

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

**On the 12th day of September 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	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3

Absent:  
Steve Gray Jr Council Member Place 4

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Lindsey Byler	Asst City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Brent Allen	Fire department
William Brem	Water Treatment Plant

- 1. Call meeting to order:**  
Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- 2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:**  
Mayor Dawni Seymore gave the invocation and lead pledges.
- 3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:**  
No citizen comments.
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than A Public Hearing:**  
No citizen comments.
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Minutes:** Minutes from August 15, 2022, were not presented and no action taken.
- 6. Regular Agenda:**
  - A. Consider budget items
    - (1) Adoption proposed tax rate 0.465916 per \$100 of valuation  
Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve.  
Councilmember Manley seconded the motion.

Record Vote:	
Councilmember Morrish	Yes
Councilmember Lange	Yes
Councilmember Manley	Yes
Mayor Seymore	Yes
Councilmember Gray	Absent and not voting

B. Set public hearing for September 26, 2022 @ 5:30 pm to adopt FY 2023 Budget. Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve and Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Set public hearing for September 26, 2022 @ 5:45 pm to set the tax rate. Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve and Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ray Cornutt gave a report on the Police Department monthly report.

**8. Future Agenda Items: None**

**9. Executive Session:**

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 5:46 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

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

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:16 pm. Mayor Seymore announced that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session and that no action was needed based on Executive Session.

**11. Adjourn:**

Councilmember Lange made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary