

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF RUNNELS)(
CITY OF BALLINGER)(

On this the 2nd day of February, 2015 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 12 o'clock Noon 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
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Mark McNulty	Chief of Police

Others present: Tammie Virden – **Chamber of Commerce**, Kathy Elliott, Alisa Plumley- **Ballinger Youth Baseball**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Phillip Arp was asked to lead the group in a word of prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE BALLINGER LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION TO LEASE THE BASEBALL FIELD LOCATED ON SEALY AND S. 4TH STREET:

Kathy Elliott met with the Council to request the continued use of the field for practices. They have been using the field for the last two years and would like to continue using it. They also requested a way to provide electricity for a batting cage. The Council agreed to lay the proper lines, but they would be responsible for the electric bills. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion for a two year contract to be draw up with Ballinger Youth Baseball for use of the field. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve the following building permit:

Venture Fields, LLC% Golden Chick Restaurant- 29.73'x82.19'x18' new restaurant-150' x156' tract of Block 2- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1901 Hutchings Avenue between South Woodward and Hickory Hill Road \$650,000.00 **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING CAROLYN LITTLE AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to reappoint Carolyn Little as the municipal court judge for another two years. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK MCNULTY:

Mark reported that the department is waiting on the air cards and a few computer parts and the cop-sync will be up and running.

Burglaries are up; they had a call for a shooting which will go before the grand jury. They will be applying for a grant with Justice Assistance with Council approval. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan Grimes presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of January, 2015. He told the Council that the number looked strong on the financial statement. The sales tax revenue was up from compared to last year in January. The auditor is working on the audit and plans to present it to the Council at the next meeting.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to enter into executive session at 12:15 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071- Consultation with City Attorney (Hear update report on alternative water sources).

Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 1:39 p.m. and **Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary