

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

**On this the 21st day of February, 2017 the Ballinger City Council met in regular session at 12:00 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	Chief of Police

Others present: Julie Prescott, Russell Chancy- **COP sync**, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Fernandez, John G. Cuellar-**Citizens**.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Sam Mallory called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Comm. Bob McDaniel 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 February 3, 2017 meeting, with noted corrections. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

**VISITORS:**

Israel Fernandez- 201 Strong Avenue- Met with the Council to request that something be done to the street in front of his house. Mr. Fernandez told the Council that there is a big hole between the road and his property that needs to be filled in because his vehicle is getting damaged going across this area. Bryan Grimes told him that he would talk to the street superintendent about the problem and get it taken care of.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CLOSING PART OF KEMPNER AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH 7<sup>TH</sup> AND SOUTH BROADWAY:**

Bryan told the Council that this one block area is in the South part of town right before going over the Colorado bridge on Highway 83 toward Paint Rock. The street is dirt and is a big mud hole when it rains. No one uses the road except the people that live in the Housing Authority apartments. The street superintendent has request that the one block Kempner be closed off. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to officially close the one block of Kempner Avenue between South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and South Broadway. **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:

**Ace Hardware Store**- 25'x44'x8' awing for garden center- Part of Lot 3,4-5, Block 6- Original Addition. Located at 610 Hutchings between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway  
\$8,000.00

**Second by Comm. Bob McDaniel** and was unanimously approved.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE COP sync POLICE VEHICLE SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER HARDWARE TO INCLUDE IN CAR SOFTWARE/HARDWARE. PURCHASE TO BE MADE UTILIZING GOVERNMENT CAPITOL CORPORATION. COUNSEL APPROVAL ON RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENT CAPITOL FINANCE OPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT:**

Russell Chancy presented the Council with a presentation to upgrade the COP sync law enforcement software and computers. The equipment that will be installed will be new and fully rugged computers. The old equipment will be placed in the fire department vehicles giving them dispatch accessibility when they are fighting grass fire outside the city limits. He told the Council that there over 600 law enforcement agencies in Texas that use his program, and 17 other area county agencies are using the program except for the City of San Angelo. This program also give them access to 19 other States along with the FBI. Mr. Chancy also presented the Council with the COP sync 911 program. This program could be installed on all City employees and Council members cell phone giving them immediate access to 911 where ever and whenever they need it. The total cost for all the equipment discussed would be \$89,292.59 at an interest rate of 4.250%. If the City finances through Government Capitol the total cost will be \$98,977.28, with 4 payments of \$ 24,774.32 and the first payment due February16, 2018. After discussion, **Comm. Phillip Arp** made the motion to approve a contract with COP sync and resolution with Government Capitol to purchase and upgrade vehicle software and computer hardware for the police department fire department and COP sync 911. **Second by Comm. Bob McDaniel** and was unanimously approved.

**HEAR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT:**

Bryan reported on the TMCN meeting that he, Darlene Kelly and Phillip Arp attended last week in Austin, Texas. The R/O filters at the water plant need to be replaced. The cost for the new filters is \$60,000. He has started putting money

aside for this purchase. These filters should be replaced about every four years. Studer has planned to build a spec home in the High Pointe addition. The sewer main will be extended to this area. The City crew took bids for the project and the cost was approximately \$60,000. The crew has decided that they could cut that price in half by renting a trencher and laying the 1200' of six-inch pipe themselves. The two lakes are full and people have started asking about a boat dock at the new lake. He will be having a meeting with Atmos next week about their proposed gas line replacements. The street department has started to make plans to repair the road going down the park hill on Crosson Avenue and the circle road into the park starting on Park Avenue. The auditor should have the audit ready to present by March 20<sup>th</sup>. The City staff will be having a benefit meal for Anthony Hurst on April 2 at the city hall. Anthony will be released soon and will be staying in Dallas with family for a while.

**HERE REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Comm. Bob McDaniel** made the motion to enter into executive session at 1:11 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. Darlene Kelly** and was unanimously approved.

The Council convened in session until 1:44 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. Darlene Kelly** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. **Second by Comm. Phillip Arp** and was unanimously approved.

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Sam Mallory  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonita F. Shields  
City Secretary