

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

On this the 5th day of December, 2016 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
Bob McDaniel	Commissioner # 3
Eloyed Fuentes	Commissioner # 4

City Staff:

Bonita Shields	City Secretary
Bryan Grimes	City Administrator
Ebb Grindstaff	City Attorney
Stanley Maresch	Interim Chief of Police
Corey Van Zandt	IT Tech

Others present: Brian Hallmark- **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 November 21, 2016 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO SELECT A CPA FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to hire Gayla Fullerton as the CPA to perform an audit on the City's books ending September 30, 2016, for a price not to exceed \$20,000.00. **Second Comm. Bob McDaniel** and was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS:

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

Edwin J. Bender- 12'x31'x10' carport- Lot 12, Block 5- Wilke Terrace. Located at 401 Avenue A between 3rd and 4th Streets \$2,200.00

Tommy Chambliss- 6'x20'x8 storage container. Track 6, Block 11- South Ballinger Addition. Located at 1930 Hutchings Avenue \$9,000.00

Second by Comm. Darlene Kelly and was unanimously approved.

HEAR THE MONTHLY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FROM STANLEY MARESCH:

Stan reported that the police department answered 309 calls, worked 2 accidents, made 11 arrest, 1 DWI and collected \$5,600.00 in court fines. The police department had 2017 calendars made by Southern Publishing and they in return donated \$800.00 to the police department. Stan reported that he will use the

money for material to teach kids about 911, stranger danger Halloween bags, sticker badges and other safety information. Stan will also be hiring Justin Amaro and Timothy Mercer as patrolmen for the police department. Samantha Rodriguez will be taking a job with ASU, and her last day will be December 9, 2016. The Council accepted the report as presented.

HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:

HEAR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:

Bryan presented the Council with the financial statement for the month of November, 2016. Bryan reported to the Council that he had a meeting with TX Dot to discuss putting arms down at the railroad crossing on Broadway, 8th, 10th and 13th Streets. They also discussed putting a traffic light up at the intersection of FM 2111 and Highway 67 intersection. Bryan also asked about putting trash can receptacles and benches in the downtown section of town. He reported on the meeting that he would be attending during the next two weeks. If there is nothing that needs to be brought before the Council, he suggested not having a meeting on January 19th. The new brush truck was delivered last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Darlene Kelly made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:21 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney to hear update on alternative water resources and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters for performance evaluation and review on the City Administrator Bryan Grimes. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 6:53 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:

Comm. Phillip Arp made the motion to approve a contract with Bryan Grimes as City Administrator. **Second by Eloyed Fuentes** and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

Comm. Bob McDaniel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

Sam Mallory
Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita F. Shields
City Secretary