

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

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 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	Mayor Pro-tem
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

Absent:  
Ryan Lange Council Member Place 3

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	Assistant City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Stanley Maresch	Police Lieutenant
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 Rick Morrish gave the invocation and lead pledges.

**3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:**

Delores Ferguson, 803 N 14<sup>th</sup> St, addressed council concerning recent notice placed on said property requesting cleanup of items she does not consider “junk”.

Also requested paving of west side of 14<sup>th</sup> St, and all of 15<sup>th</sup> street.

Mayor Seymore directed John Pierik to contact Delores for review of the matter.

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

Ginger Turner spoke in favor of re-instating Municipal Court Judge Little, stating that Little’s punishment style and experience should be taken in consideration.

## 5. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the June 20, 2022, meeting.  
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 6. Regular Agenda:

- a. Approve the process to voluntary annex of newly acquired portions of Buddy's Plant Plus.  
City Manager Frieda stated that Buddy's requested voluntary annexation. Attorney Hicks discussed that there was a process and would work with City Manager and Buddy's to accomplish.  
No action taken
- b. First reading of ordinance approving placing four way stop signs at intersections on North 11<sup>th</sup> Street: 11<sup>th</sup> and Harris, and 11<sup>th</sup> and Sargent Streets.  
City Council supports adding stops signs to these locations.  
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve the Ordinance.  
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Park report/ request: Circus report, Back to School splash July 26<sup>th</sup>, Cookoff report  
Elaine Paske and Lucy Calvin reported: the circus was well received by the citizens.  
Cookoff had 36 cookers. Auction had revenues of \$1,400.00  
Back to School Splash on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Admission is school supplies that will be donated to school administration.  
Presented idea of 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> St walking paths, practice fields, tennis courts and gazebos, renovating McCarver School and securing property.  
Council thanked her for the update.  
No action taken.
- d. Discussion concerning the purchase or leasing of a street sweeper.  
John Pierik outlined a lease/purchase of a refurbished 2016 Peterbilt with two options of financing. Mayor directed city manager to proceed with negotiation.  
No action taken.

## 7. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Frieda or Chief Curnutt gave a report on the items below; no action taken on any item.

- a. Partnership with BISD
  - i. Student Interns through BISD and TEA grant.
  - ii. Update regarding after action report and school security following recent events.
- b. June 2022 Police report.
- c. Pool activity update:
- d. Public Works Update:

- e. City's new water billing related applications ready for citizen enrollment.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

No items discussed

**9. Executive Session:**

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:27 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**

- i. *City Manager evaluation*
- ii. *City Secretary appointment of Blaine Ross*
- iii. *Municipal Court Judge (reappointment consideration)*
- iv. Commission Members, (may also be reappointed)

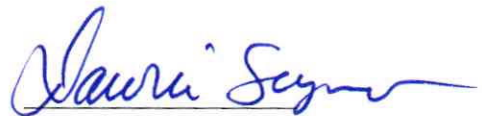
**10. Reconvene and take action if needed from Executive Session.**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:54 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session.

- i. *Approve City Manager evaluation—no discussion and no action taken.*
- ii. *Approve appointment of Blaine Ross as City Secretary – Councilmember Moorish made the motion to approve appointment of Blaine Ross as the new City Secretary. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*
- iii. *Consider reappointment of Municipal Court Judge – Councilmember Manley made the motion to not reappoint Municipal Court Judge Little and to have John Pierik serve as interim judge. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

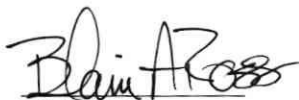
**11. Adjourn:**

Councilmember Manley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine Ross  
City Secretary