

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
April 18, 2011**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Crider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Ashman.

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

Council Member Ashman led both.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

Susan Houser and Ellen Malone spoke to the Council on behalf of the Denton County Children's Advocacy Center. They wanted to thank the Council for their support in the past and stated that their mission is to keep the children in Denton County safe through County and Agency collaboration. Ms. Houser reported that in abuse cases, everything is done under one roof at the center to lessen the trauma to the children and the families. Ponder sent 11 children to the center last year. Ponder has sent a total of 19 children to the center for treatment at no charge and the center is a volunteer group center.

Dean Brittain, citizen of Ponder spoke regarding the selection of the Police Chief. He stated that he appreciates Jeff Easley and that he is good to the old folks and good to their dogs, as he brings them dog biscuits periodically. He also reported that he believes Jeff Easley has done a good job as Police Officer.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the March 10, 2011 minutes and the March 2011 bill report. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 11-04, ANNEXATION OF 7.31 ACRES ON JANUARY LANE.**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve Ordinance 11-04, annexation of 7.31 acres on January Lane. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EDC TO APPOINT DAN VEDRAL AS A VOLUNTEER ADVISORY DIRECTOR TO THE EDC BOARD.**

Council Member Ashman moved to appoint Dan Vedral as a volunteer advisory director to the EDC Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROAL OF ORDINANCE 11-03, FEMA FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION.**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve Ordinance 11-03, FEMA Flood Damage Prevention. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE P&Z TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A, ROMANO PLAT, TOWN OF PONDER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the final plat under the condition that an additional 15' easement is given to the Town of Ponder for future use. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE TOWN COUNCIL ACTING S THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

No action taken on this item. Will be placed on the June agenda.

**ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON HIRING A CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER.**

Council Member Rouse moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened at 6:40 p.m. Council Member Ashman moved to take no action on this item tonight and to direct City Secretary to complete background checks and to interview the final two candidates, Jeff Easley and Robert Genova during the May 12, 2011 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 12 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Police Chief

**ITEM 13 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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**Jeff Vardell, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**