

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS
CITY OF BALLINGER

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On the 8th day of August 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
Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

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

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Ryan Lange gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

No citizen comments.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:

No citizen comments.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the July 18, 2022, meeting. Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda:

- a. Second reading of ordinance approving placing four way stop signs at intersections on North 11th Street: 11th and Harris, and 11th and Sergeant Streets.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve the ordinance.
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Presentation by eHT regarding RFP for lagoon cleaning.
Sage Diller with eHT stated that although Synagro was not the lowest bid, they did score the highest and regarding prior experience, recommends this contractor as the lowest responsible bidder.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to accept Synagro as contractor.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Presentation by the BPOA regarding Hallow Fest 2022.
Brian Frieda spoke on behalf of Officer Torres. This will be the 5th year for this event.
- d. Discussion concerning the extending of the pool season.
Brian Frieda will check on availability of lifeguards for extending weekend openings.
- e. Proposed Budget for FY 2023
 - i. Provide first draft of budget for consideration at the August 15, 2022 Workshop. John Pierik submitted a summary of proposed budget.
 - ii. Submission of the no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rates.
John Pierik delivered the Tax Rates as received as follows: No New Revenue Rate per \$100 of valuation has calculated to be \$0.459329. The Voter Approved Rate has calculated to be \$0.725415 before crediting to the property owners \$0.265264 for a final VAR of \$0.465917. However, he noted that there was a potential discrepancy in the calculation that is being investigated. If the difference is correct it would deliver, not generate additional, tax at a rate of \$0.500886 generating more revenue than what the current calculation shows. He has submitted his findings to legal and the Taxing Authority for verification or refusal on this same date, it is a difference of around \$150,000 in taxable deliveries

7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda and Ray Cornutt gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. Police Department monthly report.
- b. New hire introduction. Brian Frieda reported on hiring of Assistant City Secretary Lindsey Byler-Gayoso.
- c. Public Works Update. Waterline repairs are complete at 8th & Broad. Park & 10th paving will begin. Infrastructure of water and sewer has already been completed.
- d. City's new water billing related applications ready for citizen enrollment
Text & email alerts are available to utility customers.

8. Future Agenda Items:

Schedule the annual Trunk or Treat event.

9. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 5:57 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:

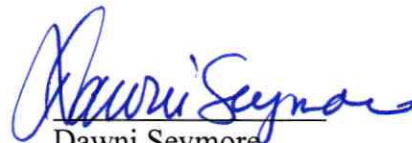
- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

10. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.


Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:19 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions was taken in Executive Session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


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