

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

On this the 4th day of April 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	Mayor Pro-tem
Ryan Lange	Council Member Place 3
Steven Gray, Jr	Council Member Place 4

City Staff:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Cord Bowman	Code Enforcement
John Pierik III	Assistant City Manager
Brenda Shaw	Interim City Secretary

Others present: Elaine Paske and Estella Gonzalez.

1. Call meeting to order:

Mayor Dawni Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Pray and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag:

Council Member Manley gave the invocation and lead pledges.

3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

Elaine Paske with Parks Board addressed the Council on the Circus event held this past weekend. Elaine Paske stated they sold 465 tickets and the event was a success.

Estella Gonzalez addressed the Council on how much she appreciated the changes and improvement made throughout the City; she had a question on street closure between 4th and 5th and when or if it would reopen, she also had concerns about people spending the night in the area.

5. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Approval of minutes from the February 21, 2022, and March 7, 2022, meetings.

Councilmember Lange made the motion to approve consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Regular Agenda:**

- a. **Excavator Lease:** Assistant City Manager John Pierik updated Council on excavator lease options. After consideration of two options.

Councilmember Gray made the motion to approve option #2 for a JS131 Excavator for \$132,200.00 after trade with payoff; 60-month lease/\$1,642.00 monthly. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Mural:** Council discussed retaining an artist to paint one or more murals in downtown.

Councilmember Lange made the motion to move forward with consulting with Calina Mishay Johnson to paint murals. The Council will make a final decision on this item at a future date. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Police Department report – Police Chief, Ray Cornutt gave monthly report for March 2022.
- b. Park Board Easter Egg Hunt at City Park on April 9th at 10:00 a.m. City Manager Frieda updated Council on this event stating there will be barricade's set for event. Elaine Paske stated there was a need for individuals to hide the eggs and the Easter Bunny will be in attendance.
- c. Pool update including portable restrooms – Assistant City Manager John Pierik gave update on pool and the city owned portable restrooms.
- d. Public works update – City Manager Frieda updated the Council on Sewer line replacements and street repairs.

8. Executive Session:

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:21 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney.

9. Reconvene:

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session.

10. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



BLAINE ROSS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY