

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

**On the 2nd day of January 2023, the Ballinger City Council met in in a joint meeting with the Ballinger Housing Authority and in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the Following member present:**

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place # 3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place # 4
Ken Manley (arriving at 5:41pm)	Councilmember Place # 1

**Staff Present:**

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Lindsey Byler-Gayoso	Assistant City Secretary
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Justin Amaro	Police Officer

**Ballinger Housing Authority (BHA) Staff:**

JC Gore	BHA Board Member
Diane Miree	BHA Board Member
John McAlister	BHA Board Member

**1. Calls to Order and Announcement of Quorums of the Council and Housing Authority:**

Mayor Seymore called the City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.  
Housing Authority Chairman JC Gore called the Ballinger Housing Authority meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**2. Prayer and Pledges:** Mayor Seymore gave the invocation and lead the pledges.

**3. Ballinger Housing Authority:** Consider engaging Law Firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal and Zech (DNRB&Z) as BHA Attorney. Board Member McAlister made a motion to to hire DNRB&Z as the BHA Attorney. Board Member Miree seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Executive Session:** The City Council and BHA Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.
- b. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.
  1. Housing Authority Board Members
  2. Executive Director for Ballinger Housing Authority

**5. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session:**

The City Council and BHA Board reconvened in open session at 6:34p.m.  
Mayor Seymore announced no votes or action was taken in executive session.  
Chairman Gore announce no votes or action was taken in executive session.

- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
- b. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

1. Housing Authority Board Members. Councilmember Gray made a motion to appoint Diane Miree, JC Gore and John McAlister to the BHA board. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Housing Chairman Gore requested the following matters for consideration by the BHBA.

(a) Amy Fava's Resignation, as of 11/23/2022 as Executive Director of BHA

(b) remove Ms. Fava as signatory on checking account at Keystone Bank and add Lindsey Byler as signatory.

(c) the city to advertise for a new Executive Director to BHA.

(d) John Pierik to be appointed as Interim Executive Director.

Board Member Miree made a motion to approve all items. Board Member McAlister seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Ballinger Housing Authority to Adjourn Joint meeting.**

Chairman Gore made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting at 6:38 p.m.  
Board Member McAlister seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.  
The Housing Authority left the joint meeting and the City Council took a 5 minute break before reconvening into its regular meeting.

**City Council returned to the January 2, 2023 Agenda**

**1. Citizen Presentations for Items Not on the Agenda.**

None.

**2. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other than a Public Hearing.**

None.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve Minutes of the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting.  
Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

**5. City Manager's Report**

1. City Manager Frieda gave the December Police Department Report.
2. Public Works Director Bowman reported on repairs from the recent cold spell. As temperatures rise, street paving will continue.
3. Personnel Update  
Ashley Grein started as Animal Control Assistant.  
Paul Harris will start on 1/4/2023 taking the position of Accounts Payable and Social Media. January 12<sup>th</sup> Mickie Haddon will start as Utility and Court Clerk.

**6. Future Agenda Items:**

None.

**7. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

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

**8. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session.**

Council Adjourned in open session at 7:25p.m.

Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action was taken in executive session and No action taken as a result thereof.

**9. Adjourn:**

Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m..


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Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary



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J. C. Gore  
BHA Chairman  
Joint Meeting Portion Only.