

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

On the 23rd day of January 2023, the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:33 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following member present:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard “Rick” Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place # 4
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place # 1

Absent:

Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place # 3
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Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Tara Boiles	Auditor – Condley and Company, LLC
Aaron Miller	Auditor – Condley and Company, LLC
Sage Diller	Engineer – Enprotec/Hibbs and Todd, Inc

1. **Call meeting to order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Morrish gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen presentations for items not on an Agenda:** None.
4. **Public Comments on Agena Items other that a Public Hearing:** Chad Hardy inquired about the petition he submitted to the Council on September 26th, 2022 concerning Animal Control and asked to be updated at a future council meeting.
5. **Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes of the Joint January 2, 2023 City Council and Housing Authority meeting:** Date correction to January 23, 2023 Agenda #5, “Approve Minutes of the Joint January 3, 2023...”, to “Approve Minutes of the Joint January 2, 2023...”. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to accept correction. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Receive and accept FY 20 Audit, and update on FY 21 Audit. Aaron Miller with Condley and Co. gave a presentation of the FY 20 audit and updated council on the FY 21 audit. Councilmember Gray made a motion to receive the FY 20 audit report. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Report from eHT on cost estimates for Floating Intake and Chemical Injection point and approve oral resolution soliciting RFP's. Sage Miller with eHT gave the report on cost estimates. Councilmember Manley made a motion approving soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP). Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Receive report from eHT pertaining to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) identified water projects, and wastewater projects and resolutions to be sought at a later date. Sage Miller with eHT reported that TWDB accepts grant applications each March 3, and recommends applying for both water and wastewater grants, stating that there is no fee for applying. eHT will draft applications.
- d. Resolution concerning FY 23 Rate Schedule. City Manager Freida presented the FY 23 Rate Schedule and recommended approval. Councilmember Manley made a motion to approve the FY 23 rate schedule. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Economic Development:
 - i. Discussion and presentation concerning economic development options. Attorney Hicks presented information regarding Municipal Development Districts. Discussion included what MDDs can do for a city, how to enact one by election and opportunities for Ballinger. .

7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Update. Assistant Manager Pierik gave a presentation on how to repair potholes.

Street Sweeper Viewing. Assistant Manager Pierik gave a presentation of the City's new Street Sweeper in the parking lot of City Hall.

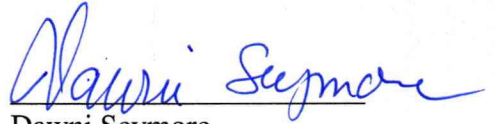
8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider. Councilmember Gray asked for an update on Chad Hardy's petition concerning Animal Control.

9. Executive Session. Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

- a. **Section 551.071 Consultation 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 council reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m. Mayor stated not votes or actions was taken in executive session. No action taken from executive session.

11. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Manley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary