

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

On this the 10th day of January 2022 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Ken Manley	Council Member # 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member #3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Finance Director

Others present: Chad Hardy, Rachelle Williams, Stan Maresch, Weldon Scrivener, Tyrell Haney-**Citizens**, Robin Burgess- **Runnels County Tax collector**, Mike Parker, Julie Keeler-**McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, PC**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Steve Gray was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Weldon Scrivener met with the Council to give them an update on the improvements that he has made at the airport. The pilot's lounge has been cleaned up. He installed a hot water heater in the lounge. He put a small heater in the lounge to keep the water from freezing. He also installed a microwave and snacks in the lounge. The roof of the big hanger repaired, and he is looking for a way to keep the rocks off the runway.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Approval of minutes from the December 20,2021 meeting

Criminal Justice Grant Resolution: Approval of CJ grant resolution to pursue assistance in purchasing a replacement patrol unit for the police

department. The award amount of this grant varies; however, the anticipated amount would be \$30,000. No match required from the city.

Texas Department of Agriculture Planning Grant application: Approval of a grant for the second year. Staff is seeking the Council's support in once again applying for this grant, maximum award would be \$45,000. City's match is 10% or \$4,500 for maximum award. A few of the activities include utility planning, transportation planning and comprehensive planning.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant applications: Approval for a grant application for the development of a non-motorized trail system along the Colorado River between the Highway 83 and Highway 67 bridges. The maximum award for the non-motorized trail system is \$300,000. These grants are reimbursable grant funding up to 80 percent of the project cost.

Council Member Steven Gray, Jr. made the motion to approve all the items listed in the consent agenda as presented. **Second by Council Member Ryan Lange** and was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR CONSIDERATION: Unless specifically noted, Council may take action on any item.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDER SIGNATORY RESOLUTION: Runnels County and McCreay, Veselka, Bragg and Allen Attorney's at Law seek approval from Ballinger City council to allow the mayor to sign tax deeds on an as needed basis.

Council Member Steven Gray, Jr. made the motion to approve a signatory resolution with the tax attorney's firm and Robin Burgess for tax deeds on an as needed basis. **Second by Rick Morrish** and was unanimously approved.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUILDING AND NFPA CODES: First reading of an Ordinance to adopt ICC2015 building codes along with the adoption NFPA 2014 NEC 70 codes. Set a public hearing for _____ and second and final reading.

Council Member Rick Morrish made the motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance to adopt the building and NFPA codes for the City of Ballinger. **Second by Council Member Ken Manley** and was unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Police Department report- Ray is working on the annual racial profiling report.

Law updates- Effective January 1,2022 a new law passed concerning putting heavy chains on animals. Staff will be putting information on this new law on the website and animal control ordinances will be presented to the Council for review.

ARPA and other project updates- The new water line to the livestock show barn is complete. They now have good water pressure to wash the animals before showing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Hear request for future agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the meeting to discuss any matters listed, as authorized by Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney** (To seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act).
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property** (The Council may consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property).
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** The City Council may consider appointment, employment, compensation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of public officers or employees, and commission members (may also be reappointment). Carolyn Little, Municipal Court Judge.

No executive session was needed.

RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Council Member Ken Manley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. **Second by Council Member Steven Gray, Jr.** and was unanimously approved.

Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary