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

On this the 2nd day of May 2022 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Dawni Seymore

Mayor

Ken Manley

Council Member Place 1

Richard "Rick" Morrish

Mayor Pro-tem

Ryan Lange

Absent

Steven Gray, Jr

Council Member Place 4

City Staff:

Brian Frieda

City Manager

Sharon Hicks

City Attorney

Ray Cornutt

Chief of Police

Cord Bowman

Code Enforcement

John Pierik III

Assistant City Manager

## 1. Call meeting to order:

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

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

Councilman Gray gave the invocation and lead pledges.

#### 3. Citizen presentation for items not on agenda:

Ginger Turner addressed the council concerning the appearance of city streets, grass in the streets, several places around Ballinger in need of being cleaned up.

#### 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Other Than a Public Hearing:

None

#### 5. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes: Approval of Minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting.

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

## 6. Regular Agenda:

There were no regular agenda items for the council.

## 7. City Manager's Report:

- Police Departments monthly report for the month of April 2022:
   525 Calls for service, 170 citations issued, and the municipal court reported approximately \$28,000. In fines collected.
- b. Discussion concerning trees along Hutchings Ave. Seeking input from community members and business owners regarding the Oak trees that have grown up and over Hutchings Avenue of which many have been hit by vehicles. Several of those in attendance for the meeting voiced their desire to have the trees removed and seek other landscaping options.
- c. Pool update: Valves have experienced failure and are in the process of being replaced, restrooms continue to be an issue and once again being vandalized, and we are in the process of hiring all positions related to the pool for the upcoming season.

## Public works update.

Work has progressed and almost all of Strong to the Courthouse has been completed, as well as a large portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The water tap for the soccer fields has been completed additional work to be completed on supplies arrives.

e. RFP Utility rate study. Staff has released an RFP regarding a utility rate study. This has never been done before and considering the many projects underway and the possibility of an additional construction project in our future this needs to be carried out.

#### 8. Future Items:

None

#### 9. Executive Session

Mayor Seymore announced the Council would convene in executive session at 6:04 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code: a. Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney; b. Section 551.072 Deliberations about real property and c. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

## 9. Reconvene:

Mayor Seymore reconvened the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session.

### 10. Adjourn:

Councilmember Gray made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawni Seymore

Mayor

ATTEST:

BLAINE ROSS ASSISTANT CON SECRETARY