

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