

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

On this the 1st day of June, 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
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: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes 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 May 18, 2015 meeting, with corrections as noted. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

Comm. Eloyed Fuentes made the motion to approve the following building permits:

Joe Garza- 20'x24'x9' carport- Lots 3-4, Block 9- Powell Addition. Located at 900 N. 12th between Sharp and Hamilton Avenues \$500.00

Tommy Chambliss- Ready built carport- Tract 6, Block 11- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1930 Hutchings Avenue between Woodward Avenue and Hickory Hill Road \$2,484.00

Kathy Fritze- storage building- Lot 10, Block 2- Blanchard Addition. Located at 709 N. Broadway between Harris & Eubank Avenues \$5,385.00

Ildifonsa Alvarez- mobile carport- Lot 15, Block 44-Original Addition. Located at 301 S. Broadway between Ball and Sealy Avenues \$ 795.00

Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney and was unanimously approved.

HEAR POLICE ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT FROM CHIEF MARK McNULTY:

Mark McNulty presented the Council with the monthly activity report. The report shows that they made 18 arrests, filed 31 reports, answered 400 calls and had 1 curfew violation. The report also shows that the municipal court collected \$8,042.00 in fines. Mark told the Council that all drug arrests had been made from the raids and the cases are now in the hands of the District Attorney. The department has been patrolling the areas at both bridge construction sites because they have received calls from TX Dot of people speeding in those areas. Mark

reminded the Council that the animal control vehicle is getting worse and it will need to be replaced in the near future.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A USDA GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE CARS:

The Council discussed the grant from USDA. Bryan told the Council that \$25,000.00 is the amount of the grant for two vehicles. If the Council decides to purchase one vehicle the City would only get \$12,500.00 from the grant. The grant list two 2014 Tahoe's for \$45,000 each leaving the City contribution to be \$65,000.00. Bryan told the Council that money would have to be borrowed from the bank for these purchases. The Council was given bids for a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$45,998.53, 2015 Dodge Charger- \$41,921.55 and 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe- \$50,247.05. Mark McNulty told the Council that the department has a 2006 Ford Explorer and the animal control vehicle that needs to be replaced. The Council asked if a F250 truck could be purchased since the animal control is run through the police department. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to proceed with the grant to see if a F250 truck and 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe could be purchased through the grant and the City's contribution of \$65,000.00. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE BID ON MATERIAL FOR THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM WASTEWATER PROJECT:

The issue was removed from the table. Bryan reported that TML Legal Counsel and Scott Hay advised him that the bids received could be used if the cost for rental on the equipment needed for the project did not exceed \$50,000.00. Steve Nixon has told him that the project would take approximately two- three months and the rental costs could be kept under \$50,000.00. After discussion, **Phillip Arp** mad the motion to accept the bid as presented. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON VACATION WATER RATES:

Bryan told the Council that in looking at the books for the garbage rates and collections it was found that we have 131 accounts that are considered on vacation. The customers are not sent a bill unless they use over 500 gallons of water for any given month. He figured that the City is losing approximately \$140,000.00 per year in revenue from minimum bills for water, sewer and garbage charges. This is not a policy that was ever approved by the Council and it is not sure the length of time that the vacation rates have been offered to customers. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to discontinue the vacation rate effective August 1, 2015 for the September 2015 billing. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved. A letter will be written to the customers to make them aware of this change.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan presented the Council with the monthly financial statement. The Ballinger Lake is at 20%, not a noticeable increase from the rain. He is working on finding a solution for the mosquito problem. Bryan also informed the Council about the contract that the City has with MP2 for electrical service. The present contract expires in 2017.

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to review the garbage disposal contract with Republic Services. **Second by Comm. Jolene McBurney** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:45 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:46 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:55 p.m., and **Comm. Jolene McBurney** made the motion to close the executive session. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary