

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

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023, the Ballinger City Council meet in regular session at 7:10 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

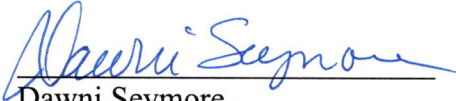
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| Dawni Seymore          | Mayor                  |
| Richard "Rick" Morrish | Mayor Pro-Tem          |
| Ken Manley             | Councilmember Place #1 |
| Ryan Lange             | Councilmember Place #3 |
| Steve Gray             | Councilmember Place #4 |

**Staff Present:**

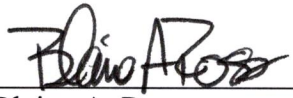
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| Blaine Ross             | City Secretary/Interim City Manager |
| Sharon Hicks            | City Attorney                       |
| Cord Bowman             | Public Works Director               |
| Ray Cornutt             | Chief of Police                     |
| Doug Martella via Video | Financial Advisor                   |

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Budget Workshop:**
  - a. Discussion, consideration regarding
    - i. The FY 2023-2024 Budget; and
    - ii. The 2023 Property Tax Rate of \$0.552052 per \$100. Doug Martella presented the 2023-2024 Budget and the 2023 Property Tax Rate. Several citizens expressed concern over the proposed tax rate.
    - iii. REMOVE FROM TABLE-Water Rates and Garbage Rates. Tabled until September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 4. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 9:34 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.
  - a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**
  - b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**
  - c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**
- 5. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 9:30 p.m. Mayor stated no votes or action were taken.

6. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Manley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

  
Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary