

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

On the 20th day of March 2023, 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:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ken Manley – Arrived at 5:51 p.m.	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

Others present:

Elaine Paske	Chairperson Parks Board
Jennifer Flores	

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Mayor Seymore gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Elaine Paske submitted two donations for the Parks Board HTH BBQ cookoff.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the February 20th, 2023, City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approve Resolution # 2023-03-001 for the next phase of the Texas Opioid settlement with drug manufacturer Allergan, and pharmacies, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS and authorize City Manger Frieda to sign all necessary documents. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the February 20th, 2023 minutes and Resolution #2023-03-001. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Manley not yet arrived)

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

- a. Approve Cooperation Agreement between City and Housing Authority, updating the previous 1950 agreement. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the agreement. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. First reading of Ordinance #2023-003-001, adopting a New Alarm Ordinance for the City of Ballinger. City Attorney Hicks presented comments as to why a new Alarm Ordinance is necessary. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Budget Report: discussion only, no action
 - i. FY22 ending September 30, 2022. Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Pierik presented the FY22 Budget report.
 - ii. FY23 First Quarter – October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Pierik presented the FY23 First Quarter Budget report.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Update. City Manager Frieda gave a report on continuing repairs of water mains, employee Renee Soto's shift to the Water Treatment Plant and the South Ballinger lift station.
- b. Police Report. Police Chief Cornutt presented the January and February Police reports.
- c. Economic Development. City Manager Frieda reported on the Municipal Development District election and the upcoming trade show in Chicago.
- d. Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Park. City Manager Frieda reported the Parks Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 1, 2023.
- e. Update on Council approved Items.
 - i. Electronic Message Board. City Manager Frieda reported that TxDot has not responded to the City's request for placement of the Message Board on Broadway (Hwy 158) and Railroad Ave.
 - ii. Murals. City Manager Frieda and Mayor Seymore discussed finding suitable locations for the murals.
 - iii. Tree Removal.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: None

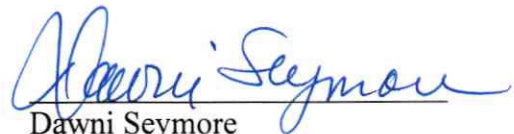
9. Executive Session: Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
 - 1) Consider selling city property and next steps.
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

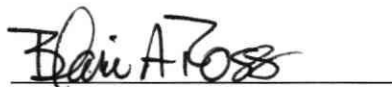
- 1) Ballinger Housing Authority
- 2) Parks Board

10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The Council reconvened in open session at 7:17 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or actions were taken in executive session.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary