

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
April 12, 2012**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**ITEM 2      ROLL CALL**

Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Finley and Mayor McCarty.

**ITEM 3      INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor McCarty led both.

**ITEM 4      OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

Gary Morris updated the Council about the source water protection plan. Texas Rural Water Association came out and looked at everything. Gary wanted the Council to know that the Town is being proactive in protecting our water source.

Veronica Kronvall reported to the Council that Devon is digging a fracturing pond at Hwy 156 and Seaborn. She stated that this pond is very close to a Ponder water source and in a flood plain. She stated that on Seaborn there is already a place that is referred to as a wasteland and it is a nasty sight and that she does not want another one in Ponder. She reported that fracturing is related to earthquakes.

Wes Howard spoke to the Council regarding item #11 and item #12. He stated that one way to approach item 11 is to look at the zoning and determine if you can have livestock.

Mr. Howard also reported that Remington Park has a parking problem and that some residents have 3 or 4 cars per family. He would like to see this taken care of and also added that Remington Park looks like an old property when you drive into it.

Henry Wofford reported that there are places in Ponder that are larger eyesores than the gas wells. Richard Wilkinson's old house is one of them and the half torn down mobile home on Frederick is another. He also added that the lot behind the Post Office is an eyesore also.

Chris Mills asked the Council about storm warnings and how the Town is notified. Ms. Mills also asked if there was a separate phone number to the Police Department. Ms. Mills stated regarding item #11 that we should keep it simple and that if you live in Town you should not have animals like in most cities. She stated that this should not be an issue.

Tim Burch, Chief Deputy Constable spoke to the Council regarding the upcoming election. He first thanked Jesus Christ for the opportunities that he has had to serve. He stated that the current Constable has been in that position for 24 years is retiring and has trained him to step into his position. He reported that he donated all of the briskets to the PVFD for the meal on May 19, 2012. Chief Deputy Burch stated that he wanted to be active in Ponder. He also told of his mandated duties as a constable. Chief Deputy Burch stated that he will be available by phone even during holidays and weekends and that deputies will be accessible at all times for the

Ponder citizens. Tim Burch asked the Town of Ponder for their support during the upcoming election for Constable.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

Item tabled until the next Council Meeting

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 12-04, APPOINTING THE TOWN COUNCIL AS THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.**

No action.

**ITEM 7 UPDATE FROM CITY SECRETARY REGARDING THE 2012 FRONTIER DAY PLANS, THE STATUS OF THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY.**

Sheri Clearman reported that the street closings will be the same for this year during Frontier Days on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as they were last year. Downtown on Bailey Street will be closed beginning at 4p.m. on Friday also. Ms. Clearman reported that she and the other ladies working in Town Hall will be available to keep the library open for a few hours per day until a librarian is hired. The Historical Marker dedication ceremony will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday during Frontier Days and all of the Council Members will receive invitations.

**ITEM 8 UPDATE FROM THE TOWN ENGINEER REGARDING THE ELEVATED TANK.**

Mike Anderson reported that all field construction is complete on the elevated tank and all that we are waiting on is the well completion. the plumbing is tied in and the slabs will be poured on Friday.

**ITEM 9 UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING THE EDDIES STREET WALK-THRU.**

Gary Morris reported that the walk-thru was complete and work related to that should be completed in two weeks.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER FOR PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES.**

No action.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION REGARDING LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FARM ANIMALS ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

Chief Genova reported that there was an issue in Remington Park regarding the keeping of fowl and goats. At this point, he reported, the only thing that denies this are the deed restrictions, therefore at this point it is a civil matter. In the future, Chief Genova said, that he would like to update the ordinance pertaining to animals in the Town limits to address this issue.

**ITEM 12 DISCUSSION REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT TRUCKS ARE ALLOWED TO PARK IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

No action.

**ITEM 13 UPDATE AND WORK SESSION REGARDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**

No action.

**ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

March consent items  
elevated tank cost and/or penalties  
PRV purchase  
Livestock in town limits  
Trucks on town streets

**ITEM 15 ADJOURN.**

Meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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**Scott McCarty, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**