

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

On the 5th day of December 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 member present:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard "Rick" <i>MORRISH</i>	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place # 3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place # 4

Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Brent Allen	Fire Department
Chris Sargent	Sargent Police Officer

**Absent:**

Ken Manley	Councilmember Place # 1
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney

- 1. Call meeting to order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Gray gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda.**  
None
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:**  
None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of the November 21, 2022 meetings.**  
Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes.  
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - a. Tree removal along Hutchings Ave. downtown and required permits from TxDOT.**  
Only one quote has been received, from Billy Boyer (Bearded Brother's Tree Care & Services) out of Coleman, for \$19,250.00 for the removal of 22 trees.  
Still waiting for TxDOT's reply on necessary permits.

- b. Economic Development Consultant Presentation (GSLI)  
Eric Kleinsorge gave a presentation of GSLI's services in helping cities with Economic Development, and companies seeking relocation sites.  
City Manager Frieda asked the council to consider a motion to hire GSLI as Ballinger's Economic Development Coordinator/Consultant for \$50,000.  
Councilmember Gray made a motion to hire GSLI. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. City Manager's Report:**

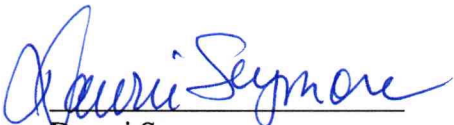
- a. City Manager Frieda gave the November Police report.
- b. ACM Pierik gave the Financial Report.
- c. Public Works Director Bowman reported on projects at 11<sup>th</sup> & Broad, 1100 block of 5<sup>th</sup> St., 13<sup>th</sup> St. and the Standpipe and the water main on Broad Avenue.
- d. City Manager Frieda reported that 3 employees have recently resigned, those being Esmeralda Hernandez, Marcos Soto and Jeremy Sherman.

**8. Future Agenda Items:** None.


**9. Executive Session:** None

**10. Adjourn:**

Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.  
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary