

MINUTES

State of Texas §
County of Runnels §
City of Ballinger §

On the 21st day of February 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 and staff present:

Mayor Dawni Seymore
Ken Manley, Place 1
Rick Morrish, Place 2

Ryan Lange, Place 3
Steven Gray Jr., Place 4 (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Staff Present:

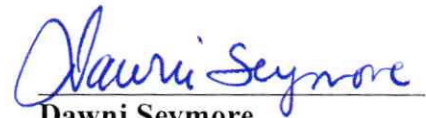
City Manager, Brian Frieda
City Attorney, Sharon Hicks
Cord Bowman Code Enforcement


Assistant City Manager, John Pierik III
Officer C. Sargent

1. **Call meeting to order.** Mayor Seymore called meeting to order at 5:32
2. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to Texas Flag.** Councilmember Ken Manley led the prayer and pledges.
3. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** Elaine Paske from the Park Board gave an update on upcoming events and activities: circus, Easter egg hunt and cookoff.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
Councilmember Morrish moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Councilmember Manley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - a. **Minutes:** approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting.
 - b. **Adoption of the state's guidelines for records retention and destruction:**
 - c. **The Chamber of Commerce Annual Ethnic Festival:** This year's annual ethnic festival will be held the weekend of April 30, 2022. To include the Lions Club annual bike fest.
5. **REGULAR AGENDA.**
 - a. **Accept Retirement of City Secretary Bonita Shields:** Long serving city secretary Bonita Shields has after serving the citizens of Ballinger for over 46 years, has announced her retirement effective as of March 31, 2022. A celebration of Bonita's years of service will be set and announced in the coming days.

The Council expressed gratitude to Ms. Shields for her service to the community. Councilmember Manley moved to accept the resignation and Councilmember Lange seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Future Agenda Items:** Drinking in Public in the Downtown Area.
6. **City Manager's reports.** The city manager reported on the following, no action taken.
- a. Granicus –Renovations and improvements to the city's and chambers website.
 - b. Park Board Easter Egg hunt April 9th to held at city park starts at 10 A.M.
 - c. Will be beginning to have crews working on the exterior and roof of city hall to include painting and repair/replacement of rotted portions of the building.
 - d. This week is severe weather week many entities will be meeting and holding tornado drills Wednesday the 23rd. City staff will be meeting tomorrow afternoon to re-visit the various annexes of the Emergency Operations Plan.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council convened into executive session at 5:51 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney and reconvened into open session at 6:23 p.m. Mayor stated that no votes or action was taken in executive session.
8. **Reconvene and take action if needed executive session.**
None
9. **Adjourn.**
Councilmember Gray moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm. Second by Councilmember Manley. Unanimously approved.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

ASSISTANT **City Secretary**