

STATE OF TEXAS)()
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()
CITY OF BALLINGER)()

On this the 5th day of January, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2014 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits
Paul G. Jalomo- 12'x16'x10' storage building- Lot 9-10, Block 1- Miller Addition. Located at 414 N. 11th Street between Murrell and Harris Avenues \$3,000.00
Jay Boy Martinez-20'x10'x5' carport- Lot 1, Block 31- Clampitt Revision. Located at 608 Broad Avenue between Broadway and 6th Street \$450.00
Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark McNulty presented the Council with the monthly activity report. He told the Council that the department worked more accidents and DWI's this month. They also worked two firearms cases this month. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement for the month of December 2014. The report shows the general fund to be in deficit and the water/sewer fund is strong and in the black. He is not worried about the general fund at this time because he feels it will level out once the tax revenues are received.

**HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Jolene McBurney asked about the drainage ditch on 14th Street and what the City's plan was to dispose of the burned houses on 13th and 14th Streets.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to open the executive session at 6:05 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update report on alternative water sources and hear presentation from proposed engineering firms) and Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property-Discuss property as water source). **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 7:05 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to draw up an options contract with the City of Clyde to purchase a minimum of 1,000 acre up to 1,750 acre feet of water for the purchase price of \$50,000 for the option consideration. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to hire Jacob & Martin, LTD as the engineering firm for the City of Ballinger. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
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CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 19th day of January, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Absent	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Toby Virden –Runnels County 4H.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting, with note of one correction. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Stan Maresch informed the Council that Cop-sync was being installed tomorrow. He also told the Council that he would like to make a presentation at one of the meetings next month on body cameras for the police department.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE SCOPE OF WORK WITH JACOB & MARTIN ENGINEERING:

Bryan informed the Council that Ken Martin did not have his presentation prepared, and that the issue should be tabled.

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to table any action on the issue. **Second by Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RUNNELS COUNTY 4-H LEADER FOR LIFE:

The following resolution was read to members the Ballinger 4H Leader for Life;

RESOLUTION NO. 01-19.2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS, ACKNOWLEDGING
THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RUNNELS COUNTY 4-H LEADERS FOR
LIFE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS:

WHEREAS, Parliamentary Procedures team members Alyssa Flanagan, Rachel Gibbs, Hannah Pinckney, Jennifer Castelberry, Ethan Bredemeyer, and Brylee Matschek put in tireless hours of work and dedication under the instruction of coaches Toby Virden and Bill Bredemeyer; and

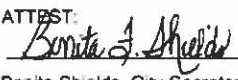
WHEREAS, the Team has successfully competed in District 7 Leaders for Life, and

WHEREAS, the Team represented District 7 at the Texas 4-H Roundup, triumphantly defeating 18 other teams for the honor and privilege of representing the Great State of Texas, and

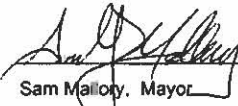
WHEREAS, the Team on January 11, 2015, was awarded first place in the Western National Roundup National Parliamentary Procedures contest, beating teams from 35 states and Canada, completing an undefeated year, securing a National Championship.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Ballinger duly recognizes the accomplishments of the Team of these young men and women who demonstrated hard work, persistence, and success for themselves, their organization, Runnels County, and the City of Ballinger.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this the 19th day of January 2015

ATTEST:

Bonita Shields, City Secretary




Sam Malloy, Mayor

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the resolution as presented. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permit;

Jerry B. Smith- 25'x10'x5' carport- Lots 1-2, Block 13- Wilke Terrace Addition.
Located at 206 Sargent Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets \$3,000.00
Second by Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes reported that the City received \$50,217.21 in sales tax revenue for the month. This is up from last year and the total received for the fiscal year shows a 14% increase from last year. The City was closed today for Martin Luther King holiday. The next regular Council meeting which is scheduled for February 2, 2015 needs to be held at 12 noon because he and three other Council members will be attending a meeting in Austin, Texas that evening.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:25 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071- Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update report on alternative water sources). **Second by Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:35 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

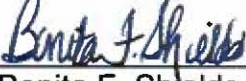
None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
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On this the 2nd day of February, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 12 o'clock Noon in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Tammie Virden – Chamber of Commerce, Kathy Elliott, Alisa Plumley- Ballinger Youth Baseball.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE BALLINGER LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION TO LEASE THE BASEBALL FIELD LOCATED ON SEALY AND S. 4TH STREET:

Kathy Elliott met with the Council to request the continued use of the field for practices. They have been using the field for the last two years and would like to continue using it. They also requested a way to provide electricity for a batting cage. The Council agreed to lay the proper lines, but they would be responsible for the electric bills. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion for a two year contract to be draw up with Ballinger Youth Baseball for use of the field. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Venture Fields, LLC% Golden Chick Restaurant- 29.73'x82.19'x18' new restaurant-150' x156' tract of Block 2- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1901 Hutchings Avenue between South Woodward and Hickory Hill Road \$650,000.00 **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING CAROLYN LITTLE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to reappoint Carolyn Little as the municipal court judge for another two years. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark reported that the department is waiting on the air cards and a few computer parts and the cop-sync will be up and running.

Burglaries are up; they had a call for a shooting which will go before the grand jury. They will be applying for a grant with Justice Assistance with Council approval. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of January, 2015. He told the Council that the number looked strong on the financial statement. The sales tax revenue was up from compared to last year in January. The auditor is working on the audit and plans to present it to the Council at the next meeting.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 12:15 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071- Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update report on alternative water sources). **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


The Council convened in session until 1:39 p.m. and **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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On this the 16TH day of February, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session 12 o'clock noon in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Stanley Maresch	Police Sargent

Others present: Toby Virden -**KRUN**, Ruben Cantu - **Ballinger Ledger**, Tammie Virden- **Chamber of Commerce**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE APPLYING FOR A GRANT WITH JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT:

Stanley Maresch met with the Council to request their approval for the police department to apply for a grant to get body cameras and possibly a new vehicle. If approved the funding would be available October 2016. There is not a match requirement for this grant. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the police department to apply for a grant with Justice Assistance. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM:

Bryan reported to the Council that this is a project that was approved a year ago. The funding was approved by a Texas Community Development grant to build a fourth holding pond at the wastewater treatment plant. When the R/O system was installed the Council was told that the pond would be needed for the excess waste from the system. TDA has cancelled the project and the City has until March 1, 2015 to decide if they want to continue with the project. The City would have one year to complete the project. If the City continues with the project the City cost would be \$66,000 and if they decided to cancel the project the City would have to repay TDA \$15,050 for funds already received on the project, Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd \$14,275.00 and Public Management \$10,300.00 for work already done on the project. It was also pointed out to the Council that if they decided to cancel the

project and needed the pond in the future TDA would not approve the grant again. The City crew would do the work through a force account. The Council discussed the proposed plans to possibly have a regional water treatment project. If the regional treatment project is approved the 4th pond would be needed. After further discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to proceed with plans to build a fourth pond at the wastewater treatment plant. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to purchase a 2004 Dodge extended cab pick-up from Tanner Nixon for the amount of \$17,000.00. **Second by Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE THE CARVER SCHOOL PROPERTY LOCATED ON S. 8TH STREET:

Tammie Virden met with the Council to ask if the Chamber would be allowed to use the property at the Carver school to install a stage and make use of the property for their functions. Larry Joe Taylor has talked to the Chamber about building a stage and using Ballinger as one of their venues. The Chamber was given permission to use the property and building in the past. The windows and doors were put back on the building, but before they could do anything with the building it was vandalized again. The City then advertised the property and only one person was interested. He wanted to purchase the building for storage and Council wanted to rent. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to authorize the Chamber of Commerce to move forward with their plans for use of the property. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON COVERED PARKING FOR WILLINGHAM INSURANCE:

Bryan reported to the Council that Mark Willingham has approached him again about getting covered parking for his employees on the lot across the alley from his building. Mark has stated that he would purchase the material if the City would put the carport up. The Council questioned if Mark had been paid by insurance, and Bryan reported that he was paid approximately \$64,000 for damages. The Council questioned if Mr. Willingham was still donating the building to the City. After discussion with no firm resolution, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table any action on the matter. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Billy W. Jones- 22'x21'x 7' carport- Tract 2, Block 1- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1611 Hutchings between the river and Voelkel Avenue \$1,347.71

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 12:50 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071- Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update report on alternative water sources). **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 1:10 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to pay Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. \$45,000.00 engineering services associated with the search for alternative water sources for the City of Ballinger. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes reported on the \$174,034.93 that the City received in sales tax this month. He also reported that Golden Chick has started moving dirt for their new facility.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m.
Second by Comm. and was unanimously approved.


Sam Malkory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
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On this the 16th day of March, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Absent	City Attorney
Stan Maresch	Police Sargent

Others present: Gaye Howard- Citizen.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Gaye Howard- Met with the Council to complain about the condition of the water at her house located at 601 CR 229. She would like for the City to see if there is anything that can be done to improve the water quality at her house. She has a water filtering system and in the past she had to change the filters every three months, but starting recently she has had to change them every month. The Council told Mrs. Howard that they would have the water department look into the matter to see if there is anything that the City can do to help her.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM STAN BICKEL AND LONE STAR MARKET EVENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9-10, 2015:

Stan Bickel met with the Council to request help with advertising for the Lone Star Market event that is scheduled for April 9-10, 2015. Mr. Bickel reported to the Council that he feels that this event will help Ballinger by bringing more revenue to town through motel rooms, sales tax, and people eating at the different stores and restaurants. He would like to advertise in Odessa, Midland, San Angelo, Abilene and Lubbock. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to authorize the payment of \$2,500.00 to Lone Star Market to support advertising and encourage the Chamber of Commerce to donate the same amount from the hotel/motel tax revenue received. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUTTING ELECTRICITY AT THE NEW LAKE FOR WATER PUMPING:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that the City has spent \$6,000.00 for diesel fuel to run the generator at the lake. The generator pumps the water from the chauffer dam to the intake for the water to be delivered to the water plant. This has to be done when the lake gets too low. The cost to have electricity set up at

this point would be approximately \$8,500 with Coleman County Electric setting the pole and the City running the electrical line to the pole. If there is no sufficient rain fall between now and July or August the water will be too low to even pump. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table this matter until more information could be obtained. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE BALLINGER HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to reappoint Martha Hartley as the resident commissioner and appoint Diane Miree to the board for the Ballinger Housing Authority. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BID RECEIVED FOR SALE OF LOT:
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:**

The tax collector received a bid for the purchase of Part of Lot 12, Block 6- College Heights Addition. The property is located at 705 Hamilton Avenue. The delinquent taxes owed on the property for year 2008-2014 are \$4,735.01.

After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to reject the bid offer of \$1,000.00. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Oscar Galindo- 24'x23'x9' storage building- Lot 1, Block 14- Bowden Addition.

Located at 1309 9th Street between East and Largent Avenues. \$2,500.00

Rex Mason- 26'x27' addition to home- Lot 9, Block 5- Wilke Terrace Addition.

Located at 303 Avenue A between 3rd and 4th Streets \$50,000.00

Sarah Foster- 12'x21'x8' storage building. Lot 12, Block 8- Wilke Terrace Addition.

Located at 311 Largent Avenue 3rd between and 4th Streets \$3,000.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan and the Council presented Bonita with roses for her birthday, which is today. He invited the Council to the TML Region 6 meeting on Thursday, March 26 at the Acapulco starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan reported to the Council that Ken Martin will be at the meeting to give the Council an update in water resource options. He reported that they will be installing cameras in the front lobby for security measures.

Phillip Arp requested that the Willingham carport issue be put back on the agenda for final action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

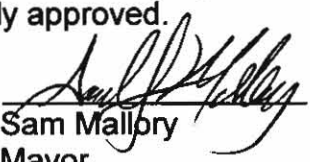
No executive session was held because the City Attorney was absent.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

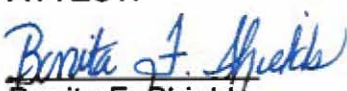
None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
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On this the 6th day of April, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director
Randy Everett	WTP Operator

Others present: John Haston, Ann Haston, Max Pratt, Juanita Pratt, Elizabeth Cook, Stan Bickel- **Citizens**, Brian Campbell, Tammie Virden-**Chamber of Commerce**, Ken Martin- **Jacob & Martin, LTD.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Max Pratt was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAX PRATT:

Mayor Sam Mallory presented Max Pratt with a proclamation thanking him for his service to the City of Ballinger. He has been the pastor of 9th Street Church of Christ for 40 continuous years. He has also performed countless number of public service hours to the community, including school bus driver, PA announcer for football games, jail ministry, food pantry, and worked at the Ballinger Ministerial Alliance and other numerous acts of generosity for the betterment of Ballinger. The City Council thanked him for everything that he has done for the community.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HAVE A PARADE APRIL 25, 2015 FOR THE ETHNIC FESTIVAL:

Tammie Virden met with the Council to request having a parade on April 25, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. to kick off the 40th annual Ethnic Festival event for the week-end. The parade will start on 6th Street and travel down Hutchings Avenue to 8th or 10th Street up to Railroad Avenue back to 6th Street. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to have a parade on April 25, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PRESENTATION FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING THE LONE STAR MARKET EVENT:

Brian Campbell met with the Council concerning the action taken at the last meeting for the donation made to Lone Star Market for advertising. He told the Council that the Chamber just wanted clarity on the motion since the City gives the Chamber all the funds collected from hotel/motel tax for tourism. Comm. Phillip Arp told him that the motion states that they encouraged the Chamber to donate \$2,500 to Lone Star Market for advertising.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF ELIZABETH COOK TO USE THE AIRPORT HANGAR FOR THE CURING CANCER DANCE ON MAY 1-2, 2015:

Elizabeth Cook met with the Council to request the use of the airport hangar for the Curing Cancer Music Festival on May 1-2, 2015. This will be the 6th year for the event. They are going to try having a cook-off this year and have a bounce house for the kids to try and get more people to attend. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to approve the use of the airport hangar for the Curing Cancer Music Festival on May 1-2, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECT FOR THE WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Bryan reported to the Council that bids were opened on April 3, 2015 for the rock rip rap and crushed limestone base material needed for the WWTP project. There was only one bid received from West Texas Rock Resources, LLC in the amount of \$86,065.00. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to accept the bid as received. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM MARK WILLINGHAM TO INSTALL COVERED PARKING FOR HIS BUSINESS:

The Council removed from the table the covered parking request from Mark Willingham. Bryan told the Council that the covered parking would be put on the back part of the lot next door to 109 S. 8th Street. This is the property where the old building was removed. A proposed 18'x20' piece of the property would be deeded to Mark Willingham for the covered parking to be placed on. This area would be paved. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to supply the material and pave the area for a covered parking lot to be erected on part of Lot 11, Block 19 of the Original Addition. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and the motion end in a tie with Mayor Sam Mallory, Commissioners Phillip Arp and voting "AYE" and Commissioner Darlene Kelly and Jolene McBurney voting "NAY".

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE BALLINGER ROTARY CLUB TO RENT THE FRONT ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Bryan reported to the Council that the Ballinger Rotary Club has requested to use the community center on Tuesdays for their weekly meeting. They are presently using the community room of the Ballinger Housing Authority. They would use the front room only for about three hours each week. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to approve allowing the Ballinger Rotary to use the front room of the community center weekly for \$50.00 per month. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PURCHASE A DOZER FROM YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that he feels that they will need a bigger dozer for the up-coming projects. He has looked a 2013 used dozer from Yellowhouse Machinery and they are costing approximately \$152, 000.00 with a \$25,000 trade in on the one that the City has. The dozer had 2,500 hours of use on it. This one has already sold, and Steve requested that the Council approve the purchase for one that may come up in the future. If he finds one, no payment would be required this fiscal year and Yellowhouse would budget annual payment for the next five years. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to purchase

a 700K dozer for the amount not to exceed \$155,000.00. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Clayton L. Binder- 24'x24'x11' workshop- Part of Lot 6, 7, Block 1- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 400 Avenue A between 4th and 5th Streets \$4,000.00

Linda Taliaferro- 10'x16'x7' storage building- Lot 3, Block 114- First Railroad Addition. Located at 405 N. 5th Street between Bonsall and Murrell Avenues \$2,375.00

Tommy Chambliss- 24'x31'x8' carport- Tract 6, Block 11- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1930 Hutchings Avenue between Woodward Avenue and Hickory Hill Road \$2,500.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark presented the Council with the monthly police activity report. The report shows the department made 14 arrests, and 1 juvenile citation was issued. The family violence calls are up. Sam Batts hurt his shoulder on an animal call lifting a goat. Cop-sys is working well and they have issued a few more tickets and fines are up. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement. He pointed out to the Council that this is the sixth month of the year and the statement really looks good. Sales tax is doing well and water/ sewer revenue is up from last year at this time period. He reported he will be going to Austin next week to meet with TCEQ and the Water Development Board concerning water permitting and 12 month extension on the alternate water project. Bonita and Malisia will be attending the USTI conference on April 8-10, 2015 in Dallas.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:20 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney (Hear updates report on alternative water sources and progress report from Ken Martin, engineer). **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


They convened in session until 8:05 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

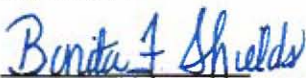
None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 20th day of April, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory Mayor
Phillip Arp Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields City Secretary
Bryan Grimes City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff City Attorney
Mark McNulty Chief of Police

Others present: Hector Reyna, Peter Estrada, Brian Hallmark, Joe Fuentes-Citizens.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Hector Reyna- 703 N. 11th Street met with the Council to complain about the condition of 11th Street. The Mayor explained to Mr. Reyna that the City was in the process of replacing all the water lines on 11th Street between East and Murrell Avenues. Once all the lines have been replaced the plan is to take up the old paving and completely resurface the street. He asked Mr. Reyna to be patience with us and the City will try to have the streets repaired by this summer.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE OPERATION OF SMOKEY JOE'S BBQ AT THE TEXAS THEATER:

Brain Hallmark and Joe Fuentes met with the Council to discuss the operation of Smokey Joe's in the Texas Theater building. They would like to be able to set up the pit on 8th Street on Saturdays to let people know that he is open for business. There has been one business owner complain about the smoke. They were told that he would have to apply for a variance to the ordinance in order to keep putting the pit on 8th Street. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to grant Smokey Joe's Bar-B-Que a thirty day exemption from the ordinance starting April 23, 2015 pending the resolution of the issue. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE OPERATION AND RATES FOR THE SWIMMING POOL:

Bryan introduced Peter Estrada to the Council as the new pool manager. Peter told the Council that he was a certified life guard instructor through YMCA and a certified pool manager through Red Cross. He has worked in Abilene and taught life guard certification classes through-out Texas for the past six years. He has twelve people that he has interviewed to work at the pool this year, and has six more applications that he can look at. The pool will open on May 30, 2015 and close on August 15, 2015. People will still be able to schedule end of summer parties from August 15-23, 2015. They will be issuing family passes this year for \$100.00. A family of five will be allowed to enter at no charge with the pass, and more than five will be charged \$1.00 per person.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE 2015 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to accept the 2015 consumer rates of \$1.71 residential, 3.87 non-residential, and \$5.83 point to point for land line right of way fees. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO CONSIDER RUNNING ELECTRICITY TO THE LAKE FOR WATER PUMPING:

Bryan Grimes reported to the Council that this is something that the Council discussed at the last meeting, and it was tabled for the staff to find a place for the cost in the budget. Mr. Grimes reported there was money already allocated in the water treatment plant budget for this expense, and Coleman County offered a \$2,000 savings so the work has already been done and Council official approval is needed. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to remove the item from the table and approve the installation of electricity at the lake for water pumping purpose. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT POLICY:

At the February 3, 2015 Council meeting the Council voted to stop all leak adjustments, and if a customer had a water leak to allow them three to six months to pay off the charges incurred with a water leak. It was reported to Mr. Grimes that people are having a hard time paying these charges. It was also reported to the Council that only seven people are on a pay-out agreement at this time for a total about due of \$1,544.16. The other customers that have had water a leak, just paid the bill in full when they were told that we did not give leak adjustments anymore. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to leave the current leak adjustment policy in place, but give the City Manager the authority to allow adjustments in special occasions. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Joe R. Villarreal- 20'x25'x8' building- Tract 7, Block 80 West End Addition. Located at 1903 N. 8th Street between Avenue A and Country Club \$5,000.00
Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported that the City had a gas leak in the service line to the water plant. It has been repaired. Bryan will be attending a Public Fund Investment conference in Austin on Thursday and Friday. The street department was cleaning 8th Street and the door windows for Apples & Spice and Demand Staff were broken. This will be filed on City insurance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jolene McBurney made the motion to open the executive session at 7:05 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(Consultation with

City Attorney for update report on alternative water resources). **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 7:55 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:


None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary


Sam Mallory
Mayor

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 4th day of May, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Corey VanZandt	IT Technician/ Code Enforcement

Others present: Stan & Gayle Bickel- **Citizens.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

HEAR A REPORT FROM STAN BICKEL ON THE PROCEEDS OF THE LONE STAR MARKET:

Stan Bickel met with the Council to report the proceeds of the Lone Star Market event held April 10-11, 2015. He reported that he had 1,200 people come through the event. There were 60 booths set up with at least three people in each. Several of the vendors reported that they had better business this year than last year. The businesses reported that they had a good turn out and several people from out of town have come back to Ballinger to shop. Stan also reported that he spent approximately \$6,800 on advertising, and appreciated the donation from the City. They have plans to have another event in October.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM TYLER SMITH TO ABANDON THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 37 OF THE WEST END

ADDITION:

Tyler Smith met with the Council to request the abandonment of the alley located in Block 37 of the West End. The records show that the alley has never been open, and there are no utilities located in the alley. The Gray Estate has a house located at 1600 N. 9th Street that they are trying to sale. There is currently a shed built about 7' in the alley and the abandonment would help clean up the deed. If the City would approve the abandonment of the alley 10' would be deeded to the Gray Estate and the other 10' would be deeded to the property owners on the other side of the alley. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to authorize the abandonment of the alley located in Block 37 of the West End Addition. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD TO APPROVE A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR CARRIE KNOWLTON- 211 LARGENT AVENUE:

Corey Van Zandt reported to the Council that the specific use permit was presented to the Planning & Zoning board on April 28, 2015. The proper notices were sent out to the property owners within a 200' radius. They had one owner to protest, but he did not attend the board meeting. Mrs. Knowlton requested the specific use permit to sale bake goods out of her home. The Planning & Zoning board made the recommendation to unanimously approve the request. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning board to approve the specific use permit for 211 Largent. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVTY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark reported that arrest made were down this month. The domestic calls were up this month. He has hired Willie Covington as a patrolman.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Johnathan Nord- modular home- Lot 11-12, Block 1- Fairview Addition. Located at 1800 N. 11th Street between Avenue E and Bella Vista \$170,000.00

Bobby & Janice Patton- 20'x 18' carport- Lot 10, Block 13- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located and 205 Sharp Avenue between 2nd & 3rd Streets \$ 2,000.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of April, 2015. He will be in Austin on Wednesday. USDA has been in contact with him concerning a grant to purchase new vehicles for the police department. Chief McNulty reported that the department has one vehicle that needs to be replaced. Mike Conaway will be at the city hall on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Joe Selby's funeral will be Saturday May 9, 2015 at the 1st Baptist Church.

CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM CITY COUNCIL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:25 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

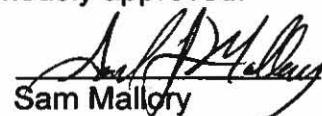
The Council convened in session until 6:55 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 18th day of May, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director
Stanley Maresch	Police Sargent

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE BID ON MATERIAL FOR THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM WASTEWATER PROJECT:

Bryan reported to the Council that three bids were received and opened. He received a call from Todd Cave with Public Management at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon stating that there was a problem with one of the bids, and they may have to re-bid. The City Attorney authorized the Council to table any action at this time to get needed action to take on accepting a bid. **After discussion, Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table any action at this time on accepting a bid. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE USDA GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE CARS:

USDA representative has been in contact with Bryan stating that the City still had a grant with them from 2013. The grant was originally submitted to purchase two Chevrolet Tahoe's for the police department. The grant was for \$25,000 leaving a balance of \$54,882 to be paid by the City of Ballinger. The vehicles have increased in price. The police department has since decided that the Tahoe does not have enough room in them for all the computers and equipment that they have to carry. The cost for the last Dodge Charger that the City purchased this year was \$38,974.00, which means that the City would have to come up with approximately \$65,000.00 for two new Chargers complete with all the needed equipment. The Council talked about replacing the animal control vehicle, and the grant that the

police department has applied for. This is not a budget item, and if the City uses the grant funds two vehicles have to be purchased. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to table any action for further information. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO SHUT DOWN THE CITY PARK ON JUNE 27, 2015 FOR THE ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE COOK-OFF:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize the Chamber of Commerce to close off the park for the annual Bar-B-Que cook-off on June 27, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits

Stephen Jenkins- 30'x40'x12' metal storage building- Lot 10, Block 124- First Railroad Addition. Located at 508 N. 4th Street between Field and Bonsall Avenues
\$17,000.00

Tommy Harrell- Metal barn for tractors- Lot 8-11, Block 5- Sunnyside Addition. Located at 307 Baker between Poplar and Maple Streets
\$12,000.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that the City will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day. The staff will be having hot dogs on Friday, May 22, 2015 for all City employees and the Council is invited. Bryan told the Council that he had a visit with two representatives from Republic concerning the garbage collections in Ballinger. This will be on the next agenda for discussion.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Darlene Kelly asked Steve Nixon to give a report on the status of the homes that have been condemned within the last eighteen months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:10 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


The Council convened in session until 6:20 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 1st day of June, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting, with corrections as noted. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Joe Garza- 20'x24'x9' carport- Lots 3-4, Block 9- Powell Addition. Located at 900 N. 12th between Sharp and Hamilton Avenues \$500.00

Tommy Chambliss- Ready built carport- Tract 6, Block 11- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1930 Hutchings Avenue between Woodward Avenue and Hickory Hill Road \$2,484.00

Kathy Fritze- storage building- Lot 10, Block 2- Blanchard Addition. Located at 709 N. Broadway between Harris & Eubank Avenues \$5,385.00

Ildifonsa Alvarez- mobile carport- Lot 15, Block 44-Original Addition. Located at 301 S. Broadway between Ball and Sealy Avenues \$ 795.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark McNulty presented the Council with the monthly activity report. The report shows that they made 18 arrests, filed 31 reports, answered 400 calls and had 1 curfew violation. The report also shows that the municipal court collected \$8,042.00 in fines. Mark told the Council that all drug arrests had been made from the raids and the cases are now in the hands of the District Attorney. The department has been patrolling the areas at both bridge construction sites because they have received calls from TX Dot of people speeding in those areas. Mark

reminded the Council that the animal control vehicle is getting worse and it will need to be replaced in the near future.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A USDA GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE CARS:

The Council discussed the grant from USDA. Bryan told the Council that \$25,000.00 is the amount of the grant for two vehicles. If the Council decides to purchase one vehicle the City would only get \$12,500.00 from the grant. The grant list two 2014 Tahoe's for \$45,000 each leaving the City contribution to be \$65,000.00. Bryan told the Council that money would have to be borrowed from the bank for these purchases. The Council was given bids for a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$45,998.53, 2015 Dodge Charger- \$41,921.55 and 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe- \$50,247.05. Mark McNulty told the Council that the department has a 2006 Ford Explorer and the animal control vehicle that needs to be replaced. The Council asked if a F250 truck could be purchased since the animal control is run through the police department. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to proceed with the grant to see if a F250 truck and 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe could be purchased through the grant and the City's contribution of \$65,000.00. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE BID ON MATERIAL FOR THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM WASTEWATER PROJECT:

The issue was removed from the table. Bryan reported that TML Legal Counsel and Scott Hay advised him that the bids received could be used if the cost for rental on the equipment needed for the project did not exceed \$50,000.00. Steve Nixon has told him that the project would take approximately two- three months and the rental costs could be kept under \$50,000.00. After discussion, **Phillip Arp** mad the motion to accept the bid as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON VACATION WATER RATES:

Bryan told the Council that in looking at the books for the garbage rates and collections it was found that we have 131 accounts that are considered on vacation. The customers are not sent a bill unless they use over 500 gallons of water for any given month. He figured that the City is losing approximately \$140,000.00 per year in revenue from minimum bills for water, sewer and garbage charges. This is not a policy that was ever approved by the Council and it is not sure the length of time that the vacation rates have been offered to customers. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to discontinue the vacation rate effective August 1, 2015 for the September 2015 billing. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. A letter will be written to the customers to make them aware of this change.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement. The Ballinger Lake is at 20%, not a noticeable increase from the rain. He is working on finding a solution for the mosquito problem. Bryan also informed the Council about the contract that the City has with MP2 for electrical service. The present contract expires in 2017.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to review the garbage disposal contract with Republic Services. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:45 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:46 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:55 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallojy
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))
CITY OF BALLINGER))

On this the 15th day of June, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Brian Hallmark- **Citizen.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting, with corrections as noted. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM BRIAN HALLMARK TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SIDEWALKS ON HUTCHINGS & 8TH STREET:

Brian Hallmark met with the Council to request the authority to place flower pots on the sidewalks of the two buildings owned by Paul Morrow located on the corner of 8th and Hutchings Avenue. They would like to do something to make the buildings look better. The Mayor told him that nothing could be placed on the front of the buildings because that was State property between the buildings and the highway. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to authorize flower pots to be installed on the 8th Street sidewalks of the Paul Morrow buildings not to exceed 24 inches wide. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

David & Christina Roman- 8'x26'x9' room addition to house- Lots A&D, Block 1, Bowden II Addition. Located at 800 N. 10th Street between Pou and Sargent Avenues \$5,000.00

Benny Vela, Sr.- portable carport- Part of Lot 1, Block 78-Foxworth Subdivision. Located at 1701 N. 11th Street between Avenues D & E. \$3,000.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported that the City received \$51,332.52 in sales tax this month. He received a report from Texas Water Development Board that shows Ballinger to be classed as abnormally dry after the recent rains. He informed the Council that he will be attending the West Texas Summit conference on August 4-5, 2015. He has also received information on the annual TML conference set for September 29-October 2, 2015 in San Antonio if anyone is interested in attending. The pool operation is doing well this year. He has received nothing but positive comments on the pool manager and lifeguards. City offices will be closed on Friday July 3, 2015 for the 4th holiday.

HEAR REQUEST FROM COUNCIL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney reported of trees that need to be trimmed on the corners of Largent and 8th Street and 15th Street and East Avenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 12:35 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to review the garbage disposal contract with Republic Services. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 12:45 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 12:46 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 1:00 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to move forward with plans to purchase 1250 acre feet of water from the City of Clyde, with part of the pipeline cost being paid for with money received from Texas Water Development Board. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 6th day of July, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS MAND TAKE ACTION TO RENEW THE JOINT ELECTION CONTRACT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize the renewal of the joint election contract with Runnels County. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH TMLIEBP:

The Council was presented with a bid notice showing the cost for health insurance. **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to accept the bid from TMLIEBP for health insurance coverage for health insurance coverage for City employees and their families as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CALL THE CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015:

The election for this year will be held on November 3, 2015. The seats that are up for election are the Mayor and Single Member Districts 1 & 2. The first day for anyone to sign up is July 24, 2015 through August 24, 2015.

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to call the City Officer's election for November 3, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A 2014 BOMAG VIBRATORY ROLLER WITH SHEEPFOOT ATTACHMENT FROM YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY:

Steve Nixon told the Council that this is a piece of equipment needed on the sewer improvement project to compact the dirt. The cost for the equipment is \$81,000.00 which can be out in next year's budget for payment. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to authorize the purchase of a 2014 Bomag compactor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Mike & Elva Riley- 18'X21'X6' metal carport- Lot 1, Pat of Lot 2, Block 94-First Railroad Addition. Located at 209 N. 7th Street between Phillips and Park Avenues
\$695.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

The Police Chief presented the Council with the monthly police activity report. He told the Council that everything was going on average. The department responded to 441 calls. They work the cases of two deaths and the DWI arrests were up this month. They also had several juvenile cases this month. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of June 2015. The reports shows court revenue up 75%, sales tax 13%, water sales 30% and sewer sales 40%. He is comfortable with the balances of revenue vs expenses. There are eight men in the street department and seven of them are working on the sewer improvement project. They will be out there for 2-3 months, and we will do the best that we can to keep thing going in town. He has received several complaints from residents on 11th Street.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

They requested the amendment of the ordinance for the parks to prohibit the use of glass containers be put on the next agenda for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:55 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:30 p.m., **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:35 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


The Council convened in session until 6:40 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:


None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary







STATE OF TEXAS)()
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()
CITY OF BALLINGER)()

On this the 3rd day of August, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Ernest Juarez, Travis Baird- **Police Officers**, Stephanie Gonzales, Sharon Baird, and Bill Baird- **Citizens**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A COMPLAINT FROM BERL PIRTLE CONCERNING THE TANK WATER PRICE AND STREET CONDITIONS:

Mr. Pirtle met with the Council to complain about the price per gallon that the City charges for getting the water at the airport. He felt that the price was excessive and told the Council that he will pay his \$15.00 bill, but he will be getting his water from a friend from now on. He also complained about the condition of the street in Ballinger and told the Council that he has had a problem with water standing in front of his house when it rains. He has asked about getting the street fixed for two years and nothing has been done. Mr. Grimes told Mr. Pirtle that he would visit with the Street Superintendent to see what needs to be done to repair and fix the street in front of his house located at 400 Sharp Avenue.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOY McDANIEL TO THE PARK BOARD:

Phillip Arp made the motion to appoint Joy McDaniel back on the City Park Board for a two year term. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Tres Amigos Convenience Store- 40'x15'x14' addition for new restrooms- Lots 5-10, Block 21-Original Addition. Located at 407 Hutchings Avenue S. 5th and 6th Streets \$24,000.00

Chris & Amada Burleson- 10'x16' prebuilt storage- Lot 1, Part of Lot 2, Block 5-Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 408 Broad Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets \$3,000.00

Steven Scrivener- 20'x21'x8' steel carport- Lot 10, Block 16- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 207 East Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets \$1,500.00

Jerry Salazar- 12'x12' shed- Lot 4, Block 5- Miller Addition. Located at 703 N. 10th Street between Pou and Eubank Avenues \$1,000.00

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF SANDRA VAN ZANDT TO GRANT PERMISSION TO HAVE A VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2015:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to grant Sandra VanZandt permission to have a Veteran's Day parade on November 7, 2015. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION NOTICES TO ERNEST JUAREZ AND TRAVIS BAIRD:

Mayor Sam Mallory presented the officers their commendation notices and thanked them for their dedication and hard work for protecting the City of Ballinger.

HEAR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:

Mark McNulty reported that the department made 20 arrests from 44 incidents. They also arrested 2 for DWI, issued 13 warrants and had 2 juvenile cases. The incidents for family violence are down and they wrote 92 citations for the month. There was a request for deferred adjudication, and Bryan Grimes told the Council that he would check with Judge Little to see why this is not offered in Ballinger court. The Council accepted the report as presented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING THE DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 TAX RATE AND PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET:

Bryan reported to the Council that he has set August 17, 2015 at 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. as the date for the public hearings on the tax rate and proposed budget. He has also set September 8, 2015 and date to adopt the tax rate and 2016 budget.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BONTE FOR DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS:

The Council discussed the inter-local agreement with the City of Bronte for disposal of their animals. The Council agreed that the agreement should have a statement for the handling of vicious animals. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement with the amendment of a vicious animal handling statement being added. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED LIONS CLUB/GRINDSTAFF PARK PROJECT:

Ebb Grindstaff reported to the Council that this is a project that the Lions Clubs of Ballinger have agreed to do. The property is a vacant lot located on Hutchings Avenue between Uckert's Main Street and Grindstaff's law office. The property belongs to Ebb and he has agreed to donate it to the City. The Lions would like to clean up the area and install 4-5 tables, open up the front facing Hutchings Avenue and put up some type of iron work. The Lions would incur all expenses of the project, and once it is complete the park would be deeded to the City and the City would be responsible for the maintenance of the area. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to accept the proposal as

presented by the Lions of Ballinger. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of July, 2015. He felt that the overall budget was looking good. The proposed goal for water revenue will be met. The water accounts that were on vacation have been taken care of by either disconnection or put back into the regular billing cycle. TML has asked him to serve on the resolutions committee and he accepted. He has been working on the budget and should be ready for a budget workshop at the August 17th meeting. He will deliver a copy of the proposed budget to each Council member before the meeting for their review.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:40 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.


The Council convened in session until 7:00 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)()
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()
CITY OF BALLINGER)()

On this the 17th day of August, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Allison Schaefer, Rick Sonneberg, Tammie Virden-Citizen, Elaine Paske, Terilyn Bowman- **City Park Board**, Ken Martin- **Jacob & Martin Engineering**, Ray Grothus- **Republic Garbage Collection**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 and August 3, 2015 meetings, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Elaine Paske and Terilyn Bowman met with the Council to inform them that the City Park Board had a fund raiser with the Carnegie Library and raised enough money to put the board back into the black. They wanted to thank the City Council for supporting them on their project to put new playground equipment in the park for the youth of the community. They will now start working on the donor board.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 FOR A LEADERSHIP PROJECT:

Allison Schafer met with the Council to inform them of the plans for a leadership project to raise funds for the renovation of the old Carver school site on South 8th Street. They have spent time at the school building picking up broken glass from the windows being broken out and the plans are to tear the building down to the concrete slab. To raise money for this project Allison and Rusty Fischer would like permission to use the community center to have a garage sale on September 12, 2015 when the Chamber has the city wide garage sales in Ballinger. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to allow use of the community to have a garage sale on September 12, 2015. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Tim & Darlene Kelly- Storage shed- Part of the Thos. Largent Survey 366/JM. Caldwell. Located at 1104 Murrell Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets \$450.00
Sanders Storage, Inc. - 24'x120' storage buildings- Lots 1-2, Block 34- Clampitt Revision. Located at 1600 N. Broadway between Avenues A& B \$51,840.00
Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and carries with Commissioners Phillip Arp, Jolene McBurney and Phillip Arp voting "Aye" and Commissioner Darlene Kelly abstained her vote.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that the City received the sales tax revenue for the month. The amount received was short compared to the revenue received last year. TCEQ has been in Ballinger to respond to a complaint received from Robin Lowe at the Assisted Living Center on the Bronte Highway. Mr. Lowe reported low water pressure. The sewer wastewater project is 75% complete and has passed all compaction test requirements.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 5:45 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:30 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:35 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to review the garbage contract with Republic. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

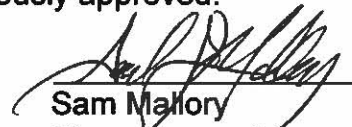
The Council convened in session until 7:49 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to authorize Republic to start the process to right size the number of dumpster needed for Ballinger garbage collection and continue the negotiation process on the CPI rate increase request by Republic. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


 Sam Mallory
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Bonita F. Shields
 City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)()
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)()
CITY OF BALLINGER)()

On this the 8th day of September, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Citizen.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.**

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO INSTALL STREET LIGHTS ON THE 700 AND 800 BLOCK OF 13TH STREET:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the request for the installation of street lights at the 700 and 800 blocks of 13th Street. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.**

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CONDEMNATION OF THREE BURNT RESIDENCES LOCATED AT 901 N 7TH STREET- 905 N 14TH STREET AND 505 N.13TH STREET:

Steve Nixon and Corey VanZandt were present at the meeting. They reported that letters have been sent out to all the property owners and they were notified of the meeting tonight. Judy Dean, property owner of 901 N. 7th Street, was present at the meeting and informed the Council that she has made arrangement to have the house torn down and disposed of starting October 1st. No other property owners were present. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to proceed with the process to condemn all three pieces of property located at 901 N. 7th, 905 N. 14th and 505 N. 13th Street. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.**

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE FOLLOWING LOTS TO THE CITY FROM DAN DANKWORTH:

Mrs. Dankworth visited with Bryan last week and has several lots that her husband Dan Dankworth owned that she would like to donate to the City. She stated that she does not have plans to do anything with the lots and no one could build anything on the lots because they are located in the flood plain.

The lots are 6-8, Block 82-Original Addition and Lots 6-10, Block 39-Original Addition. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to accept the donation of the lots as presented. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON PORTION OF FM 2887 (OLD WINTERS HIGHWAY) PER REQUEST OF TXDOT:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the ordinance as presented from TX Dot to reduce the speed limit for a portion of FM 2887. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TO APPOINT THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AS THE LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to appoint the animal control officer as the rabies control authority for the City of Ballinger. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM STAN BICKEL FOR SUPPORT OF THE LONE STAR MARKET EVENT:

Stan called and said that he could not be at the meeting, but would like to be put on the next agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Tommy Chambliss- 24'x32'x12'- Ready built carport- Tract 6, Block 11- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1930 Hutchings Avenue between Woodward Avenue and Hickory Hill Road \$2,809.09

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark reported that the department worked 38 reports, made 17 arrests, and wrote 78 citations. They also worked one case of domestic violence where the woman had a spinal fracture. They had one case with a methamphetamine arrest. He also reported that Ballinger has approximately 30 registered sex offenders. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that the cash flow for the City is getting low. This is due to less revenue being received from sales tax and the City taking care of all the expenses from the wastewater improvement project with no reimbursements from the State. He has talked to, Public Management the grant writer, and he has stated that the City will not receive any reimbursements until possibly late November. He informed the Council of the rate increase from Millersview-Doole for the purchase of 500 acre feet of water from \$1.3722 to \$1.58 effect October 1st. Bryan told the Council that this makes an 85% increase in cost from Millersview-Doole since the City started purchasing water from them. The Ballinger Lake level is down to 15% or less.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:10 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.
Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

On this the 14th day of September, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in special called session at 12:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory Mayor
Phillip Arp Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields City Secretary
Bryan Grimes City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff City Attorney

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:


Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to adopt the 2016 fiscal year budget as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and the motion passes with Mayor Sam Mallory, Commissioners Phillip Arp, Darlene Kelly, Jolene McBurney and Eloyed Fuentes voting AYE.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO SET THE 2015 CITY TAX RATE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to pass an ordinance to set the 2015 City tax rate at \$0.464879/100. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

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COUNTY OF RUNNELS))(
CITY OF BALLINGER))(

On this the 21st day of September, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director

Others present: Stan Bickel- **Citizen.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 and September 14, 2015 meetings, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM STAN BICKEL FOR SUPPORT OF THE LONE STAR MARKET EVENT:

Stan Bickel met with the Council to request help with the funding for advertisement for the event scheduled for October 9-10, 2015. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to table the request at this time. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 N 9TH STREET- LOTS 16-17, BLOCK 9- ORIGINAL ADDITION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion not to purchase the property located at 100 N. 9th Street. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Veronica & Robert Ford-16'x32'x8' add on-Lot 3, Block 40-Cameron Subdivision of West End. Located at 1105 Avenue B between 11th and 12th Streets \$30,000.00
Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that the police department received \$22,000.00 grant for equipment replacement and upgrade. The City will have to purchase the equipment and submit invoices for reimbursement. The sewer project is 80-90% complete. The deadline to have the project complete is November 12, 2015.

Bryan informed the Council that the City has not received any reimbursement from the sewer project from TDA. This is causing a shortfall in funds for the City because we have paid for all engineering fees, equipment rental, fuel, material and grant fees. He has talked to the grant writer and was informed that reimbursement would probably not be made until November 2015.

There was also \$80,000 shortage in revenue received from sale tax.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Comm. Phillip Arp asked that the ordinance building code definitions be looked at by the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


The Council convened in session until 6:50 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


 Sam Malloy
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Bonita F. Shields
 City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 5th day of October, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Elaine Paske-City Park Board.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Elaine Paske met with the Council to report that the donor board has been installed at the Imagination Station in the city park. The cost for the board was donated by the First National Bank. This completes the project. She also said that she has been approached about getting internet service in the park.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WIKTH RICHARD BOWMAN TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT ON THE BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YESR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to table any action on this matter until the next meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE RUNNELS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to table any action on this matter to give the Council time to see if they could get someone willing to serve. **Second by Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO RECONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM MARK WILLINGHAM TO INSTALL COVERED PARKING FOR HIS BUSINESS:

Bryan reported to the Council that this was put back on the agenda for reconsideration because on April 6, 2015 this issue ended with a 2-2 vote. The Council discussed deeding Part of Lots 11-12, Block 19- Original Addition to Mark Willingham and the City furnishing the material for Mr. Willingham to install a covered garage for his insurance business. Mr. Willingham's previous building was damaged when the City was tearing down a building next to him and part of the building fell through his roof. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to deed the land and purchase the material needed for a covered garage for Mark Willingham with the City receiving a signed release excluding the City of any further damages. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and the motion carries with Mayor Sam Mallory, Commissioners Phillip Arp and Eloyed Fuentes voting "AYE, Commissioner Darlene Kelly voted "NAY, and Commissioner Jolene McBurney abstained her vote.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Allen Cole- 12'x32'x10' portable storage building- Lot 9, Block 3- Sunnyside Addition. Located at 1802 Poplar Street between Baker and Woodward Streets

\$4,800.00

Perry Cole- 30'x12'x8' metal carport- Lot 5, Block 19- Wilke III Addition. Located at 1209 N. 5th Street between Largent and Hamilton Avenues

\$2,500.00

Rebecca Ferguson- 19'x34'x646' addition to house plus garage- Lots 7-8, Block 1- Reed Addition. Located at 505 Broad Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets

\$85,629.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark McNulty presented the Council with the monthly report. He reported that the family violence calls were up this month. They had 23 sex offenders contact the department, 3 accidents, and 66 citations. The department worked 1 burglary case, 1 methamphetamine arrest, one stolen car recovery and an arson church fire that had 4 juveniles handed over to juvenile probation. The police department was called to a fight at the apartments on 1500 N. 8th that ended with one person dead and another arrest for murder. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that he had to cash in three CD's to cover the shortage in cash flow. He also paid off the notes at Ballinger National Bank for the community center improvements-\$105,852.09 and the police cars-\$61,601.38. Mr. Grimes explained that the shortage is because the City has not been reimbursed any expenses on the sewer improvement project and there was a \$78,716 dollar credit given to one of the large payers of sales tax after a six year audit was conducted.

Bryan told the Council that the City crew will be replacing a 2" water line that is located on the Bronte Highway and services Ashwood Manor. The water line is over 25 years old and need to be replaced. The proposal would install a 6" water line across the Leonard property and bore under the highway to Ashwood Manor. This would loop the system, which allows Jason Battle to be put on the line and eliminate the need for flushing of the line.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Council requested that the request from Stan Bickel be put back on the agenda for Council consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:15 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

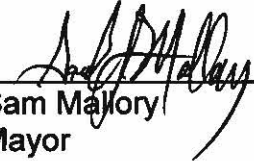
The Council convened in session until 6:48 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

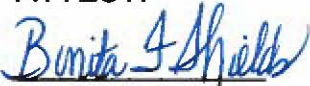
ADJOURN:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 19th day of October, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Dennis Barnett, Randy Everett- Citizen, Ken Martin-Jacob & Martin , LTD.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting, with noted correction. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Dan Patel and his manager met with the Council to see if the City had any resources to help with the expansion of their motel business. They are considering purchasing the lot located on the corner of 10th and Hutchings to tear down the building and build more motel rooms for their business, Executive Inn located at 1100 Hutchings Avenue.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM DENNIS BARNETT TO DEMOLISH HOUSE/STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 306 STRONG AVENUE:

This property belongs to the City and has a house and small shed on it. Mr. Barnett is interested in moving the shed off the lot. Steve Nixon reported that the City has plans to demolish the structures on the property, but if Mr. Barnett wanted to move the shed he did not see a problem with that. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve the request from Mr. Barnett and allow him six months to relocate the shed that is on the property located at 306 Strong Avenue. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE RUNNELS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT:

Bryan reported to the Council that Alvin Dunn presently represents the City. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to submit a resolution to nominate Alvin Dunn as a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors for the Runnels County Appraisal District. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH RICHARD BOWMAN TO

CONDUCT THE ANNUAL AUDIT ON THE BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to hire Richard Bowman to perform the audit on the books for the fiscal year ending September 14, 2015. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE LIMITED USE OF GOLF CARTS OR THE LIKEM FOR THE EXPLICIT PURPOSE OF DELIVERY OF PACKAGES AND PARCEL SERVICES:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to table this issue for more information. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO AMEND THE RATES AT THE BALLINGER RECYLING AND SET FEES FOR BRUSH/LIMBS DISPOSAL:

Bryan told the Council that the rate has not been amended since 1995. The current rates are \$5.00 per cubic yard for material placed in the 4 yd. dumpster and \$10.00 per cubic yd. for material placed in the 30 yd. roll-off containers. The City of San Angelo charges by the cubic weight. People can dispose of household items free of charge if they are water customers of the City of Ballinger. There is a separate charge to dump tires, shingles and building material. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to set the fees at \$7.50 per cubic yard for material placed in the 4 yd. dumpsters and \$15.00 per cubic yard for material place in the 30 yd. roll-off containers. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council also discussed charging a fee for brush/limbs disposal. Bryan told the Council that the brush truck is working today, but it is wore out and will not last too much longer. They have been looking for a replacement. They have found one that is a smaller truck and the cost of the truck is \$120,000.00. They Council discussed charging a fee for this service to help pay for the truck. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to pass an ordinance to set a \$2.50 per month for brush/limbs disposal on the water bills for customers under the age of 65 effective January 1, 2016. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM STAN BICKEL FOR ADVERTISING SUPPORT ON LONE STAR MARKET EVENT:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to donate \$1,000.00 to Stan Bickel to help with his advertising cost for the Hunt and Gather event that was held October 9-10, 2015. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

None

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council the reimbursement from Community Development Board for the sewer improvement project is in process. The City should receive \$21,000 next week and another \$71,000 within the next two weeks. We have bills for Public Management for grant writer and Enprotec Hibbs & Todd for engineering fee, but none of those bills will be paid until the City has received all their funds from the State. This project has been completed. The City offices will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day and November 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:40 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

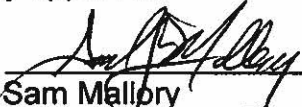
The Council convened in session until 7:50 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to see if the City could be reimbursed for planning and related expenses associated with the DWSRF funding with the Texas Water Development Board. Apply for a new PIF for the total cost of the alternative water source project with Texas Water Development Board and USDA subject to the City of Clyde agreeing to a one year extension on the purchase of water rights from Lake Fort Phantom. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))((
COUNTY OF RUNNELS))((
CITY OF BALLINGER))((

On this the 2nd day of November, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Lela Cox Kelly, Rick Sonnenberg-Citizens.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Lela Cox Kelly- 900 N. 8th Street- Met with the Council to voice her concerns about the condition of the property located across the alley from her mother's house. The house burned several months ago and still nothing has been done to remove the burned material. The house has been gutted, but there is plastic bottles and trash all over the yard. The weeds are grown up and she feels that this is a health hazard. They have had several people look at her mother's house but she feels that the condition of the property across the alley is why it has not sold. The Council explained that the house was condemned in October and Mrs. Dean was given 90 days to clean the property and have the burned structure removed. Mrs. Kelly said that she understood the time frame, but would appreciate anything that the City could do to help at least get the yard cleaned up.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS AN ORDER TO CANCEL THE CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015:

The three seats that were up for election only had Sam Mallory- Mayor, Phillip Arp-Single Member District 1 and Darlene Kelly- Single Member District 2 to sign up. No election is required. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to cancel the City Officer's election for November 3, 2015. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 21, 2015 AS "BALLINGER DAY OF THANKSGIVING":

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the proclamation as presented to declare November 21, 2015 as "Ballinger Day of Thanksgiving". **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION GIVING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THE AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS IN OLE BALLINGER PARADE ON NOVEMBER 28, 2015:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the resolution giving the Chamber of Commerce the permission to have a parade on November 28, 2015. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF RICK SONNENBERG TO REPAIR AVENUE E STREET AND DEVELOP THE LOT LOCATED IN THE 100 BLOCK OF S 8TH STREET INTO A PARKING LOT:

Rick Sonnenberg met with the Council to see if Avenue E between 8th and 9th Streets could be repaired. He told the Council that the street is in bad shape and has big holes in it that you have to drive around to miss. Mr. Grimes explained to the Council that this street is actually a water way and the only proper way to fix it is to concrete the whole street. The estimated cost to concrete this one block is \$50,000, which is the total street department budget for asphalt and street repairs.

Mr. Sonnenberg also requested that the lot across from his business located on S. 8th Street be made into a parking lot. Mr. Grimes explained that he did not think there was enough room in this area to make a parking lot because once someone parked on the lot they would not have room to turn around and exit on 8th Street and the other exits would be blocked because Willingham Insurance will be installing a covered parking on the back side of the lot. Mr. Grimes also stated that the cost to put paving material on the lot would cost too much. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to take no action on both requests at this time. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE LIMITED USE OF GOLF CARTS OR THE LIKE FOR THE EXPLICIT PURPOSE OF DELIVERY OF PACKAGE AND PARCEL SERVICES:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the ordinance to allow the limited use of golf carts or the like for the explicit purpose of delivery of package and parcel service in residential areas only. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTH REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark McNulty presented the monthly police activity report to the Council. The report shows that the department answered 405 calls, 13 family violence calls, wrote 32 reports and arrested 14 people. The Council accepted the report as presented.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Jesse Leon- 12'x10'x9' storage shed- Lot 6, Block 3-Sunnyside Addition. Located at 201 S. Woodward between Poplar and Elm Streets \$500.00

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council that TX Dot has approved the bore under highway 158 for the water line replacement. The water truck for the street department was involved in an accident on 13th Street and Largent Avenue. The City does not have a water truck at this time. The City has received \$ 21,036.04 for reimbursement on the sewer project and should receive another \$77,000 this week and the balance of approximately \$150,000 within the next two weeks.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

There will be an inter-local agreement with Runnels County that will be presented at the next Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:42 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


The Council convened in session until 7:50 p.m., and **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor**ATTEST:**

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS))(
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On this the 16th day of November, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Bryan Scott Watkins	Street Superintendent

Others present: Rick Sonnenberg, David Cowart- **Ballinger Cemetery Association**, Dionicia Hernandez-Citizen.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Dionicia Hernandez- Met with the Council to see if they would allow her to put another trailer on her property located at 1307 N. 13th Street. She has a trailer already on the property and no one is living in it and she would like to keep it on the lot and use for storage and move in another trailer for living quarters. The Council informed Mrs. Hernandez that this issue would have to be put on the agenda for the Council to take action on.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELECTION RESULTS TO BE CORRECT:

Mayor Sam Mallory, Single Member District One- Phillip Arp and Single Member District Two-Darlene Kelly signed up for another two years. They did not have any opponents. Therefore there was no need to have an election and they were declared elected for another two year term. **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to pass a resolution declaring the results to be correct. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS WILL BE ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE BY THE CITY SECRETARY:

Mayor Sam Mallory, Single Member District One-Phillip Arp, and Single Member District Two- Darlene Kelly were administered the oath of office by City Secretary Bonita F. Shields.

CONSIDER SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to leave the time and place for the regular and special Council meetings at the first and third Monday's of each month at 5:30 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSINERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to leave the salaries for the Council member the same of \$500.00 annual for the Mayor and \$250.00 annual for the Commissioners. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPOINTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to leave Darlene Kelly as the Mayor Pro-tem. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and the motion carries with Mayor Sam Mallory, Commissioners Jolene McBurney and Phillip Arp voting "Aye" and Commissioner Darlene Kelly abstaining her vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREETS AND OTHER SERVICES:

Bryan presented the Council a letter from Runnels County requesting an inter-local agreement for reimbursement for the use of the County's equipment and personnel for street repairs and other services that they help the City with. There was no one at the meeting from the County and the Council had questions about the rates for these services that were submitted. It was also brought to the Council's attention all of the services that the City provided to the County. They include storing their emulsion, use of the asphalt zipper, road barriers, haul truck and loader at no charge. After further discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to table any action on this matter until Bryan, Sam and City Staff can have a meeting with Runnels County to discuss the request in more detail. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO ADD A VOLUNTARY \$1.00 FEE ON WATER CUSTOMERS MONTHLY BILLING FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY:

David Cowart and Rick Sonnenberg met with the Council to request that a \$1.00 voluntary donation be put on the water bills monthly to help them with the cost of maintaining the Evergreen and Garden of Memories cemeteries. The number of people making donations is reducing each year and they are not receiving enough revenue to help pay for a person to keep the grounds and a cemetery manager. They have cd's but they are not allowed to cash those in and can only spend the interest earned on the principal. After discussion **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to approve the request of the Ballinger Cemetery Association to add a \$1.00 voluntary donation to all water customers monthly bill. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Joe V Lopez- 12'x14' storage shed- Lot 5, Block 11- Miller Addition. Located at 1101 N. 10th Street between Hamilton and Largent Avenues \$2,500.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan reported to the Council we are still waiting on the reimbursement from TDCA in the amount of \$158,000. The City received \$148,000 in sales tax for this month. The water department worked on three major water leaks during the Veteran's holiday. He reported on the accident with the City's water truck. The truck was a 1981 model and it was a total lost. He is planning a Christmas banquet

at the community center on December 10th or 17th for all the City employees, the Council and their spouses.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor invited the Council to the Thanksgiving Feast at the community center on Saturday, November 21st at 11:00 a.m. The request from Mrs. Hernandez needs to be put on the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:20 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:35 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to amend the option to Purchase Water Rights Agreement between the City of Clyde (Optionor) and the City of Ballinger (Optionee) to extend the option period one year to January 19, 2017 with the condition that the agreement may be reviews in August, 2016 by the parties and upon a finding of reasonable cause, either party may terminate the agreement. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.


 Sam Mallory
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Bonita F. Shields
 City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 7th day of December, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Stanley Maresch	Police Sargent
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director
Corey VanZandt	Code Enforcement/IT Tech

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREETS AND OTHER SERVICES:

Bryan reported to the Council that Barry Hilliard had contacted him and said that he would not be able to attend the meeting tonight. Bryan told to the Council that he felt that they should reject the inter-local agreement for street maintenance with the County at this time. After discussion of the matter, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to reject the inter-local street maintenance agreement with Runnels County. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement with Runnels County for rural fire protection service as presented. The agreement shows Runnels County paying an annual payment of \$10,500 for this service. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THW INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH RUNNELS COUNTY FOR DISPATCHING SERVICE:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement with Runnels County for dispatching service as presented. The agreement shows that City of Ballinger will pay the annual payment of \$39,684.00 to Runnels County. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER TAKING BIDS ON THE CONDEMNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 306 STRONG AVENUE:

Someone came by the City Hall wanting to purchase this property and make improvements to the house that is located on it. Steve Nixon reported to the Council this property belongs to the City and the house has been condemned. This is also the property that the Council approved allowing Mr. Bennett to remove the shed off of. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to advertise the property for sale. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Bryan Grimes presented the following schedule for holidays for 2016. January 1-New Year's Day, January 18- Martin Luther King Day, February 15- President's Day, March 25- Good Friday, May 30- Memorial Day, July 4- Independence Day, September 5- Labor Day, October 10- Columbus Day, November 11- Veteran's Day, November 24-25- Thanksgiving Day and the day after, December 23-Christmas Eve observed, December 26- Christmas Day observed, December 30- New Year Eve observed.

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the 2016 holiday schedule as presented. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER VOTING FOR 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RUNNELS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to cast the City's 338 votes to Alvin Dunn for a director on the Runnels County Appraisal District Board of Director. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM DIONICIA HERNANDEZ TO HAVE TWO TRAILERS ON HER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1307 N. 13TH STREET, TRACT 27, BLOCK 23- WEST END ADDITION:

Mrs. Hernandez met with the Council to see if they would allow her to place another trailer on her property. There is a small house and a trailer already on the property. She told the Council that the trailer that is presently on the property would be used for storage because it is not in any condition to be lived in. She would like to move the trailer on the back of the lot and bring in another one in to live in. There is an ordinance that stated that you can only have one structure for residency on one lot. After discussion, **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to deny the request for Mrs. Hernandez to place another trailer on her property located at 1307 N. 13th Street. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Rene & Mary Cortez- 23'x16'x9.6' carport- Part of Lots 4-5, Block 22- Wilke III Addition. Located at 403 Largent Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets \$1,000.00

Julian Delos Santos- Move in a mobile home- Lot 1, Block 1-Guion Addition. Located at 314 N. 14th Street between Harris and Phillips Avenue

\$2,300.00

Second by Comm. Phillip Arp and the motion carries with Commissioners Phillip Arp, Darlene Kelly and Eloyed Fuentes voting "Aye", and Commissioner Jolene McBurney voting "Nay".

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Stan Maresch presented the Council with the monthly police activity report. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the financial statement for November 2015. He also presented the Council with a report on the lake level in the area and the water rates/revenue comparisons in Ballinger for the last several years. He is looking at changing the internet provider for City hall to get faster service. He reminded the Council of the Christmas Party for City employees on December 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The City offices will be closed on December 24-25, 2015 for Christmas holiday.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Council reminded the staff of the amendments to the ordinance pertaining to module homes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:45 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 7:00 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.



Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 21st day of December, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Absent	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Jim Studer- **Citizen**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE BID TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 N 13TH STREET:

This property was put up for bids on the courthouse steps at a tax auction and no one submitted any offers for the property. Robin Burgess presented a sealed bid she had received from Jennie Fulton in the amount of \$350.00 for property listed as abstract 357, Block 3 of the Guion Addition, Block 3/Block 7 Thos Largent, Part of Lot 7/ Part of Lot 6/SUV 366. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to accept the bid as submitted. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF CHAD MCDUFFEE TO APPROVE A MEMORIAL DAY 5K RUN:

Chad McDuffee met with the Council to discuss having a 5K run for the Memorial Day holiday. They discussed starting at the Memorial Statues on the courthouse lawn and ending up at the community center. They also discussed staying off Hutchings and Broadway to prevent having to get approval from the Texas Highway Department. It was discussed to reverse the route and start at the courthouse lawn. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** authorized Bryan Grimes and Mark McNulty to work with Chad McDuffee and the State to set up a route for the event with the minimum complications. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY FROM EVERETT GRINDSTAFF LOCATED AT 703 HUTCHINGS AVENUE, PART OF LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 19- ORIGINAL ADDITION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to accept the property donation from Everett Grindstaff as presented. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Diocese of San Angelo, St Mary Star of the Sea- 98'x25'x17' pavilion- Part of Abstract 71, Survey 367 of the J.M. Caldwell Addition. Located at 609 N. 5th Street between Park and Fields Avenues \$40,000.00

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan informed the Council that there cannot be an executive session because the city Attorney is not here. Bryan, Clyde and Steve rode the proposed route for laying the pipe from Lake Ft Phantom to the water plant. Valley Creek is running. The new addition to the wastewater treatment plant is already growing weeds. The next Council meeting will be January 11, 2016. The City offices will be closed December 24-25, 2015 for the Christmas holiday.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session because the City Attorney was present.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.


Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary