

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

On the 1st day of May 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	Mayor
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Absent:

Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
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Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
John Pierik	Assistant City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police

Others present:

Joe Mangrem	Enprotec Hibbs & Todd (eHT)
Francesca Gray	DECA
Annaliese Hale	DECA

- 1. Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore call the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledges:** Mayor Seymore gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Francesca Gray and Annaliese Hale thanked the City for their support in allowing them to paint the streets, which earned points for their DECA competition, which placed them in the top ten spots.
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - Approve Minutes from the April 17, 2023, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the April 17, 2023, minutes. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:

- a. Oral resolution to consider awarding bid on the intake project at the new Ballinger Lake. Joe Mangrem with eHT outlined the purpose of the intake project, stating that there were three bids on the project. ACP, Purcell and Texas Water & Soil. Mr. Mangrem recommended Texas Water & Soil as the lowest responsible bidder for this project, at a cost of \$214,314.90. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve awarding the contract to Texas Water & Soil. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Oral resolution to consider awarding bid on chemical injection project at one-mile crossing. Joe Mangrem with eHT outlined the purpose of the chemical injection project, stating that only one bid was received by Texas Water & Soil. Mr. Mangrem recommended the council consider including in the project a backup generator that was in the alternate bid, for the total cost of the project to be \$1,718,514.80. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve awarding the contract to Texas Water & Soil. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Written Resolution No. 2023-05-01 denying AEP Texas Inc.'s request to the PUC Docket No. 54824 to increase its distribution rates and authorize the city to join with other cities to hire Lloyd Gosselink and consultants to negotiate with AEP and take any and all action at the PUC regarding this matter. Attorney Hicks noted that standard procedure when AEP files a rate request is to have outside counsel and consultants review the request to minimize the effect of rate increases to the citizens. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-05-01. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

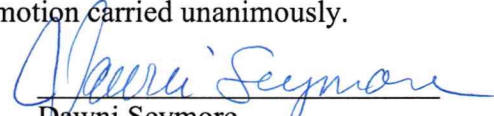
7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Police Department Report. Chief Cornutt gave the April 2023 police report.
- b. Public Works Update. Public Works Director Bowman gave an update on several areas of street repair. Mayor Seymore asked the staff to prepare a schedule of street maintenance, so that public inquiries can be addressed.


8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: None

9. Executive Session: None

- 10. Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary