

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

On the 17th day of July 2023, 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
Richard "Rick" Morrish
Ken Manley
Ryan Lange
Steve Gray

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Place #1
Councilmember Place #3
Councilmember Place #4

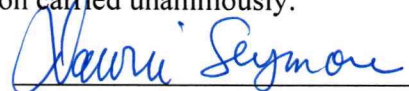
Staff Present:

Blaine Ross
Lindsey Byler-Gayoso
Sharon Hicks
Cord Bowman
Ray Cornutt

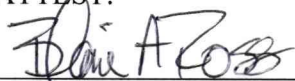
City Secretary/Interim City Manager
Assistant City Secretary
City Attorney
Public Works Director
Chief of Police

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore call the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Manley gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Candice Beddo inquired if zoning at 1005 Country Club Road would allow for a manufactured home to be constructed. Attorney Hicks collected information from Candice and will seek a determination. Michelle Gonzales at 405 Ball inquired about purchasing adjacent property and when Ball Ave might be cleaned up as she turned in a work order on 6/30/2023.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None.
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the June 19th and June 27th, 2023, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve minutes from both meetings. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Approval of Ag Hangar Lease #7 and #9 to Steve Ballard. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the lease. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Written Resolution: Removal of Brian Frieda and John Pierik from Keystone Bank signatory cards and all financial authorization and removing them as approved signatory from all matters relating to city business. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Park Board.
 - i. Report on the 2023 Hotter Than Hell Event. Jennifer Flores reported the event drew 46 cooks, 18 corn hole teams, 12 vendors and 12 washer teams. The kayaking did not draw many participants due to poor accessibility to Elm Creek. Citizen Chad Hardy said a ramp to Elm Creek had been approved in a prior council meeting, but never completed. City Secretary Ross reported the event revenue was \$5,945.00, expenses were \$3,425.20, donations \$8,025.00 for a net increase to City Park Fund as \$10,544.80.
 - c. Budget and Financial Update.
 - i. Consider retaining Financial Advisor Doug Martell/GOVIRTUALCFO. Considered after Executive Session.
 - d. Consider selling Surplus/Unnecessary Items. Assistant City Secretary Byler reviewed the list of office equipment, vehicles and heavy equipment given to Council that would be available either in an online auction or closed bids and the procedures for doing so. Mayor Seymore asked for a motion to approve the selling of listed items. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the sale. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Update on Water Treatment Plant repairs and funds needed for completion. City Secretary Ross updated the Council as to items that have been ordered for repairs at the water treatment plant that were previously not allowed. Quotes on other needed repairs are being gathered and will be presented to the council for approval. The Chemical Injection Station that was approved by the council with a price of \$214,000.00 does not have funding. Keystone Bank is working on a bond for that project.
7. **Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:05 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.**
8. **Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The council reconvened in open session at 7:32 p.m.
- a. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.** Mayor Seymore called for a motion to retain the services of Doug Martell of govvirtualcfo as acting financial advisor. Councilmember Manley made a motion to retain the services of Doug Martella. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34p.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary/Interim City Manager