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CITY OF BALLINGER)()

On this the 6th day of April, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Sam Mallory	Mayor
Phillip Arp	Commissioner # 1
Darlene Kelly	Commissioner # 2
Jolene McBurney	Commissioner # 3
Absent	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police
Steve Nixon	Public Works Director
Randy Everett	WTP Operator

Others present: John Haston, Ann Haston, Max Pratt, Juanita Pratt, Elizabeth Cook, Stan Bickel- **Citizens**, Brian Campbell, Tammie Virden-**Chamber of Commerce**, Ken Martin- **Jacob & Martin, LTD.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Max Pratt was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAX PRATT:

Mayor Sam Mallory presented Max Pratt with a proclamation thanking him for his service to the City of Ballinger. He has been the pastor of 9th Street Church of Christ for 40 continuous years. He has also performed countless number of public service hours to the community, including school bus driver, PA announcer for football games, jail ministry, food pantry, and worked at the Ballinger Ministerial Alliance and other numerous acts of generosity for the betterment of Ballinger. The City Council thanked him for everything that he has done for the community.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HAVE A PARADE APRIL 25, 2015 FOR THE ETHNIC FESTIVAL:

Tammie Virden met with the Council to request having a parade on April 25, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m. to kick off the 40th annual Ethnic Festival event for the week-end. The parade will start on 6th Street and travel down Hutchings Avenue to 8th or 10th Street up to Railroad Avenue back to 6th Street. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to have a parade on April 25, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PRESENTATION FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING THE LONE STAR MARKET EVENT:

Brian Campbell met with the Council concerning the action taken at the last meeting for the donation made to Lone Star Market for advertising. He told the Council that the Chamber just wanted clarity on the motion since the City gives the Chamber all the funds collected from hotel/motel tax for tourism. Comm. Phillip Arp told him that the motion states that they encouraged the Chamber to donate \$2,500 to Lone Star Market for advertising.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF ELIZABETH COOK TO USE THE AIRPORT HANGAR FOR THE CURING CANCER DANCE ON MAY 1-2, 2015:

Elizabeth Cook met with the Council to request the use of the airport hangar for the Curing Cancer Music Festival on May 1-2, 2015. This will be the 6th year for the event. They are going to try having a cook-off this year and have a bounce house for the kids to try and get more people to attend. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to approve the use of the airport hangar for the Curing Cancer Music Festival on May 1-2, 2015. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECT FOR THE WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Bryan reported to the Council that bids were opened on April 3, 2015 for the rock rip rap and crushed limestone base material needed for the WWTP project. There was only one bid received from West Texas Rock Resources, LLC in the amount of \$86,065.00. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to accept the bid as received. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM MARK WILLINGHAM TO INSTALL COVERED PARKING FOR HIS BUSINESS:

The Council removed from the table the covered parking request from Mark Willingham. Bryan told the Council that the covered parking would be put on the back part of the lot next door to 109 S. 8th Street. This is the property where the old building was removed. A proposed 18'x20' piece of the property would be deeded to Mark Willingham for the covered parking to be placed on. This area would be paved. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to supply the material and pave the area for a covered parking lot to be erected on part of Lot 11, Block 19 of the Original Addition. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and the motion end in a tie with Mayor Sam Mallory, Commissioners Phillip Arp and voting "AYE" and Commissioner Darlene Kelly and Jolene McBurney voting "NAY".

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE BALLINGER ROTARY CLUB TO RENT THE FRONT ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Bryan reported to the Council that the Ballinger Rotary Club has requested to use the community center on Tuesdays for their weekly meeting. They are presently using the community room of the Ballinger Housing Authority. They would use the front room only for about three hours each week. After discussion, **Comm. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to approve allowing the Ballinger Rotary to use the front room of the community center weekly for \$50.00 per month. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PURCHASE A DOZER FROM YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that he feels that they will need a bigger dozer for the up-coming projects. He has looked a 2013 used dozer from Yellowhouse Machinery and they are costing approximately \$152, 000.00 with a \$25,000 trade in on the one that the City has. The dozer had 2,500 hours of use on it. This one has already sold, and Steve requested that the Council approve the purchase for one that may come up in the future. If he finds one, no payment would be required this fiscal year and Yellowhouse would budget annual payment for the next five years. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to purchase

a 700K dozer for the amount not to exceed \$155,000.00. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Clayton L Binder- 24'x24'x11' workshop- Part of Lot 6, 7, Block 1- Wilke Terrace Addition. Located at 400 Avenue A between 4th and 5th Streets \$4,000.00

Linda Taliaferro- 10'x16'x7' storage building- Lot 3, Block 114- First Railroad Addition. Located at 405 N. 5th Street between Bonsall and Murrell Avenues

\$2,375.00

Tommy Chambliss- 24'x31'x8' carport- Tract 6, Block 11- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1930 Hutchings Avenue between Woodward Avenue and Hickory Hill Road \$2,500.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark presented the Council with the monthly police activity report. The report shows the department made 14 arrests, and 1 juvenile citation was issued. The family violence calls are up. Sam Batts hurt his shoulder on an animal call lifting a goat. Cop-sys is working well and they have issued a few more tickets and fines are up. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement. He pointed out to the Council that this is the sixth month of the year and the statement really looks good. Sales tax is doing well and water/ sewer revenue is up from last year at this time period. He reported he will be going to Austin next week to meet with TCEQ and the Water Development Board concerning water permitting and 12 month extension on the alternate water project. Bonita and Malisia will be attending the USTI conference on April 8-10, 2015 in Dallas.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:20 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071-Consultation with City Attorney (Hear updates report on alternative water sources and progress report from Ken Martin, engineer). **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

They convened in session until 8:05 p.m., and **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary