

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

On the 20th day of June 2022, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

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

City Staff:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. **Call meeting to order:**

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

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

Councilmember Manley gave the invocation and lead pledges.

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

George Cavazos 800 N. 11th spoke requesting a traffic control device at Sargeant and 11th Street intersection. He discussed a public safety concern. Mayor directed city staff to investigate and assess.

Elaine Paske from the Parks Board spoke regarding the Hotter than Hell cookoff and provided an update and confirmed city supplied items.

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

None

5. **Consent Agenda:**

a. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting.

Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Regular Agenda:**

- a. Resolution approving the COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Recovery Plan for the City of Ballinger.
Sarah Tankersley with Public Management presented the plan. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the resolution and Councilmember Morrish seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution Cornerstone Community Action Agency: Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP).
City Manager Frieda presented the program that would assist low-income residents with utility assistance and the Mayor also indicated that this was a viable program for qualifying residents.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve the resolution for participation with the LIHWAP as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Oral Resolution approving a 5-year extension with Republic Waste Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign the extension.
City Manager Frieda presented the extension for waste services. Councilmember Morrish moved to approve the oral resolution extending the contract for an additional 5 years. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Public Hearing: Ordinance approving extending current night-time juvenile curfew.
City Manager Frieda stated that the juvenile curfew must be renewed by law. Councilmembers discussed the safety of juveniles as a continued concern. Mayor Seymore opened the public hearing at 5:48. No one spoke for or against and the public hearing was closed at 5:49. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the ordinance extending the night-time juvenile curfew. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Resolution approving requirements for inspections (contractor presence and additional inspection fees for re-inspections) and considering bond for contractors.
City Attorney presented for Assistant City Manager Pierik who was absent. The request is to require contractors' registration and presence for all inspections, requiring fees for re-inspections upon failed initial inspections and requiring bonds for contractors to protect citizens from disreputable contractors.
Councilmember Lange moved to approve staff's recommended resolution. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ordinance approving the updated Census numbers for the city of Ballinger and revising voting districts to comply with federal law.
City Attorney presented the census changes, and that the

recommendation was to move citizens from District 2 to District 4 to balance the voting concentration requirements. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the recommended changes. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution approving the County Election contract for November 2022 election and discuss schedule. Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve the resolution for the November 2022 election as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Report:

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

- a. May 2022 Police update
- b. Pool update: Recorded 8 rescues so far, pool very busy including special events.
- c. Public Works Update.
- d. City's new water billing system update.

8. Future Agenda Items:

No items discussed

9. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:24 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- 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, *City Manager*, *City Secretary*, *City Judge*, *City Attorney* and Commission Members (may also be reappointed).

10. Reconvene:

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session. No action was taken on any item from executive session.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine Ross
Assistant City Secretary