

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 6th day of January, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director

Others present:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting with corrections as noted. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark reported to the Council that the department took 42 reports, 16 arrests, 14 accidents, No DWI and 63 animal calls. Officer Herd is in the hospital with a blood infection that has affected his heart, and he could possibly be in the hospital for six weeks leaving the department one man short. Sam Batts will be evaluated this week for the animal control position. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REVISED MOBILE HOME AND TRAILER PARK ORDINANCES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the revised mobile home and trailer park ordinance, with corrections as noted. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING TO START THE CODEMNATION PROCESS OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

- A. Industrial Board % Mark Willingham-Part of Lot 4, Block 2- Sunnyside Addition-102 Woodward.
- B. Genaro & Alberta Garcia- Lots 4-6, Block 2- Griggs Addition-1109 Broadway

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to open the public hearing at 5:45 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that this property previously belonged to Richard Barrow and they were in line for one of the new homes that was built last year. The new home was not built because the proper paperwork was not turned in

on time. The Barrow's had to vacate the house because the roof was falling in. The house had mold and was being eat up by termites. The deed was transferred to the Industrial Board because this property is located in the flood way and if the new home had been built as planned the Barrow's would have had to relocate.

Genaro and Alberta Garcia located at 1109 Broadway have a house that is not up to standard for occupancy. They also applied for one of the new homes and did not qualify under the 2010 Home Project rules. In the 2012 rules one of the conditions to qualify is if the house is condemned. The wiring is not good on this house and no one can live in the house because of the condition.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND TAKE ACTION ON CONDEMNATION PROCESS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to close the public hearing at 5:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to condemn the property located at 102 S. Woodward and 1109 Broadway. **Second by Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Anita Martinez-storage shed-Lot 8, Block 91-1st Railroad Addition. Located at 204 N. 6th Street between Park and Phillips Avenues \$2,500.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that the City crew started tearing down the old laundry on Strong Avenue this week. There were still 351 tires inside the building that the City will have to dispose of. The bridge over Elm Creek has been repaired and re-opens to the public.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Nothing

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:55 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney on contract with City of Abilene for raw water delivery).

The Ballinger City Council shall meet in executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Review application received for the City Administrator's position and official appointment of Interim City Administrator). **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

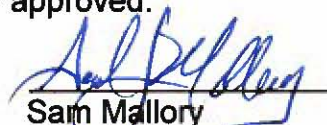
The Council convened in session until 7:15 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

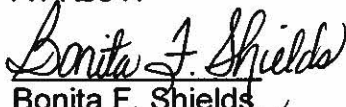
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to appoint Steve Nixon as the Interim City Administrator with an additional \$500.00 per month salary for his services until a final decision to hire a City Administrator has been made. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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On this the 8th day of January, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:
Bonita Shields City Secretary

Others present: Jason Battle-City Administrator applicant.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.


PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicants for the City Administrator position) at 4:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 4:45 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None

ADJOURN:
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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This the 9th day of January, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 12:00 Noon, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields

City Secretary

Others present: Victor Pena-City Administrator applicant.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicants for the City Administrator position) at 12:05 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 1:10 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


 Sam Mallory
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Bonita F. Shields
 City Secretary

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On this the 10th day of January, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 12:00 Noon, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields

City Secretary

Others present: Steve Nixon-City Administrator applicant.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicants for the City Administrator position) at 12:11 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 12:45 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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On this the 16th day of January, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Absent	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields

City Secretary

Others present: Brent McCellan-City Administrator applicant.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicants for the City Administrator position) at 4:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 5:10 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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On this the day of January 20th, 2014, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 3
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Debby Legg	Asst. City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: -Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Brent Allen, Clyde Kresta, Robert Langston and Dustin Kresta-**Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department**, Ricky Bowman-Auditor.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014, meeting with corrections as noted. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

MARK MCNULTY'S UPDATE REPORT:

He submitted the 2013 racial profile report last week. Mike Herd is still in the hospital and not standing yet. Ethan Farmer was hurt in an accident Saturday night and will be on light duty only for 6 weeks. He wanted to let Council know that there will be major overtime due to being short two patrol officers.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF ELIZABETH COOK:

Council approved the use of the airport for the Curing Cancer dance and noted the date changed to May 2-3, 2014. **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve use and date. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR RICKY BOWMAN YEAR ENDING 2013 REPORT:

He went thru the City's audit trying to hit the highlights. A written report was given to everyone and he said there was no need in him reading it to you and he would go over highlights. On page 5 of report compare government activities expenses and business activities expenses for 2 years. We had an increase in net position of governmental funds and that should make up for 2012-2013 loss. We made some money in the Airport Fund and it is doing fine. The sales tax revenue is up by \$60,000.00. There has only been a \$7,000.00 increase in expenses. We had a decrease in Water & Sewer fund. Actual cash flow of city generating \$171,362.00

from operation of Sewer & Water, but principal & interest payment on debt is \$425,000.00 which makes a loss of \$253,638.00. He went over the Bond payments due each year there were some governmental changes that affected our position. It is his duty to point this out. He is working with Bonita and Debby closely on the bank reconciliation. Accounts receivable, general ledger and bank reconciliation should match to the penny. It has been close but not exactly. We are changing the invoice date to that of the invoice instead of payment due date. On the Budget, it is not matching what it was amended to. All adjustments to the Budget are not matching what is being spent and amended budget needs to be in the minutes. Steve, Bonita and Debby need to watch that closely. He is working on an agenda to get that done this year. Phillip brought up that USTI software was so complicated that we could not find the right way to get the reports they wanted to see each meeting. Rick thought it was available but Bonita needed more man power to get it all done. She runs out of time. We are facing the same problems we faced last year, that everyone thinks their water bill is too high. We need to look at property tax to raise money. He thanked us and there were no more questions for him. **Comm. Phillip Arp** made a motion to accept the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013 audit as presented. **Comm. Darlene Kelly** seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

HEAR REQUEST FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Robert Langston, Clyde Kresta, Dustin Kresta and Brent Allen were present to talk about critical need assessments. A packet made by the fire department was in each agenda package. Some equipment is 15 to 25 years old. It is very expensive to fix any of it. Based on the package given to each of you the needs are in three sections. They really need to update rescue tools, buy air bags and two thermal imaging cameras. The one camera they had now is fifteen years old and it was a demo when first purchased. They have thirty two sets of equipment that are out of date and need to be replaced. They need to buy four or five sets a year at a cost of \$9600.00. They have looked at grants from many places but being so small and not having enough calls they have not received any applied for. Government has cut grants to \$294,000,000.00 and the bigger departments are getting them. We continue to use grants to send fire fighters to school for ongoing training. School is now \$690.00 per man. We send nine to school every year. The booklet was made up to go public to ask for donations. They wanted to ask the city first, to see if there were any available funds to purchase any of these items. We help the surrounding areas by loaning out our equipment over and over. The radio system needs a repeater. The communication system needs a ton of work. Just using hand held radios is impossible. They cannot use the Police Dept's channel. Clyde will call Abilene COG for repeater but it could take from six to eighteen months just to get a signal processed and mounted on our tower at a cost of \$2500.00 by Texas Communication. The fire department works on a Budget of \$104,043.00 but that includes salary, health insurance, pensions and upkeep on equipment plus gas. The County has cut in half what they were giving the department. In 2013 they had forty calls including five grass fires, but the outlook is for more fires due to no rain. We have just been lucky. But they need to be prepared in case we aren't lucky this year. It could be the difference between someone's life and is needed for our fire fighters own safety. The City Council agreed it is an awesome package, awesome work and thanked them. **Comm. Phillip Arp** said we have to look at the budget and that this should have been turned in September before the 2014 Budget was done. We now have an idea of what all is needed. **Comm. Phillip Arp** made a motion to table a request from the fire department for equipment needs. **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** seconded it and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made a motion to approve the following building permits:

Mary Ann Stiffel - 14x16x8 ft. mobile home in R-2, 103 Largent in Wilke 1 addition, Block 3, Lot 4	\$500.00
Adelida Ornelas - 8'x50' used mobile home add on in R-2, 701 N. 12 th in Powell Addition, Block 6, Lot 4-5	\$2000.00
Don L Jones - 32x60x16 ft. garage/equipment building in flood plain, 709 Sealy in O. T. Ballinger addition, Block 42, Lot 3-5	\$8000.00

Second by Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve Nixon reported that crews have been working on 14th, 15th, and 16th Street and south of the Court House doing street maintenance. Utility Services work for the January 23rd will be postponed due to issues with customer's water lines. He also said 516 customers owe \$58,438.00. Last time we wrote off adjustments was two years ago. He feels we need to look at stopping extensions and leak adjustments. He would like this to be put on next agenda and ask the utility clerks to be present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to open the executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel matters at 6:40 p.m. to review the applications received for the City Administrator's position. **Second by Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 7:25 p.m., and **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** made motion to close executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made a motion to offer the City administrator position to Brent McCellan at \$67,000.00 annually, plus vehicle usage with some limits and gas card. This is contingent on passing back ground check also. This comes with a job review in six months with possible raise at that time. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and the motion carried with **Comm. Phillip Arp, Comm. Jolene McBurney** and **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** voting yes and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** abstained her vote. **Mayor Sam Mallory** will talk to Brent on Tuesday while he is in Abilene.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

Attest:


Debby Legg
Assistant City Secretary

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On this the 3rd day of February, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Dee Dee Peterson, Brian Campbell-**Chamber of Commerce**, Ken Martin- **Martin & Jacob**, Josh Berryhill, Scott D. Hay-**Enprotec Hibbs & Todd**, Clyde Kresta, Debbie DeBerry- **City employees**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark McNulty reported to the Council that the police department took 53 incident reports, worked 6 accidents. They made 21 arrests including 1 dealer. There were 80 animal calls. Michael Herd will be out for another month, and Ethan Farmer's toes were not broken and he should be back to work by February 10. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL ETHNIC FESTIVAL WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Dee Dee Peterson met with the Council to give them an update of the plans for the Ethnic Festival set for April 25-26, 2014. She told the Council that she was the chairperson this year and she wanted to thank the City for all their help in the past and keep the City informed of all the plans for this year. They plan to have a parade using the same route as the Christmas parade. The route is starting on 6th Street down Hutchings, turning on 8th Street to Railroad Avenue back down to 6th Street. They plan to have a street dance on Strong Avenue behind the courthouse with a beer and wine tasting tent set up on Ballinger Feed & Seed parking lot from 7:00p.m.-10:00 p.m. on Saturday.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE USE OF CARVER SCHOOL LOCATED ON SOUTH 8TH STREET:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to remove the issue from the table. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that David Gonzales has been contacted to see if he was interested in renting the Carver school instead of purchasing. Mr. Gonzales stated that he wanted to purchase the property and not rent.

Brian Campbell met with the Council to tell the Council about the future plans for this property by the Chamber of Commerce. They would like to make this area a multi-use complex with an outdoor stage and pavilion with restroom and concession facilities. They would like to put in RV hook-ups with electric and water to possibly have the Curing Cancer dance, Bar-b-que cook-off and dances for Ethnic festival. The City and the Chamber do not have the money at this time and they are looking at possibly getting private donations to make this happen.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INCREASING THE WATER AND GARBAGE DEPOSITS FOR NEW CUSTOMERS:

The Council was informed that the current deposits are \$60.00 for water and \$20.00 for garbage. This is not enough to cover the final bill since we bill a month behind, and the average bill for a month is \$79.69. Therefore by the time we are informed the customer has two months billing that is due. After discussion, **Comm. Philip Arp** made the motion to pass an ordinance to increase the water deposits for new customer to \$110.00 and for garbage deposits to \$40.00. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REVISING THE POLICY FOR LEAK ADJUSTMENTS AND BILL EXTENSIONS:

The Council was informed that the current policy for water leaks is to average a customer's bill three months prior to the leak, subtract the average amount from the leak usage water charge and divide the balance between the customer and the City.

The current extension policy is if a customer calls for an extension, it is granted.

After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to stop all leak adjustments and set up a policy that would allow a customer to have three to six months to pay off charges incurred from a water leak. Stop all bill extension with red tags to be placed on customer's doors two days before the cut-off day, which is the 15th day of each month. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD TO APPROVE THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR RAMON MOTA:

Ramon Mota requested a specific use permit to have a retail store at his resident - 904 Broadway to sell antiques, collectibles, used furniture and household items. There were thirteen letters sent out. The neighbor next door told Phillip Arp that she opposed the request because people parked in front of her driveway. The Planning & Zoning board met to review the request and voted unanimously to approve the specific use permit.

After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning board to approve the specific use permit for Ramon Mota-904 Broadway. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permit
Dwain & Cristi Horton- Move in pre-fab 8'x12'x8' storage building- Part of the Thos. Largent Survey located at 1008 9th Street between Sharp and Hamilton Avenues \$ 3,000.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that the city crew has been working on cleaning the ditch on 10th street starting at Strong Avenue.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM JACOB & MARTIN TO PURCHASE WATER FROM THE CITY OF COLEMAN:

Kenneth Martin met with the Council to discuss the possibility of the City purchasing water from the City of Coleman. Mr. Martin told the Council that he was the engineer for the City of Coleman and helped them make some improvements to their water system. They now have a 16 inch water line that runs from the City of Coleman to Hords Creek. The water at Coleman Lake is higher quality than Ivie. They do not have THM problem, and the reverse osmosis process would not be required with Coleman water. The Ivie water is much saltier than Lake Coleman. The City of Coleman takes less than 1 acre feet of water from their lake and at the present time they are not selling water to anyone else. They have approximately six years of water in their lake even if they do not receive any run off. Mr. Martin would like to look at the feasibility to see if the City of Coleman would be interested in selling water to Ballinger. After discussion, **Comm. Philip Arp** authorized Jacob & Martin to look into the feasibility for Ballinger to purchase water from the City of Coleman. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:45 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel matter(employee benefits and consider counter offer and contract with City Administrator applicant). **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 7:50 p.m., and **Comm. Philip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Philip Arp made the motion to continue negotiation process with candidate for the City Administrator's position. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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On this the 17th day of February, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Stan Maresch	Police Sergeant

Others present: Tammie Virden –**Economic Development**, Ruben Cantu-**Ballinger Ledger**, J.C. Gore, Kael Denton- **Citizen**, Josh Berryhill, Scott Hay, Keith Kindle- **Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd**,

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Kael Denton met with the Council to give them information about 8th & Hutchings Club. This is a non-profit corporation with social club designation. The club is looking to lease the balcony portion and a few box seats at the Texas Theater. They would like to apply for a license that would allow them to serve alcohol to only club members and their guest. In the application there is Section 11.41 Recommendation for local officials which would allow the Council to write a letter of recommendation to help the club expedite their application process. This is not a club or pool hall, but a place where you will be able to come, have a few drinks, get something to eat, watch a movie and get home safely. They are also working with one of the local funeral homes for transportation service when needed. The social club would close at 11:30p.m. They do not really need the Council's recommendation, but the club felt it was the right thing to do and it would help expedite the application process. The club could also apply for a free standing location permit that would allow them to have functions at different locations. They currently have sixty families signed up with the total membership around 100.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUPPLIES FOR ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND REPAIRS TO THE CHAMBER SIGN LOCATED ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN:

Mayor Mallory reported to the Council that he has been in contact with Runnels County about replacing the wiring for the sign on the courthouse lawn. The sign has been cutting off at various times of the day. The electrical outlets that are on the courthouse lawn also need some repairs. Both entities have agreed to allow the City to locate the problem, get an estimate of the cost to make the

necessary repairs. If the cost is high the County, City and Chamber would share the cost. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip** made the motion to spend up to \$700.00 to make the necessary repairs to the outlets and sign on the courthouse lawn. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER PASSING A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ETHNIC FESTIVAL PARADE FOR SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2014:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to pass a resolution authorizing the Chamber of Commerce to have a parade on Saturday, April 26, 2014 for the Ethnic Festival. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR A REPORT FROM TAMMIE VIRDEN ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

Tammie Virden reported to the Council that she has been working on several project within the past 6-8 months. She can't disclose information because of confidentially concerns, the project may or may not happen. The companies have requested her to find land, or contractors. John Haggin is still planning to build a Golden Chick in Ballinger. He is currently finishing a remodeling job in Brady, Texas. He has everything in order to start the project in Ballinger.

She attended the TML conference in October and participated in several classes. She attended the Texas Downtown Association conference in November. The rainy day fund has been granted 2 billion dollars for water projects. They will be taking suggestions from the public for the best allocation of these funds.

She told the Council that she would like to start a community development board. This would be something like the park board. Several businesses would like to be a part of this board. The board could help to find more revenue for the City for growth.

The Council accepted the report has presented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALL DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT GRANT WITH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents including resolutions needed for the wastewater improvement grant. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:10 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Hear reports from Martin Rochelle with Lloyd, Gooselink, Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. and Scott Hay with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd on alternative water sources. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 7:42 p.m. and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER EXCHANGING 20' OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG FIELD AVENUE AND 6TH STREET FOR ALLEY WAY BEHIND ST. MARY CHURCH PROPERTY:

J.C. Gore met with the Council on the behalf of St. Mary's Church. He explained to the Council that in 1991 when the new hall was built, it was built on the City's right-of-way. This error was found by a survey being done on the church property. There is a 20' alley that runs behind the hall, church and parsonage. It currently has utility line for AEP and water and sewer lines for the City. St. Mary's would like to exchange the 20' alley for a 20' easement along the front and side of hall located on the corner of 6th Street and Field Avenue. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to draw the necessary papers to correct this issue. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

L.J. William- move in 14'x56'x8' mobile home- Lot 4-5, Block 5 of the Guion Addition. Located at 601 N. 14th Street between Eubank and Avenues \$ 5,000.00

Rudy & Lisa Garcia- 20'x21'x9' carport- Lot 3, Block 44 of the Burkhart Subdivision of West End. Located at 1503 Avenue B between 15th and 16th Streets \$1,045.00

Second by Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve Nixon reported that the foundation work has been completed on the future police station building. They did an excellent job.

The water department had a water leak at 3rd and East Avenue, and the water tower had to be shut down to make the repair. It has been repaired and everything is running as normal.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

The Council would like to consider the support of the 8th and Hutchings Club support on the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Consider negotiation process with City Administrator candidate. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 8:30 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to release the report from Intera to USA International and offer USA International 60 days to reply to this report or supply a proposal to supply raw water and a price to the City limits of Ballinger, Texas, and in the meantime close the loan with Texas Water Development Board and review all three water sources. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to accept the declination from the City Administrator's candidate and call a special meeting on February 24, 2014 to re-review the other applications. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 3rd day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Absent	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PLANS FOR THE USE OF 109 S. 8TH STREET, PART OF LOTS 11-15, BLOCK 19-ORIGINAL ADDITION:

The Council discussed the plans for the lot across the street from the post office since the building has been completely removed. They discussed extending the plaza, and Comm. Kelly reported that she had been approached about making a parking lot. They also discussed what Mark Willingham's plans were for the building next door. No one knew if he was planning to restore the building or donate it to the City. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to table any action for the lot at this time. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Chief McNulty reported the department had 11 arrests, 332 calls and 1 DWI. The department is doing a raffle for Michael Herd to help with his medical expenses. He is currently still off work and does not have any more vacation or sick leave time. He is going to rehab 2-3 times per week to build up his strength in his back and is still on a walker. The department received grant funds in the amount of \$1,036.28 for officer training. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT THE EIGHTH & HUTCHINGS CLUB:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to draw up a letter of recommendation for the Eighth & Hutchings Club to be submitted with

their application with Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Ronnie Vanicek- 8'x12'x8' utility room- Lot 4, Block 7- Miller Addition. Located at 703 N. 11th Street between Sargent and Pou Avenues \$ 4,000.00

Rudy & Lisa Garcia- 10'x15' metal storage building- Lot 4, Block 44- Burkhardt Subdivision of West End. Located at 1503 Avenue B between 15th & 16th Streets \$ 2,400.00

Ballinger Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses- 40'x64'x17'9" new 2,560 sq. feet religious facility- Part of Tract 3, Block 10-South Ballinger Addition. Located at 2014 Hutchings Avenue between Hickory Hill Road and the city limits \$326,611.00

Second by Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 5:50 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Proposed motel site with Joe Lapinski) and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Re-review applications for City Administrator's position). **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 7:05 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to authorize the City Secretary to contact four candidates to see if they are still interested in the City Administrator's position and set appointments for interviews. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 12th day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 12:00 Noon, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
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Others present: Steve Mahaffey-Applicant.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicants for the City Administrator's position at 12:12 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 1:16 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 17th day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
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Others present: -Applicant.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicants for the City Administrator's position at 1:03 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 2:05 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXEECTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

 Bonita F. Shields
 City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 18th day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
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Others present: **Applicant.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.3:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 4:30 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

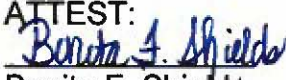
None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 24th day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney

Others present: Mike King- City Employee

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 5:36 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Hear grievance from city employee) and Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Consider extending the time frame for USA International). **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:40 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to support the decision of the Interim City Administrator to offer the job transfer of Mike King from street superintendent to recycling attendant. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

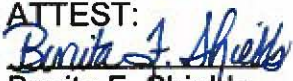
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to decline the 60 day time frame extension requested by USA International and request a report outlining the terms, length and cost for a contract with USA to deliver raw water to the City of Ballinger by April 15, 2014. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to close the special called meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

On this the 26th day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
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Others present: **Applicant.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

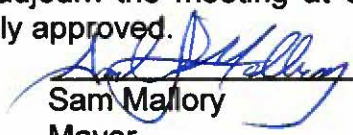
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters (Interview applicant for the City Administrator's position at 4:07 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 6:17 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to contact Bryan Grimes to get clarification on his statement concerning his request for salary and benefits and to offer him the position of City Administrator. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 31st day of March, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Absent	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney

Others present: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 5:31 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (update on alternative water resources progress) and 551.074 Personnel Matters (Consider negotiation with candidate for the City Administrator position). **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 5:50 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action on the water resources issue.

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to authorize the Mayor to contact Bryan Grimes with a counter offer for the City Administrator position. **Second by Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 7th day of April, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Scott Hay-**Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, March 12, March 17, March 24, March 26 and March 31, 2014 meetings. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM STAN BICKEL FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR PETTICOAT ON THE PRAIRIE:

Stan Bickel met with the Council to ask for their consideration to make a donation to Petticoat on the Prairie as a way of saying "Thank you" for bringing business to Ballinger. He told the Council that he felt that this event brought in over 2,000 people and 62 vendors to Ballinger for the week-end. It also fills up all the motels and bread & breakfast sites in town. The Council told Mr. Bickel that they appreciated the information that he gave them, and they would look at the budget to see if any type of donation could be made.

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Chief McNulty reported that the department answered 379 calls. They worked 8 burglary cases. One of the patrol cars was totaled when Officer Farmer lost control during a chase and hit a tree. The Officer was not injured. Mike Herd will be able to return on limited release next week. Steve Nixon told Chief McNulty that for further reference the City has a rollback truck that can be used to pick up City vehicles. The Council accepted the report as presented.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURES ON TEXAS DOCUMENT FOR REQUESTING FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize signatures on the Texas documents for requesting funds associated with the sewer improvement grant with Texas Community Development Board. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CLOSING THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 34 OF THE CLAMPITT REVISION LOCATED BESIDE BEEFMASTERS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to authorize the city attorney to draw up papers to close the alley located in the Clampitt Revision Addition between Lots 1, 2, 9 and 10. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ALL SCHOOL CAMPUSES:

Sam Mallory reported to the Council that he had been approached by Ballinger ISD about providing security for all school campuses. There has not been anyone coming to the school since J. C. Gore resigned from the City. Mark McNulty told the Council that he did have one officer doing security from time to time. He also told the Council that he would have to check with TCLOSE to see if J.C. could still offer this type service since he was not an active officer for the Ballinger police department.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 2014 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT TO MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS RATES:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to accept the 2014 consumer price index adjustment to municipal telecommunications line rates from \$1.67 to \$1.69 for residential, \$3.80 to \$3.83 for Non-residential and \$5.73 to \$5.78 for point-to-point. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

None

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that he had received a letter from Texas Department of Transportation concerning the proposed plans to widen and rehabilitate the three bridges in Ballinger. The construction will start early 2015. The bridge on Highway 67 above Colorado River has lights, and the State is willing to furnish and install new roadway illumination if the City agrees to maintain and operate the new roadway illumination. The Council agreed that the light should be replaced.

The City crew has been working at the lake park repairing picnic tables, mowing, painting and cleaning the area for volleyball.

He has hired Stephanie Kresta as the new pool manager.

The sales tax for this month is down compared to this time last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:10 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Update on alternative water resources progress and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters- Consider negotiation process with candidate for the City Administrator position). **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 8:25 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to authorize Scott Hay with Enprotec/ Hibbs and Todd to move forward with the search for alternative water

source by contacting the City of Bronte, City of Eden and Will Byler. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

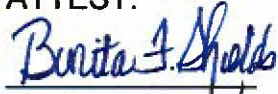
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to offer Bryan Grimes \$82,000 in salary with the benefits of a city vehicle, credit card, employee insurance coverage with him being responsible for his family insurance coverage. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 21st day of April, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting, with one correction. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER HIRING RICKY BOWMAN TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to hire Ricky Bowman from Sweetwater to conduct the annual audit of the City's books for the year ending September 30, 2014. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Mary Ann Stiefel- Move in 14'x76' single wide trailer- Lot 5, Block 3-Wilke I Addition. Located at 1203 Largent Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets 5,000.00 **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve reported that the City received a letter from TML Insurance concerning the payment on the Dodge Charger that was wrecked. The payment for the vehicle is \$25,700 less \$500 deductible. They also offered to allow the City to keep the car for salvage for another \$2,000. Steve told the Council that he felt the engine and transmission was still good in the car. The light bar, radar and camera can be used off the vehicle. After discussion, the Council agreed to keep the vehicle and take the \$23,200 offer from insurance.

Stephanie Kresta has resigned as the pool manager. She had a tragedy and did not feel that she would be able to do the job. We have put the job notice back in the paper for another two weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:10 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071- Consultation with City Attorney for update on alternative water resource progress and Section 551.074- Personnel matters to consider negotiation process with candidate for City Administrator's position. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

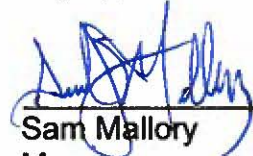
The Council convened in session until 6:19 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION ROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)()
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()
CITY OF BALLINGER)()

On this the 5th day of May, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Steve Nixon	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Drew Springer, Lindsey Byler-Chamber of Commerce, Michael Herd- Ballinger Police Dept.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE THE CITY PARK FOR THE ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE COOK OFF:

Lindsey Byler met with the Council to request the use of the city park on June 28, 2014 for the annual bar-b-que cook off. They will be having a laser show this year instead of fireworks because of the drought conditions. They also requested closing off both entrances to the park and charging a \$5.00 entrance fee and \$5.00 cooler fee. The hours for this event would be from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. This would allow anyone access to the pool, and all the other activities of the cook off. Anyone under the age of 5 would be allowed in free of charge. They will have washer pitching as one of the activities and would like to mark off an area of the park and make a permanent pit. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to allow the Chamber use of the City park and the closing of both entrance to the park for June 28, 2014. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark McNulty reported that there was 10 accidents during the month, 8 drug related burglaries. The animal control officer was assaulted at the local Wal-Mart.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PLANS FOR THE WILLINGHAM BUILDING LOCATED AT 109 S. 8TH STREET:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that Mark Willingham would like to donate the building located at 109 S. 8th Street to the City. In exchange for this

donation he requested that the City install a 4 space carport on the back of the city's lot next door and a 2 carport on the back on his building located at 112 S. 7th Street. The estimated cost for the carports would be approximately \$3,000. The Council discussed the future use of the building and where the funding of his request would come from. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table any action of the request. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FENCE REPAIR ON PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY AND FANNIE JOHNSON/JOE E. CAVITT:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that Elm Creek in so low that the cows are crossing Elm Creek and getting into the park. The people that own the property across the river met with him recently and presented him a copy of the deed provisions that states the City is responsible for maintaining the fence and asked if there was anything that the City could do. The fence would have put up along the river from the Putt-Putt building down to the old Santa Fe bridge. The material to put up the fence would cost approximately \$2,500 with the City crew doing the labor. The funds for the project could be taken out of the city park budget. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to authorize the installation of the fence in the city park. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Ector & Mary Reyna- 10'x10'x6' storage shed- Lots 4-5, Block 7-Miller Addition. Located at 703 N. 11th Street between Pou and Sargent Avenues 3,000.00

Hector Flores- 16'x24'x8' carport- Part of the Thos. Largent Survey. Located at 1007 N. 9th Street between Sargent and Sharp Avenues \$3,000.00

Albert Stansbury- 20'X20'X9' carport- Lot 6, Block 123-First Railroad Addition. Located at 500 N. 5th Street between Bonsal and Fields Avenues \$2,500.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve reported to the Council that he has received a bid to replace the patrol car that was wrecked. If the Council decides to purchase a new Dodge charger the City will have to come up with \$15,140.78 over the \$23,200.00 received from insurance. If they decide to purchase a Chevy Tahoe the City will have to come up with \$16,740.00.

He has hired Hannah Pinckney and Shalyn Odom as the pool managers for the season.

The Elm Creek above the dam in getting very low and he feels that it is in the City best interest to stop the public from getting water from the wells. The park attendant has reported that the water level is dropping two inches per day. This water needs to be reserved for all the trees in the park because they have already had to cut down several dead trees.

The Council needs to look at the drought contingency plans to discuss entering into phase III because the lake is also getting very low and it will not be long before the water is below the chauffer dam and we will have to start pumping the water. If no sufficient amount is received soon the lake will be dry by November 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney, Update on alternative water resources progress and 551.074-Personnel Matters, Consider negotiation process with candidate for the City Administrator position at 6:20 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:35 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

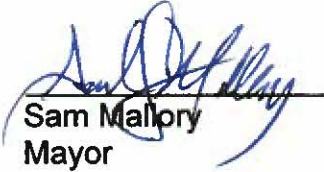
ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action on alternative water resource update.

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to hire Bryan Grimes as the City Administrator effective June 2, 2014 and the starting salary of \$82,000.00 annually with the benefits of City insurance for him only, City vehicle, and credit card use for schooling and participation of City functions. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 19th day of May, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Absent	Interim City Manager
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Tammie Virden –**Chamber of Commerce**, Sharon Bowen, Debby Legg, Alvin Hallmark, Gary Tiller, Michael Herd, Abie Wade- **Citizen**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting, with note of one correction. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PAY THE CITY OF ABILENE FOR RAW WATER TRANSMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to amend the budget to make payment to the City of Abilene in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the transmission of raw water from Abilene to Ballinger for the fiscal year of 2013. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE CUT-OFF OF SELLING RAW WATER FROM CITY PARK WELL:

Alvin Hallmark met with the Council to voice his concerns about the shutting out the well in the city park. He told the Council that he did not feel that the well was affecting the water levels of Elm Creek. He was told that the well water was coming from Elm Creek according the water levels dropping two inches per day. The Council felt that this water should be saved for the trees in the park.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENTERING INTO STAGE III OF THE DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Randy Everett reported that the levels at the Ballinger lake show to be 1654.3 feet, which is 13.4 feet below the causeway. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to enter into Stage III of the drought contingency plan. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. This allows resident to still water every five days, but with hand held only and no sprinklers.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WATER RATES FOR THE SALE OF WATER AT THE AIRPORT, CITY PARK AND FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to a resolution to approve the charge for the sale of water from the park well, fire department and airport at \$6.00 per thousand. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Bonita Shields reported to the Council that Stage IV was added to the drought contingency plans. This stage will allow no watering. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve the amended drought contingency plan as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE QUARTERLY HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY REPORT FROM TAMMIE VIRDEN:

Tammie Virden met with the Council to give the annual report on the hotel/motel tax. The reported showed the beginning balance to be \$2,952.86, \$22,462.33 collected as revenue from the City, \$9,787.85 was spent for advertising, \$630.33 for promotional items, \$836.20 for postage, \$12,442.46 for payroll, \$250.00 for dues to Cline Shale Consortium, and \$572.61 for internet at community center leaving a balance at the end of 2013 of \$895.74. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CONTINUOUS LIGHTING SYSTEM AND RELATED RESOLUTION DOCUMENTS FOR HIGHWAY 67 BRIDGE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the maintenance agreement and resolution with Texas Department of Transportation for the continuous lighting system on Highway 67 bridge. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Don Larry Jones- Garage/equipment parking- Lot 3-5, Block 42- Original Addition. Located at 709 Sealy Avenue between S 7th and S 8th Streets \$11,000.00

Mary Ann Harrell- 14'x80'x12' add on to mobile home- Lot 2, Block 13- Miller Addition. Located at 1107 N. 11th Street between 11th and 12th Street \$7,500.00

Ty Sovan- 22'x20'x8' carport/patio- Lot 1, Block 10-College Heights Addition. Located at 1006 Broadway between Sharp and Largent Avenues \$2,900.00

Catholic Diocese- 60'x90' parish center-Part of the J.M. Caldwell Survey ABS 371. Located at 605 N. 5th Street between Fields and Crosson Avenues \$313,000.00

Dennis Stroebel-40'x40'x12' warehouse- Lots 3-4, Block 6-Original Addition. Located at 103 N. 6th Street between Railroad and Hutchings Avenue \$22,400.00

Dan Maynard- 18'x21'x6' prefab carport- Lot 5, Block 6- Park Heights Addition. Located at 701 N. 3rd between McCarver Drive and Crosson Avenue \$695.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

There was no bi-weekly report, Steve Nixon was out sick.

The Mayor did inform the Council that he signed a proclamation last week declaring May 11-17, 2014 as National Nursing Home Week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to open the executive session at 6:30 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:50 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken.


HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

The Council agreed that someone needed to get in contact with Scott Hay get a report on what the status of the alternative water resource project was.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 2nd day of June, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director

Others present: Tammie Virden –**Chamber of Commerce**, Tito Mata, Michael Herd-**Ballinger Police Dept.**, Larry Lange- **Knight of Columbus**, Carolyn Little-**Citizen**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Larry Lange met with the Council on behalf of the Knight of Columbus Council 10985 requesting that the Council consider passing a proclamation for June 14, 2014, Flag Day, that will mark the 60th anniversary of the words "Under God" being added to the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

HEAR THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark McNulty reported that they had a total of 13 arrests for the month of May. This is down from last month. The department took 32 incident reports and worked 11 accident reports. Clemente (Tito) Mata was introduced to the Council as a new reserve officer. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS THE MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Bryan Grimes presented the Council with the statement of revenue and expenditures for the month ending May 31, 2014. The general fund is showing a surplus of \$304,875.98 and the water department is showing a deficit of \$296,415.67 and the airport is showing a surplus of \$5,226.61 leaving the City with an overall surplus of \$11,009.12. The big deficit in the water fund is because of the bond payments made in the amount of \$463,590.00. He told the Council that he is not concerned or worried about the numbers in the budget at this time.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permits:

David Baade- Storage building- Lots 4-5, Block 106- 1st Railroad Addition. Located at 303 N. 7th Street between Murrell and Phillips Avenue \$2,500.00
Vicenta Contreras- Utility room-Lot 5, Block 90- 1st Railroad Addition. Located at 400 Park Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets \$ 700.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that Mike King has moved out of the house at the lake. The house is in bad shape. There is sheet rock falling out of the ceiling and the wood shows to be infested with termites. At some time the Council will need to decide what they want to do with the house. Steve told the Council that in his opinion, the house needs to be demolished because it would be too costly to repair.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Council would like to consider going back to Stage II of the drought contingency plan. They would also like to consider the sale of water from the park well. The hotel/motel contract with the Chamber needs to be reviewed in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to open the executive session at 6:01 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with City Attorney for update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

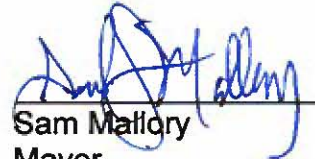
The Council convened in session until 6:43 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


 Sam Mallory
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Bonita F. Shields
 City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 16th day of June, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Toby Virden -**KRUN**, Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Michael Herd-**Ballinger Police Dept.**, Josh Berryhill, Scott Hay- **Enprotec Hibbs & Todd, Inc.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR A PRESENTATION FORM LISA YATES TO THE BALLINGER POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MEMORY OF OFFICER L.J. NITSCH:

Lisa Yates called and asked to be put on the next agenda because she did not receive the equipment. **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table the issue until the next meeting. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER RATES ORDINANCE, SECTION 27:37:

Bryan Grimes reported to the Council that because of the cost of supplies to make new water taps it is necessary to increase the tapping fees accordingly. The schedule fee that he would like to put in place is as follows:

¾-5/8" Water Tap	\$300.00
1" Water Tap	\$375.00
1 1/2 "Water Tap	\$475.00
2" Water Tap	\$575.00
6" Water Sprinkler System & 10% for parts	\$600.00
Tap Fees do not include meter change	
Sewer Tap Fee	\$200.00
Pavement Cuts	\$225.00
Late charges/Water, Sewer Garbage	10%
After Hours Service Calls	\$50.00
Reconnection Fee	\$40.00

Lock Meter Fee	\$40.00
Outside City Limits Deposit on Garbage	2 Months Bill
Return Check Fee	\$25.00
Re-Reads	\$15.00
Water Cutoff Broken by Occupant	\$100.00
Water Turn on/off for inspection	\$15.00

After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to pass an ordinance to approve the rate increase as presented. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

Bryan Grimes explained to the Council that this is a program through the State Comptroller's Office which provides purchasing services to local governments. The Comptroller's offers competitively bids and awards hundreds of contracts in accordance with state purchasing statutes, which allows the City to reap the savings. Qualified Co-op members may use the State Travel Management program for discounted rates on rental cars and over 1,000 hotels. They reimburse the City for all purchases made on the cards and deliver a refund check to the City at the end of each year. He would like to get cards for all department heads. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to authorize the payment of \$100.00 for the sign-up fee for the City's participation in the cooperative purchasing program. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN STAGE II:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to modify the drought contingency plans to allow customers to use their sprinklers for outside watering every five days according to the drought contingency calendar. Swimming pools will also be allowed to be filled. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE SALE OF WATER FROM THE PARK WELL:

The Council discussed allowing residents to purchase water from the park well. The Council talked about the hours of operation, the metering of the well, the procedure that the purchases are recorded. They also talked about the water that is being sold from the end line located at the airport.

After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table the issue with no action at this time. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building:

Daniel Contreras- Front porch, back deck garage- Lot 8, block 5- Powell Addition. Located at 806 N. 13th Street between Sharp and Sargent Avenue \$2,000.00
Alwana Balderes- 40'x40' storage-Tract 7, Block 36-West End Addition. Located at 701 Avenue B between 7th and 8th Street \$5,000.00
Kelly & Barbara Lowrey- Wood building with metal roof- Lot 6, Block 23- Wilke III- Located at 1106 N. 5th Street between Sharp & Hamilton Avenues \$4,000.00
Buddy's Plant Plus- 72'x60'x16' building- Part of Chas Osgood Addition. Located at 2022 N. Broadway between Conda Avenue and City limits \$135,000.00
Buddy's Plant Plus- 40'x40'x10' building- Part of Chas Osgood Addition. Located at 2022 N. Broadway between Conda Avenue and City limits \$ 85,000.00
Kay Kline- 25'x40'x10' carport- Lot 4, Block 113- 1st Railroad Addition. Located at 405 N. 4th Street between Murrell and Bonsal Avenues \$5,250.00
Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported that the sales tax revenue was down \$700 compared to last year's income. He will start working on the budget in July and should have a rough draft for Council review by August.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Comm. Jolene McBurney told the Council that the hotel/motel contract with the Chamber still needs to be reviewed. Mark McNulty requested replacement of the wrecked patrol car.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

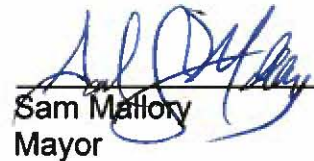
Comm. Jolene McBurney Made the motion to open the executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney Update on alternative water resources at 6:00 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 8:10 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 7th day of July, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Absent	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Larry Nitsch, Lisa Yates, Alfred Yates, Brittney Pine, Meagan Smith, Garrett Nitsch, Becky Hoelscher- **L.J. Nitsch Family**, Brent Allen-**Ballinger Volunteer Fire Dept.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting, with note of two corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark McNulty reported to the Council that the drug arrests are down this month, they had 16 arrests, 35 reports, 5 accidents, 5 MIP's and curfew violations are up from the kids being out of school. The new pistols are in the field and working well. They did not have any problems with them. The department is down one officer. Officer Farmer is gone to National Guard training until August 20th. The Council accepted the report as presented.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE AND HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM LISA YATES TO THE BALLINGER POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MEMORY OF OFFICER L.J. NITSCH:

Lisa Yates and family members presented the Police department with equipment in memory Officer L.J. Nitsch. The family noted that L.J. loved and respected the members of the department, and they hope that the equipment will help the department to better serve Ballinger. Chief McNulty and the Council thanked the Nitsch Family for their donation in memory of Officer L.J. Nitsch.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF RUNNELS COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES TO HAVE A PARADE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the request of the Runnels County Veteran Services to have a parade on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR A JOINT ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the contract with Runnels County to hold a joint election on November 4, 2014 subject to approval of the contract by the City attorney. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PLANS FOR THE HOUSE AT THE BALLINGER LAKE:

The Council was given pictures to show the condition of the house at the lake. The house was left in a bad condition. The wood in the ceilings are ate up with termites. The repair cost to bring the house back up to standard would be high, and Steve Nixon has suggested tearing it down or burning it. Brent Allen informed the Council that if they burned the house all the electrical wires would have to be taken out and the roof would have to be removed. Bryan Grimes informed the Council that the house could be buried on site, but nothing could ever be built on top of the site. There is program with TCEQ that would allow the City to obtain a permit for a burying pit and this process could take up to three months and cost approximately \$1,000. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to demolish the lake house by rules from TCEQ. **Second by Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE WILLINGHAM BUILDING LOCATED AT 109 S. 8TH STREET:

The Council removed the issue from the table. Bryan Grimes reported that Mark Willingham was still interested in exchanging the building for two carports behind his present office. Steve told the Council that the cost for the carports requested would be approximately \$5,000 with the City doing the construction. The walls are all concrete so the roof would be the only issue. The Council also talked about using the building for the police department offices or possibly tearing the building down and making a parking lot. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to tell Mark Willingham that the Council was interested in the building and would look at the next year's budget for funds to construct the requested carports and property exchanges. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

None

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of June. He told the Council that the general fund was very healthy, but the water/sewer fund was \$255,000.00 in the red and he contributes this to the low water sales and the bond payments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Personnel Matters (Annual evaluation for Chief Mark McNulty) and Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update reports on alternative water sources) at 6:15 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

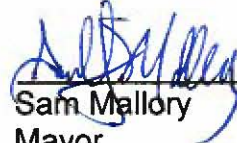
The Council convened in session until 6:49 p.m. and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to authorize a step increase for Mark McNulty according to the pay schedule. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 21st day of July, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Ruben Cantu-Ballinger Ledger, Koltmon Looka, Sam Woodall, Hannah Pinckney, Jennifer Castleberry, Alyssa Flanagan, McKenzie Arrott, Brylee Matschek, Lori Looka, Kandance Arrott, Brian Arrott, Bill Burleson, Martha Pinckney- 4-H Leader for Life.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM THE 4-H LEADERS FOR LIFE:

Members of the 4-H presented the Council with a presentation of the Robert Rules of Order and Parliament procedure for meetings. The organization has taken two teams to District. They placed 1st and 3rd at the State level and will be participating in 1st and 8th places for the National competition in Denver Colorado. This is a fine group of kids and they have a good knowledge of the proper procedure to conduct a meeting. Mr. Burleson stated that he was very proud of them and the accomplishments that they have made. The Council thanked them for their presentation.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER CONTRACT WITH NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PERTAINING THERETO:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve and authorize an amendment to the contract with North Runnels Water Supply Corporation to amend the 40 year contract to a five year contract with a renewable clause. **Second Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER CONTRACT WITH ROWENA WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PERTAINING THERETO:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve and authorize an amendment to the contract with Rowena Water Supply Corporation to amend the 40 year contract to a five year contract with a renewable clause. Second Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TML MULTISTATE AND OTHER ACTIONS AS NEEDED:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve adopting the inter-local agreement with TML Multi-State for health insurance coverage for City employees and their families. Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RE-NAMING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF AVENUE C TO COUNTRY CLUB ROAD:

Bryan Grimes reported to the Council that it had been brought to his attention that Country Club Road runs from Broadway to 13th Street and is changed between 13th and 16th Streets to Avenue C. There was a 911 incident where the ambulance could not find the address of 1500 Avenue C. The police department feels that the section of street should be changed to Country Club Road. This would affect about seven property owners that live in this area. After discussion, Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to take the necessary steps to change section known as Avenue C to Country Club Road. Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING THE ORDINANCE FOR BUILDING PERMITS FEES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to table any action on amending the building permit fees until the next meeting. Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RATE FOR WATER SALES FROM THE AIRPORT LINE:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to amend the rate for the sale of water from the airport line from \$6.00 per thousand to \$15.00 per thousand effective August 1, 2014. Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Brent Allen- 10'x16'x12' portable storage building-Lot 3, Block 1 of the Grant Addition. Located at 900 5th Street between Pou and Eubank Avenues \$3,500.00

Alan R. Rininger-1920 sq. ft. double wide trailer- Part of Block 71- West End Addition. Located at 1500 Avenue c between 13th and 14th Streets \$79,960.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes informed the Council that he had received a letter from Republic Services requesting a 6.9% increase on garbage collection fees. The City is currently in a contract with Republic until August 2017. The City Secretary started taking applications for City Council places 3 and 4 on July 21, 2014. The last day to file is August 22, 2014. The contract with Sprint for cell phones has expired, and he is looking at going with another company for service.

CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM CITY COUNCIL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney reminded the Council that the contract with the Chamber of Commerce concerning hotel/motel tax still needed to be revised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:25 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update reports on alternative water sources. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:55 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor**ATTEST:**
Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)()(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()(
CITY OF BALLINGER)()(

On this the 4th day of August, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHPY REPORT:

Mark McNulty reported to the Council that everything was normal this month. The department answered 377 calls for the month. They had 6 MIP and 1 curfew violations. They escorted two big funerals for the high school girls that were killed in accidents. Ethan Farmer is still at National Guard and has reported to Chief McNulty that he has an impelled hernia that will have to be taken care of by the guard before he returns. The animal control department answered 69 animal calls for the month. The Council thanked Mark for all the work that his department does, and told him to keep up the good work.

CONSIDER AN ORDER TO CALL THE CDITY OFFICER'S ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2014:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to pass an order to call the City Officer's election for places 3 & 4 on November 4, 2014. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMSSIONERS FOR THE BALLINGER HOUSING AUHTORITY BOARD:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to re-appoint Pam Halfmann and Mark Halfmann, to appoint J.C. Gore to the Ballinger Housing Authority Board for a two year term to expire February 4, 2016, and to appoint Martha Hartley to fill the unexpired term of Diane Miree as resident commissioner until February 4, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS SETTING BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to set the first budget workshop for August 18, 2014. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION SETTING DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ADOPTION OF FY 2015 TAX RATE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to set the dates of August 18, 2014 and September 2, 2014 for the required public hearings on the proposed City tax rate for the fiscal year 2015. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Rudy & Sherry Galvan- 18'x6' portable metal building- Lot 3-4, Block 11-Miller Addition. Located at 1103 N. 10th Street between Hamilton and Largent Avenues \$800.00

Rudy & Sherry Galvan- 10'x27'x12' extend front porch & widen- Lot 3-4, Block 11-Miller Addition. Located at 1103 N. 10th Street between Hamilton and Largent Avenues \$800.00

Becky Albarado- 18'x6' potable building-Lot 2, Block 95- Railroad Addition. Located at 207 N. 8th Street between Park and Phillips Avenues \$500.00

Tony Diaz- 16'x20'x9' awing- Part of the Thos. Largent Survey 357, Abs 366. Located at 501 N 13th Street between Harris and Eubank Avenues \$500.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement for the month of July. He gave the Council an update on all the meetings that he will be attending the next two weeks. He is still working on changing the provider for the City's cell phones. They talked about the 6.9% rate increase from Republic for garbage collection. Bryan reported that the City of San Angelo proposed a rate increase on landfill fees so we may be getting another increase on rate fees. The contract with Republic does not end until 2016.

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that the lake level is getting very low and the crew may have to start pumping water over the dam by the end of the week.

CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM CITY COUNCIL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The disposal fees for the recycling center need to be revised.

Comm. Jolene McBurney reminded the Council that the hotel/motel contract with the Chamber still needs to be looked at. The floor at the recycling center needs to be repaired and the magnet needs to be run on the cycling center grounds for nails and screws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

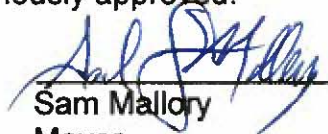
Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:15 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update reports on alternative water resources). **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

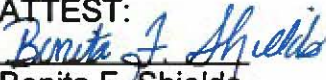
None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 18th day of August, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Stanley Maresch, Michael Herd, Clyde Kresta, Brent Allen-City Employees.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DICSUSS AND CONSIDER THE SALE OF LOT 2, BLOCK 22-WEST END ADDITION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to accept the bid of \$800.00 from Jolene McBurney for the sale of Lot 2, Block 22- West End Addition, located at 1405 Avenue A. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON USES FOR HOTEL//MOTEL TAX:

The Council discussed the uses that the hotel/motel tax monies could be used for. All expenditures of the hotel occupancy tax must clearly fit into of the nine statutorily provided categories for expenditure of local hotel occupancy revenue:

1. Funding the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of a convention center of visitor information center.
2. Paying the administrative costs for facilitating convention registration.
3. Paying for advertising, solicitations, and promotions that attract tourist and convention delegates to the city or its vicinity.
4. Expenditures that promote the arts.
5. Funding historical restoration or preservation programs.
6. Funding certain expenses, including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event within counties with a population of under 1 million.
7. Funding the enhancement or upgrading of existing sports facilities or sports fields for certain municipalities.
8. Funding transportation system for tourists.

9. Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guest in the municipality.

After discussion by the Council, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion continue allowing the Chamber of Commerce to receive the funds collected from hotel/motel tax to pay for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourist and convention delegates to the city of its vicinity. **Second by Comm. Philip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON HOTEL/MOTEL CONTRACT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to table the contract with the Chamber for hotel/motel tax until Bryan has time to look into the revisions that may need to be made. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING THE DISPOSAL FEES AT THE RECYCLING CENTER:

Bryan told the Council that he has been in contact with several entities, but has not received any official responses. They did inform him that they are all looking at increasing the fee for disposal. He asked the Council if they were looking at generating a surplus or just trying to break even from disposal fees. They also discussed the fact that if the fees are raised too much, the City would start seeing trash dumped on the streets. Residents are allowed to dump free of charge and all customers have to pay for building material and tires. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to table any action on the recycling disposal fee until Bryan could gather more information. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Alan Rininger-20'x21'x9' carport- Part of Block 71, West End Addition. Located at 1500 Country Club Road between 15th & 16th Streets \$1,500.00

Effie Lee Andrews% Diane M. Miree- 12'x21'x6' carport- Part of Lot 3, All of Lot 4, Block 43- Burkhardt Subdivision. Located at 1403 Avenue B between 13th & 14th Streets \$585.00

David Alfaro- 15'x20'x8' metal carport- Lot 13, Block 33- Original Addition. Located at 804 Sealy Avenue between S. 8th & S 9th Streets \$500.00

Lidia & Manuel Bermudez- 18'x14'x8' carport- Lot 1, Block 6- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 306 East Avenue between 3rd & 4th Streets \$1,000.00

Nalda Keesee- 10'x20'x11' metal storage building- Lot 1-2, Block 10- Shell Addition. Located at 1301 Broad Avenue between 3th & 14th Streets \$3,375.00

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney (Hear update reports on alternative water resources). **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 6:50 p.m. and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** mad the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.
Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in budget workshop until 9:25 p.m.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 2nd day of September, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Michael Herd-Ballinger Police Dept., Elaine Paske- City Park Board.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING MARY ANDERSON TO THE CITY PARK BOARD:

Elaine Paske met with the Council to report that Joy McDaniel has requested a temporary leave of absence from the City Park board for six month to 1 year for family issues. Joy's mother has agreed to serve on the board for this period of time as needed. The Park Board does not have a problem with the change and recommends that the Council appoint Mary Anderson to serve. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to appoint Mary Anderson to serve on the City Park Board. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:

Mark McNulty reported to the Council that everything was good this month. The department answered 345 calls, made 15 arrests, took 34 incident reports and worked 6 accidents. He also reported that the payments for overtime this month was up this month. The Council accepted the report as presented.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING THE COLLECTION FEES FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER:

COMM. PHILLIP ARP made the motion to table any action on amending the recycling center fee until another meeting. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE II, SECTION 24-23, THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RATE:

Bryan Grimes reported to the Council that this is the first hearing of the ordinance to consider the increase of the hotel/motel from 5% to 7%. There has to be two readings before the rate increase can go into effect.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING ORDINANCE, SECTION 8-40 OF ARTICLE III BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following increase for building permit fees, effective October 1, 2014.

Less than \$500.00	\$ 10.00
\$501.00 to \$3,000.00	\$ 15.00
\$3,001.00 to \$5,000.00	\$ 20.00
\$5,001.00 to \$10,000.00	\$ 30.00
\$10,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$ 60.00
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$ 90.00
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$150.00
Over \$100,000.00	\$300.00

Second by Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Larry Slaughter- 28'x56'x8' storage building- Lot 1, Block 1-Wilke I Addition. Located at 1108 N. 12th Street between Largent and East Avenues \$18,000.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Comm. Philip Arp made the motion to adopt the 2015 fiscal year budget as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE 2014-2015 CITY TAX RATE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to set September 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers as the place, date and time to set the City's 2014 tax rate. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and the motion carry with Mayor Sam Mallory, Commissioners Philip Arp, Darlene Kelly and Eloyed Fuentes voting "AYE" on the motion. Jolene McBurney was absent.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial report. CRMWD is going up on the water rate for Millersview Doole; therefore Millersview is passing the rate increase onto the City. The rate will increase to \$1.3722 per thousand from \$1.2216 per thousand effective October 1, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to open the executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update reports on alternative water sources) at 6:10 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:25 p.m., and **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Malory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)()(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()(
CITY OF BALLINGER)()(

On this the 15th day of September, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Absent	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director

Others present: Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Michael Herd- **Citizen**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE CITY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to pass an ordinance to set the City tax rate for 2014 at \$0.4400 per 100 dollar valuation. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE WATER RATES:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to pass an ordinance to increase the water rates to \$40.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$7.80 per thousand for all usage over 2,000 gallon effective October 15, 2014. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SEWER RATES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to pass an ordinance to increase the sewer rates to \$30.00 for residential customers and \$30.00 for commercial customers effective October 15, 2014. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SETTING FEES FOR DISPOSAL OF TREES & LIMBS ON CITY PROPERTY:

The Council discussed charging a fee for residents to dispose of trees and limbs on City property. They also discussed the service that the City is now providing to residents free of charge. The Council questioned if TCEQ would approve of the City charging for this service and what their regulations and

guidelines would be. They discussed what the City liability would be and what security would be needed on the property. After further discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to table the issue until the City can get a clearance from TCEQ. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CANCEL THE CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2014:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to pass an order to cancel the City Officer's election scheduled for November 4, 2014. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved. The two incumbent commissioners, Jolene McBurney and Eloyed Fuentes were uncontested.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Landy Cason- 45'x75'x12' metal building- Lot 4, Block 5-Reeder Subdivision. Located at 2001 9th Street Avenue E and Live Oak \$70,000.00

William A. Rickard- 18'x21'x6' carport- Lots 3-4, Block 1- Terry II Addition. Located at 1305 Broadway between Largent and East Avenues \$ 1,095.00

William A. Rickard- 11'6"x15'x9' storage shed- Lots 3-4, Block 1- Terry II Addition. Located at 1305 Broadway between Largent and East Avenues \$450.00

Rudy & Sherry Galvan- 18'x25'x10' storage building- Lot 2, Block 11-Miller Addition. Located at 1107 N. 10th Street between Hamilton and Largent Avenues \$3,500.00

Henry Mesqueda- 37'x38'x12' carport- Lot 1, Part of Lot 2, Block 9-Wilke II Addition. Located at 606 N. 12th Street between Eubank and Pou Avenues \$20,000.00

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reminded the Council of the TML conference to be held in Houston, Texas on the first part of October. The City did not receive much from the last rain in Ballinger Lake. Reports show that Lake Ivie is now at 17%. Midland, Texas has reduced their usage from Lake Ivie.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

The Council agreed that the issue of changing the motel/hotel fee needs to be addressed, and the fees for trees and limbs disposal need to be put back on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


No executive session because the City Attorney was not present.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)()(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()(
CITY OF BALLINGER)()()

On this the 6th day of October, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Allen Cole, Curtis Jennings, Cecil Travis Walston, Bob Brown, Reinhard Luerhy, Jr., Kevin VerCoy, Randy McIntrye, Lance Campbell, Kelly Johnson, Michael Herd, Serena Woode, Sharon Bowen, Stanley Maresch, Mark Baird, Lance Wyatt, Stewart Robbins-Citizens, Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Curtis Jennings- 202 Avenue A- Met with the Council to question the proposed water rate increase by 50%. He just wanted to know why the City was all of a sudden out of money and if the City is being futile with the spending. He also suggested that a letter of explanation be sent to the customer so that they would understand the reasons and process for the rate increases.

Bob Brown- 308 N 5th Street- He told the Council that he has lived in Ballinger for seventeen years and is very concerned about the trees located on his property. He stated that he was in agreement with a 12% increase but he did not feel 20% was in order to have a surplus for the City Manager to find other water resources. You have asked the customers to conserve water and they should not have to bear the cost for the shortage in revenue.

Cecil Walston-207 Sharp- Stated that he was at the meeting for two reasons. One was to support Officer Michael Herd, and to say that he understands the rate increase for the water because the infrastructure is out dated and it is not cheap to replace.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RATE TO 7%:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to increase the hotel/motel tax from 5% to 7% effective November 1, 2014. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE DISPOSAL FEE FOR TREE LIMBS AND BRUSHES IN CITY PROPERTY:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to table any action on this issue until the next meeting. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING ELAINE McDANIEL TO THE CITY PARK BOARD:

Elaine Paske explained to the Council that Betty Battle was appointed to the park board several months ago, but because of health reason she needs to resign. They board would like appoint Elaine McDaniel to take her place. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to appoint Elaine McDaniel to the city park board. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PAVING SERVICES BETWEEN RUNNELS COUNTY AND CITY OF BALLINGER:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement for paving services with Runnels County. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RURAL FIRE FIGHTING CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY:

The Council discussed the contribution for rural fire protection from Runnels County. The fiscal year 2013 the County contributed \$21,000 and 2014 they only contributed \$10,500 and the \$10,500 is what they have budgeted for the 2015 fiscal year. The Council questioned how many rural fires were taken care of by the fire department and if this amount was appropriate. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting for more information. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION WITH BALLINGER NATIONAL BANK ON A LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PATROL CAR AND NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Bryan reported to the Council that this loan would be to purchase a new patrol car for the amount of \$38,000.00 and the COPsync program for the patrol cars. This program would give the officers access to run licenses and car tags without having to go through dispatch. The cost for the program and training is \$28,519.90. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a short term note at Ballinger National Bank for these purchases. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Jim McCord- 20'x24'x8' carport- Lot 3, Block 31-Clampitt Revision. Located at 602 Broad Avenue between 6th Street and Broadway \$1,000.00

Carl Williams-20'x21'x8' metal carport- Lot 9, Block 4- Bowden Addition. Located at 706 N. 9th Street between Harris and Eubank Avenues \$1,500.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of September, 2014. The financial statement shows the general fund to be \$60,149.59 to the good, the water fund is \$159,623.61 in the red and there is a \$50,139.75 bill due to City of Abilene for raw water transmission fees making the water/sewer fund in the red by \$209,763.36. The airport ended up \$19,871.30 to the good.

Mr. Grimes told the Council that the restroom in the city park will have to be addressed at some time in the future. They are open to the public 24 hours per day, need to be updated and are very hard to keep clean.

Mark McNulty presented his monthly police activity report to the Council. The department activity was down from last month. They had two methylamine arrests. One officer was terminated and another one was put on three day suspension with no pay. The Council accepted the report ad presented.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Comm. Jolene McBurney asked about the signs that were supposed to be put up for the changing of Avenue C to Country Club Road. She was informed that the sign have been ordered and will be put up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-GRIEVANCE FOR MICHAEL HERD:

Lance Wyatt representing Michael Herd told the Council that according to Section B of Government Code 551.074 they requested that the grievance be held in open session. Mr. Wyatt presented the Council with several items that he felt were improper procedures considering his client. He asked that Mr. Herd be reinstated to his previous position and pay effect immediately. Mr. Herd would like to put this incident behind him and get back to work. The Council needs to make the decision of what to do with the grievance.

Chief Mark McNulty told the Council that he admits to some procedural mistakes, but he still stands by his decision to terminate Michael Herd.

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney at 6:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in executive session until 7:05 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Phillip Arp told the Chief and Sergeant that the Council has full faith of their work and dedication to the police department. **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to reinstate Michael Herd with six month probation at his previous position and rate of pay. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion in enter into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney to hear update reports on alternative water resources at 7:15p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 7:58 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 20th day of October, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director

Others present: Clyde Kresta, Brent Allen-Fire department.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR DISPATCHING SERVICE:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the contract with Runnels County for the annual cost of \$39,684.00 for dispatching services. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RURAL FIRE FIGHTING CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to remove the issue from the table. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. Two of the volunteer firemen were present at the meeting. They reported that according to their reports 40% of the fire calls they answer are for Runnels County. The fire calls have been down this year. The usual in a normal year with no drought 90% of the calls are for the County. Comm. Arp questioned why they contributed more in 2012 and decreased the contributions for 2013 and 2014. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table the issue again until the next meeting and asked the City Manager to visit with County Judge Barry Hilliard to see if the County would consider increasing their contribution for rural fire protection. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PERMIT FEE FOR DISPOSAL OF TREES AND BRUSH ON CITY PROPERTY:

The Council discussed setting a \$100.00 annual permit fee for vendors to dispose of tree limbs and brush on City property. The City now has a designated burn site permit from TCEQ, which allows the City to burn on site every six months.

A controlled gate has been installed at the site. A vendor that would dispose of tree limbs and brush would be given a pin code for access to the site. The Council discussed having the vendors have some type of liability insurance. The Council discussed setting a fee that would be reasonable and fair. The vendors would only be allowed to dispose of items picked up inside the city limits. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to pass an ordinance to set a \$100.00 annual permit fee for the disposal of tree limbs and brush on the City's designated site. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVING A PARADE NOVEMBER 29, 2014:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to pass a resolution to approve the Chamber of Commerce having a parade on November 29, 2014. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Larry & Amy Reagan- 24'x24'x9 two car carport- Lot 7, Part of 8, Block 5- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 1509 N. 3rd Street between Avenue A and Broad Avenue \$2,500.00

Ector & Mary Reyna- 20'x20'x8' carport- Lots 4-5, Block 7- Miller Addition. Located at 703 N. 11th Street between Sargent & Pou Avenues \$600.00

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that the City received \$122,239.97 from sales tax this month. The bill from the City of Abilene in the amount of \$50,139.75 for the raw water transmission was paid this month. The City received a bill from Millersview Doole in the amount of \$18,736.00 for the monthly bill for the purchase of water. He told the Council about the meetings that he will have to attend within the next week or two. TML Human Resource conference is in Austin, Texas November 6-7, 2014.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Discuss setting a fee for picking up tree limbs and brush for residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to open the executive session at 6:20 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update reports on alternative water resource). **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 7:04 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to terminate the engineering service contract with Enprotec/ Hibbs & Todd, Inc. effective immediately and to start preparing to take RFP's for a new engineering firm. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 3rd day of November, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting, with noted correction. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION:

Bryan Grimes asked that this be left on the table until the next meeting.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark McNulty reported to the Council that the department picked up five immigrants and they are being held at the Runnels County jail. The narcotics program is moving forward. He hired Samantha Rodriguez from Eldorado as a police officer. The monthly report has the normal detail. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ENERGY EFFICENCY REPORT FROM CLEAR RESULT:

Fred Lippe presented the Council with a report showing how changing the lighting in several of the City buildings could save the City half of the electricity that is being used. His company is West Texas Power and they install LED lighting which uses 50% less power for the same light output. The LED lights improve the lighting, generate 50% less heat, and the long life of the lights is 30,000-50,000 hours. Mr. Lippe presented a proposal for the city hall-\$5,739.26, community center-\$1,261.35 and water plant- \$17,376.84. Mr. Grimes suggested that he review the proposal with Mr. Lippe to see if other changes could be made to make the proposal more efficient. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table any action on the proposal until the next meeting. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ASSESSING A FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL TREE AND LIMB DISPOSAL:

The Council discussed setting a fee for picking up tree limbs and brush for residents. The City crew works approximately 500 service calls per year and never charged for the service. The brush truck is on its last leg and will not last too much longer. A 20 year truck has been found in Florida, and a new truck would cost about \$150,000.00. The Council also talked about a lease program for the purchase. After further discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to table any action on this issue. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON WILLINGHAM BUILDING LOCATED AT 109 S. 8TH STREET:

Bryan reported to the Council that Mark Willingham has a third party that is interested in purchasing the building and he wanted to know if the City was still interested in getting the building. The Council questioned if Mark had been taken care of by the City insurance. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table any action for more information to be obtained. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

No building permits were presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that the bill from the City of Abilene has been paid for the 2013 raw water transmission in the amount of \$50,139.25. The new patrol car was picked up last week. The County has stated that they will not be putting up Christmas lights on the courthouse this year because of the cost to replace the lights.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Jolene McBurney questioned the resolution of the building on Hutchings Avenue that was brought before the Council for condemnation several months ago, and the property owner was granted an extension.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to open the executive session at 6:42 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update reports on alternative water resource). **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved. The Council convened in session until 7:20 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:


None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 17th day of November, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Absent
Darlene Kelly	Mayor Pro-tem
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-tem Darlene Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:01 Noon.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

VISITORS:

None

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS WILL BE ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE BY THE CITY SECRETARY:

Bonita Shields administered the oath office to Jolene McBurney-Single Member District Council Member #3 and Eloyed- Single Member District Council Member # 4.

CONSIDER SETTING THE TIME AND DATE FIR REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUCIL MEETINGS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to leave the time and date for regular Council meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER OF THE COUNCIL:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to leave the salary for the Mayor at \$500.00 annually and \$250.00 for the Commissioners annually. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to leave Darlene Kelly as the Mayor Pro-tem. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes reported that he attended a meeting with Rowena Water Supply Corporation. It was a good and positive meeting. He also reported that the contract amendments with Rowena Water Supply and North Runnels Water Supply have been finalized. The contract amendments will allow the City to reduce the interest rates on the bonds from 6.00% to approximately 2.19%, which will save the City money on the bond payment each year.

The City will be having a lunch for all City employees and the Council on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at the community center at Noon, and the City will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The RFQ's for a new engineer are due in by December 2, 2014.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the day 1st of December, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Stanley Maresch	Police Sergeant

Others present: Ruben Cantu- **Ballinger Ledger**, Cory VanZandt- **IT Technician**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 3 and November 17, 2014 meetings, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR A REQUEST FROM SUSAN VASQUEZ TO HIRE MORE POLICE OFFICERS:

Susan Vasquez did not show up. Stan Maresch was asked to get in contact with Mrs. Vasquez to see what her concerns are.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE AND CONSIDER THE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to remove the issue from the table. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

Bryan Grimes reported that the Runnels County Commissioners were contacted and they stated that their budget was already set and they could not make any changes at this time. They also suggested that a report be presented to them next year during their budget workshop time for consideration for an increased contribution for rural fire protection. After further discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to approve the contract with Runnels County for rural fire protection with the contribution of \$10,500.00. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to pass a resolution that would allow Council member to serve as a volunteer fireman. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE AND TAKE ACTION ON THE ENERGY PROPOSAL FROM WEST TEXAS POWER COMPANY:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to remove the issue from the table. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

Bryan Grimes reported to the Council that he met with Fred Lippe concerning the proposal that he had made to the Council. They agreed and made some changes to the proposal and the revised proposal show changes to the lighting for the city hall to cost \$ 8,385.38 and the office and lab at the water plant to cost \$2,106.00 for a total of \$10, 491.38 with a \$3,471.00 AEP incentive and a total cost to the City being \$7,020.38.

After discussion, **Phillip Arp** made the motion to accept the proposal from West Texas Power as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Robert & Belinda Castillo- 6'x9'x7' carport- Part of Lots 7-9, Block 12- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 204 Pou Avenue between 2nd & 3rd Street \$800.00

Christopher J.Cervenka- 12'x28'x12' carport- Lot 8, Block 1- Terry I Addition. Located at 904 11th Street between Sharp and Hamilton Avenues \$6,103.75

Chris Aguilera- 36'x25'x9' carport- Lot 6, Block 2 –Harold Mueller Addition. Located at 212 Willow Pond between Avenue A and East Avenue \$2,300.00

Teresa Contreras- 34'x19' porch- Lot 3, Block 14- Wilke III Addition. Located at 1205 N. 6th Street between Largent and Hamilton Avenues \$500.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Sergeant Maresch presented the monthly police activity report for the month. The department answered 320 calls, 37 incidents, 11 arrests, issued 7 warrants, 40 citations and collected \$6,000.00 in court fines. They are still waiting for DPS approval on the Cop-sync program and hope to have it up and running by the 1st of the year. The new car is being driven, and waiting for Kit's to put the graphics on the vehicle. The new officer is still in training. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council the monthly financial statement for November 2014. He also reminded the Council that the City still owes Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd \$50,000.00 for engineering fees. The RFQ's are due on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM CITY COUNCIL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The Council agreed to start the Council meeting for December 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to allow time to hear all the engineering firm presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update report on alternative water resources). **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

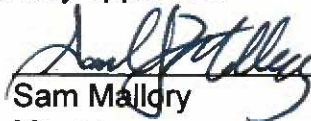
The Council convened in session until 6:35 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
 COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
 CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 15th day of December, 2014 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Zane Edwards, Kyle Krueger-Parkhill, **Smith & Cooper**, Ralph E. Truskowski, PE, Will Wilde-Smith Engineering, Ken Martin, Will Dugger- **Jacob & Martin, LTD.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mark McNulty introduced Samantha Rodriguez to the Council. He also reported that the department had an audit from TCLOSE this past week. They found a few discrepancies and they have been corrected. Mrs. Vasquez has been contacted and her concerns have been resolved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permit.

Rebecca Weatherford- 18'x31'x14' RV cover- Lot 7-8, Block1- Reeds & T.J. Reed Addition. Located at 505 Broad Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets

\$1,720.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported that the City received \$56,453.01 from sales tax this month. This is a 15% increase compared to last year. Bryan invited the Council to breakfast on Wednesday morning, December 24th. The City hall will close at noon on the 24th and closed all day December 25th & 26th for Christmas holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 4:09 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water sources and hear presentation

from proposed engineering firms and Texas Government Code, Section 551.072-Deliberation regarding real property to discuss property as a water source. **Second by Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 9:00 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 5th day of January, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2014 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits
Paul G. Jalomo- 12'x16'x10' storage building- Lot 9-10, Block 1- Miller Addition. Located at 414 N. 11th Street between Murrell and Harris Avenues \$3,000.00
Jay Boy Martinez-20'x10'x5' carport- Lot 1, Block 31- Clampitt Revision. Located at 608 Broad Avenue between Broadway and 6th Street \$450.00
Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark McNulty presented the Council with the monthly activity report. He told the Council that the department worked more accidents and DWI's this month. They also worked two firearms cases this month. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement for the month of December 2014. The report shows the general fund to be in deficit and the water/sewer fund is strong and in the black. He is not worried about the general fund at this time because he feels it will level out once the tax revenues are received.

**HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Jolene McBurney asked about the drainage ditch on 14th Street and what the City's plan was to dispose of the burned houses on 13th and 14th Streets.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: