

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

On the 26th 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:

Ken Manley	Council Member Place 1
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray	Council Member Place 4

Absent:
Dawni Seymore Mayor

City Staff Present:	
Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager, CFO
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Pro-tem Morrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Hearings

- a. PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 PM:** Proposed FY 2023 Annual Budget
Mayor Pro-tem Morrish opened the public hearing at 5:30 and called for public comments.
No comments were made.
Mayor Pro-tem closed Proposed FY 2023 Budget public hearing at 5:31pm.

At 5:31pm Council moved to Agenda Item #3.

3. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag:

Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead pledges.

4. Citizen presentations for items not on agenda:

Citizen Chad Hardy presented a formal complaint about Animal Control Officer Julie Parsons. Complaints include the following:
Refusal to respond to animal calls, rude behavior when dealing with citizens, using the excuse that the "shelter is full" to refuse to pick up stray dogs, refusal to trap cats for the spay/neuter return program, not actively getting animals adopted out of the shelter, not returning calls to citizens, being rude to City workers. Mr. Hardy submitted a Petition to

replace Ms. Parsons as Ballinger's Animal Control Officer, that included 55 signatures. The complaint was received and will be reviewed.

Citizen Steve Gray thanked the City for providing barricades during the DECCA street painting, before homecoming.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:

None.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approve Minutes** of the August 15th and September 12th, 2022 City Council meeting.
- b. **Resolution:** Approving the application for non-matching grant funds, Grant Number 4618901 ALERT Law Enforcement Training.
- c. **Resolution:** Approving the application for non-matching grant funds, Grant Number 4623201 Ballistic Shields.
Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.
Councilmember Manley, seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:38pm Council moved to Agenda Item #7, and considered item c.

7. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action

- c. Review and Approve TML Health Renewal Notice.
John Pierik explained that staying with the Collective II plans would result in an increase cost of 17% to premiums for employees. TML Health now offers a Collective III plan with a higher deductible that would raise premiums only 8.13% on the Copay plan and 5.94% on the HSA plan. Mr. Pierik recommended supplementing the employer contribution to offset the higher deductible, which is within budget, keeping the employee costs close to current premiums and choosing the Collective III plan with the lower percentage increase.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve going to Collective III.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

At 5:42 pm Council moved to Agenda Item #8.

8. City Manager's Report

- a. The Public Management community planning onsite evaluation has been completed, and a report will be submitted in the future.
- b. Meeting with engineers regarding water system and improvements.
Engineers are writing up a proposal involving the floating intakes at lake.
An agreement with Atmos Energy has been reached to erect a building at their yard, to bore and tap into the raw line. Additional talks will be had with the engineers in Abilene concerning the additional floating intakes.

At 5:45 pm Council moved back to Agenda Item #2.b.

2. Public Hearing at 5:45 PM

- b. Regarding the proposed 2022-2023 tax rate of .465916/100 valuation.
Mayor Pro-tem Morrish opened the public hearing at 5:45 pm and called for public comments.
No comments were made.
Mayor Pro-tem closed the public hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 tax rate of .465916/100 valuation at 5:46 pm.

At 5:46 pm Council moved to Agenda Item #7; a and b

7. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:

- a. Discuss, consider, and act upon:
 - i. Ordinance No. 2022-09-001 adopting the FY 2023 City of Ballinger Budget.
City Manager Frieda stated the Budget has not changed from the original draft budget presented at the Workshop.
City Secretary Ross read Ordinance No. 2022-09-001 caption.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Councilmember Manley made the motion to approve.
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Mayor Seymore	Absent
Councilmember Manley	For
Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Councilmember Gray	For

The Motion passed and the budget for FY beginning October 1, 2022 is approved.

- ii. Resolution 2022-2023 acknowledging and ratifying that the adoption of the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual budget will require raising more revenue from the property taxes than the previous year.

Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve.
Councilmember Gray seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Mayor Seymore	Absent
Councilmember Manley	For
Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Councilmember Gray	For

Motion passed.

- b. Discuss, consider, and act upon Ordinance No. 2022-09-002 of the City of Ballinger adopting the 2022 Property Tax Rate of \$0.465916 per \$100 valuation. City Secretary Blaine Ross read Ordinance No. 2022-09-002 caption.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER APPROVING THE 2022 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, NOT EXEMPT BY LAW; PROVIDING REVENUES FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO ASSESS TAXES USING THE TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Morrish made the motion to approve.
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.

Record Vote:	
Mayor Seymore	Absent
Councilmember Manley	For
Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Councilmember Gray	For

The Motion passed and the tax rate of \$0.465916 per \$100 is approved.

Following the vote on the budget and tax rate, Council moved back to item 8

8. City Manager's Report

- d. City Manager Frieda commented on work being done to the exterior of City Hall, replacing rotted wood and research of historic paint colors. Emerald green appears to be the paint used originally, which matches the paint on the Santa Fe signs on the building and recommended this color to be used.
- c. Public Works Update.
 - Recent leak repair on 5th street completed.
 - Manhole replacement and street repair on Broad completed.
 - Crew working on cleaning cones at Water Treatment Plant which will help in reducing the manganese in the water supply.
 - Replacement of valves and plastic lines in pool chemical regulating equipment this year has reduced chemical usage. Chemical controller is now tied into the internet and can be controlled remotely.
 - Sludge pit cleanup is slower than expected due to the fact it may have never been performed in the past but continuing towards completion.

9. Future Agenda Items: None

10. Executive Session:

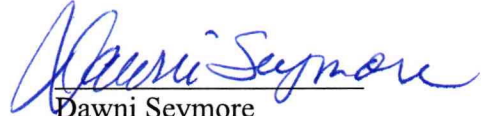
None

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Morrish made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm.

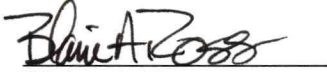
Councilmember Lange seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary