

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

On the 23rd day of August 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
Ryan Lange

Mayor
Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Place #3

Absent:
Ken Manley
Steve Gray

Councilmember Place #1
Councilmember Place #4

Staff Present:

Blaine Ross
Lindsey Byler-Gayoso
Sharon Hicks
Cord Bowman

City Secretary/Interim City Manager
Assistant City Secretary
City Attorney
Public Works Director

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore call the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Morrish gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:** Citizen Chad Hardy inquired if the items purchased for the abandoned dog park project could be installed in any of the city or lake parks and cautioned the city about selling any acquisitions paid with ARPA funds, as there may be a time restraint clause concerning disposition.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approve Minutes from the August 7, 2023 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Morrish made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

a. Budget And Finance Update.

i. Presentation from Doug Martella, GoVirtual CFO.

- a. The preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was presented by Doug Martella and Interim City Manager Ross.
- b. Consideration of setting the tax rate of \$0.552052 was presented by Doug Martella. Mayor Seymore called for a motion to approve the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Lange made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion.

Record Vote:

Councilmember Morrish	For
Councilmember Lange	For
Mayor Seymore	For
Councilmember Gray	Absent and not voting
Councilmember Manley	Absent and not voting.

Councilmember Morrish made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the proposed tax rate for Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

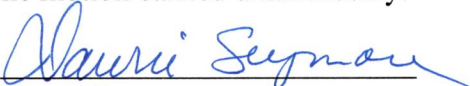
- b. Discussion on Electricity Contract Renewal. Tabled for a later meeting.
- c. Discussion of Water Rates. Tabled for a later meeting.
- d. Discussion and Approval of selling Humvee at auction. Tabled until legal sorts out the title issue.
- e. Discussion and Approval of selling City Real Estate either through auction, sealed bids, or broker. Tabled for a later meeting.

7. City Manager's Report:

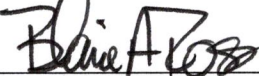
- a. Public Works Update: Streets, Wastewater, Water Treatment Plant. Public Works Director Bowman reported on water leaks, sewer line collapses and pothole patching. Interim City Manager Ross reported that this month 87 delinquent utility accounts will be disconnected. The contract with Granicus has been cancelled and Paul Harris has built the new website.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider: None

- 9. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Councilmember Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Dawni Seymore
Mayor

ATTEST:


Blaine A. Ross
City Secretary