

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

On the 8th day of January 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

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

**Staff Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Randy Everett	Interim City Manager
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- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore call the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Mayor Seymore gave the invocation and led the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Elaine Paske asked if the City would accept a donation of a playground merry-go-round.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
  - Approve Minutes from the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City Council meeting. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
  - REMOVE FROM THE TABLE. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Manley made a motion to remove from the table. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Manley made a motion to appoint councilmember Morrish as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Joseph Olivier, owner of WesTex Collision & Tire, (formerly Paske Tire) introduction. Mr. Olivier presented to the council a price list for vehicle maintenance and automotive body work, offering their services should the city have the need. Mr. Olivier invited the council and all city staff to their grand opening, Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

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

a. Public Works Update:

- i. Streets and Parks. Public Works Director Bowman reported that the city has a gravel-caliche pit at the lake that has not been utilized. The study of Drainage ideas from heavy rains on the north side of the city is continuing. Weather has prevented street work if citizens ask.
- ii. Water Treatment Plant, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Treatment. Utility Works Director Brem gave the December water reports.
- iii. Upcoming Projects. None

b. Monthly Reports:

- i. Police Department.
- ii. Animal Control
- iii. Code Enforcement
- iv. Fire Department

Police Chief Cornutt gave the December reports.

c. Financial Reports:

- i. Accounts Payable.
- ii. Revenue vs Expenses
- iii. YTD Budget

City Secretary Ross gave the financial reports.

**8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:**

- a. Budget update based on tax rate decrease.

**9. Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:18 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.**

**10. Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 6:52 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no votes and no actions were taken.

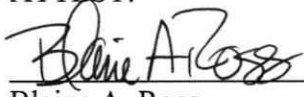
**11. Adjourn:** Councilmember Morrish made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



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Rick Morrish  
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



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Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary