

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

On the 20th day of November 2023, the Ballinger City Council meet 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
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Absent:

Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3

Staff Present:

Randy Everett	Interim City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
David Brem	Public Utilities Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore call the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** City Attorney Hicks gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Elaine Paske inquired about any plans the City may have concerning the Old School Property. She is to discuss with Interim City Manager Everett.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the November 6th, 2023, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution No. 2023-11-001 canvassing the election returns and approving the results of the General Election of November 7th, 2023, for Council Place #1 and confirming that Mayor and Council Place #2 ran unopposed and re-elected. City Secretary Ross read the Election Cumulative Results declaring the winners as being:
 - Single Member District # – Ken Manley
 - Single Member District #2 – Rick Morrish
 - Mayor – Dawni SeymoreCouncilmember Gray made a motion to approve the election results and Resolution No. 2023-11-001 accepting the tally and declaring the winners. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Swearing in and Oaths of Office for Mayor and Councilmembers Place #1 and #2. City Secretary Ross lead the swearing of the Anti-Bribery and Oath of office to Mayor Seymore and Councilmember Place #2 Morrish. Councilmember Manley was absent.
- c. Setting time and place for regular and special council meetings: Mayor Seymore stated the current time and place for regular and special council meetings are fine. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve no change of time or place. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Setting the salaries for Mayor and Council: Councilmember Gray recommended no change in salaries. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the no change in salaries for mayor or councilmembers. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem: Councilmember Gray stated that he would prefer for all councilmembers to be present. Councilmember Gray made a motion to table the appointment of mayor pro-tem. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Discussion and possible action, closing Lake Park for the months of December 2023 through February 2024. Interim City Manager Everett stated this has been a yearly common practice to allow for maintenance. Councilmember Gray made a motion to close Lake park as requested. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. City Manager's Reports:

- a. Public Works Update:
 - i. Streets and Parks. Public works director Bowman stated that paving materials have been purchased and repairs to streets and filling of potholes will resume.

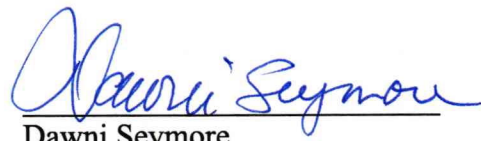
- ii. Water Treatment Plant, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Treatment. Interim City Manager introduced David Brem as the newly appointed Public Utilities Director.
- iii. Upcoming projects. Interim City Manager Everett outlined the following projects: Cleaning of City owned properties, installing flush valves, having all fire extinguishers inspected, upcoming dam inspection by TCEQ, Lead and Copper Pipe Inventory to start in January 2024, and two items that will be managed by engineering firm Enprotec, Hibbs and Todd: Risk management plan that must be updated every five years and the TLAP, Texas Land Application permit that must be updated every three years.

8. Executive Session: Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.


- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
- b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
- c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

9. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session: The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no votes and no actions were taken.

10. Adjourn: Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary