seymore opened the public hearing on the tax rate at 5:50 p.m.

Citizen Chad Hardy restated his budget comment that careful consideration be given to increases in budget and tax rate given downturns in economy and loss of business in town. Mayor Seymore closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

4. **Executive Session:** Council Convened into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**

1. **Interlocal agreements between City and Runnels County for Dispatch and Fire Department/Suppression**

5. **Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:07 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no actions or votes were taken. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the Runnels County Interlocal Dispatch Agreement in the amount of \$84,000. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action**

- a. **Record votes**

- i. Ordinance 2025-09-01 of the City of Ballinger, Texas, to adopt the FY 2026 Budget: and- Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance with the budget amendment to move \$3,000 from excess funds to Dispatch expense. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

- a. **Roll Call Vote:**

Mayor Seymore: For
Councilmember Kelly Place 1: For
Councilmember Morrish Place 2: For
Councilmember Lange Place 3: For
Councilmember Gray Place 4: For
Motion carried.

- ii. Resolution 2025-09-01 acknowledging and ratifying the adoption of the FY 2026 Budget will require raising more revenue from taxes than the previous year- Councilmember Lange moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

- a. **Roll Call Vote:**

Mayor Seymore: For
Councilmember Kelly Place 1: For
Councilmember Morrish Place 2: For
Councilmember Lange Place 3: For
Councilmember Gray Place 4: For
Motion carried.

iii. Ordinance 2025-09-02 of the City of Ballinger, Texas, to adopt the 2025 Property Tax Rate of \$0.567902* per \$100- Councilmember Lange moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

a. Roll Call Votes:

Councilmember Kelly Place 1: For
Councilmember Morrish Place 2: For
Councilmember Lange Place 3: For
Councilmember Gray Place 4: For
Motion carried.

*Note this tax rate was adjusted at the September 29, 2025 meeting as it was posted to be \$0.567900 vs 902 which resulted in less than \$5 decrease in the budget.

b. Resolution approving contract with Runnels County Elections Office to conduct November 4, 2025 Mayor and Council Places 1 and 2 Election- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the contract. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:

9. Consent Agenda:

a. Approve Minutes of August 25, 2025 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:

a. Resolution approving TXDOT Aviation to conduct an obstruction survey for instrument approaches at the City Airport and approving City's 10% match not to exceed \$10,000.00- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the Resolution and authorize City Manager Gayoso as a signatory. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


11. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

12. Executive Session: Council did not convene into a second Executive Session.

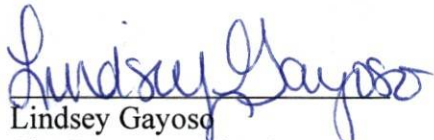
- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

No additional executive session required.

13. Adjourn: Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Richard Morrish
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Lindsey Gayoso
City Manager, City Secretary