

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

On this the 16th day of March, 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
Absent	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Absent	City Attorney
Stan Maresch	Police Sargent

Others present: Gaye Howard- **Citizen**.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 5:32 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. Darlene Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

Gaye Howard- Met with the Council to complain about the condition of the water at her house located at 601 CR 229. She would like for the City to see if there is anything that can be done to improve the water quality at her house. She has a water filtering system and in the past she had to change the filters every three months, but starting recently she has had to change them every month. The Council told Mrs. Howard that they would have the water department look into the matter to see if there is anything that the City can do to help her.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM STAN BICKEL AND LONE STAR MARKET EVENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9-10, 2015:

Stan Bickel met with the Council to request help with advertising for the Lone Star Market event that is scheduled for April 9-10, 2015. Mr. Bickel reported to the Council that he feels that this event will help Ballinger by bringing more revenue to town through motel rooms, sales tax, and people eating at the different stores and restaurants. He would like to advertise in Odessa, Midland, San Angelo, Abilene and Lubbock. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to authorize the payment of \$2,500.00 to Lone Star Market to support advertising and encourage the Chamber of Commerce to donate the same amount from the hotel/motel tax revenue received. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUTTING ELECTRICITY AT THE NEW LAKE FOR WATER PUMPING:

Steve Nixon reported to the Council that the City has spent \$6,000.00 for diesel fuel to run the generator at the lake. The generator pumps the water from the chauffer dam to the intake for the water to be delivered to the water plant. This has to be done when the lake gets too low. The cost to have electricity set up at

this point would be approximately \$8,500 with Coleman County Electric setting the pole and the City running the electrical line to the pole. If there is no sufficient rain fall between now and July or August the water will be too low to even pump. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to table this matter until more information could be obtained. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE BALLINGER HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to reappoint Martha Hartley as the resident commissioner and appoint Diane Miree to the board for the Ballinger Housing Authority. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BID RECEIVED FOR SALE OF LOT:
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:**

The tax collector received a bid for the purchase of Part of Lot 12, Block 6- College Heights Addition. The property is located at 705 Hamilton Avenue. The delinquent taxes owed on the property for year 2008-2014 are \$4,735.01.

After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to reject the bid offer of \$1,000.00. **Second by Comm. Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

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

Oscar Galindo- 24'x23'x9' storage building- Lot 1, Block 14- Bowden Addition.
Located at 1309 9th Street between East and Largent Avenues. \$2,500.00
Rex Mason- 26'x27' addition to home- Lot 9, Block 5- Wilke Terrace Addition.
Located at 303 Avenue A between 3rd and 4th Streets \$50,000.00
Sarah Foster- 12'x21'x8' storage building. Lot 12, Block 8- Wilke Terrace Addition.
Located at 311 Largent Avenue 3rd between and 4th Streets \$3,000.00
Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

Bryan and the Council presented Bonita with roses for her birthday, which is today. He invited the Council to the TML Region 6 meeting on Thursday, March 26 at the Acapulco starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan reported to the Council that Ken Martin will be at the meeting to give the Council an update in water resource options. He reported that they will be installing cameras in the front lobby for security measures.

Phillip Arp requested that the Willingham carport issue be put back on the agenda for final action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was held because the City Attorney was absent.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

Comm. Jolene McBurney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary