

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

On the 17th day of October 2022, 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	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray	Council Member Place 4

Absent:	
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Brent Allen	Fireman

- 1. Call meeting to order:**
Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:**
Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and lead pledges.
- 3. Citizen presentations for items not on the agenda:**
Citizen Elanie Paske confirmed that the City will place barriers for this year's Trunk or Treat activities on 10/31/2022
Elaine asked if the Park Board needed to ask for permission to place new playground equipment in park areas, specifically the park along the Colorado River behind Toliver Chevrolet. The park board currently has funding for new equipment, stating the vendor delivers and sets up any new equipment at the desired location.
City manager Frieda welcomed future discussion on the subject.
- 4. Public comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**
None.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes** of the September 26, 2022 City Council Meeting.
Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

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

a. Discuss, Consider, and Act Upon:

- i. Approval of the City of Ballinger Tax Roll Balancing Sheet for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, as provided by Robin Burgess, Runnels County Tax Assessor Collector.
Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the City of Ballinger Tax Roll Balancing Sheet for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Resolution 2022-10-001R. Confirming and re-appointing Dr. Matt Beldon, DVM and Julie Parsons as the City of Ballinger's Rabies Authority personnel.
After discussion, Julie Parsons name was removed from this resolution.
Amended Resolution 2022-10-001R. Confirming and re-appointing Dr. Matt Beldon, DVM as the City of Ballinger's Rabies Authority personnel.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve the Resolution.
Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. Allowing Memorial Benches in the City Limits.
The decision was made to involve the Park Board in placement areas.
The placement of benches is to be permitted.
The bench shall be made of metal and anchored to a concrete slab.
Citizens wanting to place a memorial bench shall pay for the bench and slab.
Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve this decision.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Establishing hours for the municipal court.
A discussion of days per week and hours per day was tabled until a Municipal Court Judge was appointed.
- v. Electronic message sign(s) and lockable events board exterior of city hall.
City Manager Freida discussed placement locations, expense of setup, with inquiries as to if the signs would be dimmable and possibly involve the Chamber of Commerce with funding.
No action was taken.

7. City Manager's Report.

- a. Police Chief Cornutt delivered the monthly Police Department's report. ACM Pierik showed a video that was posted on Facebook that explained the hangtags being placed at businesses after a cursory visit by officers during nighttime hours.
- b. WCTCOG Annual Meeting November 2, 2022.
City Manager announced that Invitations have been received and asked councilmembers and mayor to let him know if they will be attending. The meeting will take place at the Grace Museum in Abilene Texas.
- c. Public Works Update.
Public Works Director Bowman reported:
Paving at 3rd and Sargent is underway and nearing completion.
A major water main leak at 9th & Country Club Road has been repaired and repaving will commence once the fill material has settled.
Manhole at 11th & Broad has been repaired after the rain guard had collapsed resulting in sewer backing up into the street.
Street repair at East & 14th has been completed.
City Manager Frieda reported on the large hole behind the cones at the water treatment plant, commenting on the need for a solution to access the valves at the bottom of the hole.
- d. Exterior work of City Hall.
City Manager Frieda reported repairs and painting are nearly completed, stating that ADA replacement handrails will be installed soon, and ADA access doors are in the planning.
ACM Pierik commented on the exterior lighting.
- e. CDBG/Downtown Revitalization and other grant opportunities.
City Manager Frieda report that per Public Management recommendation, the city will pass on this year's CDBG grant, as the city will be penalized for applying three consecutive years. Also, 2021 audit needs completion.
ACM Pierik commented on an historical grant that might apply to the Historical Carver School, African/American Heritage Site. Preservation of this site could qualify for a \$75k grant per year of application.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Counsel Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:29 pursuant to Texas Government Code

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
 - i. Ballinger Housing Authority
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
 - i. Naming an interim municipal Court Judge
 - ii. City Manager

10. Reconvene and take action if needed executive session.

The Council reconvened in open session at 8:10 pm.

a. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

- i. Naming an interim municipal Court Judge

No action taken.

- ii. City Manager

Councilmember Lange made a motion to extend the city manager's contract. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Morrish	Yes
Councilmember Lange	Yes
Councilmember Gray	Yes
Mayor Seymore	Yes
Councilmember Manley	Absent and not Voting


11. Adjourn.

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary