

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

On the 19th day of June 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
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Brian Frieda	City Manager
Blaine Ross	City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police
Jacob Gehrett	Police Officer
Kristen New	Police officer

Absent:

John Pierik	Assistant 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 lead the pledges.
- 3. Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** None
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the June 5, 2023, City Council Meeting. Mayor Seymore requested a correction on page two of the spelling of Councilmember Manley's name. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, council meeting. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**
 - a. Termination of Contract with USG (Utility Service Group, Inc.), regarding water storage cleaning and maintenance. Councilmember Gray made a motion to proceed with the termination of USG's (Utility Service Group, Inc) contract. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Secretary Ross gathered signatures of all Councilmembers and Mayors on USG's termination letter.

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Update: Streets, Wastewater, Water. Public Works Director Bowman updated the council on various street paving projects, pothole repairs and water leak repairs. Public Works staff will begin their shift one hour earlier (7:00 a.m.) due to the extreme heat this summer.
- b. Introduction of new Police Officers: Chief of Police Cornutt introduced the city's new police officers, Jacob Gehrett and Kristen New.
- c. Finance & Budget update: City Manager Frieda stated facts concerning the reduced sales tax revenue as being common to surrounding municipalities. Staff are still working on the budget. The city's accounting software provider, FundView, is working with staff and our auditing firm to streamline the general ledger.
- d. Meter Bond Update: City Manager Frieda presented communication he has had with the Texas Water Development Board in closing out the Water Meter Bond Series 2016, stating that the City may not owe any further funds, and a possibility of funds being returned to the City.
- e. The fireworks display at Bruce Field is set for June 29th at dusk. City Manager Frieda confirmed the program is on schedule.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

9. Executive Session: Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:03 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 8:11 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated no votes or action were taken in executive session and no action taken as a result thereof.

11. Adjourn: Councilmember Manley made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:

Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary