

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 27, 2009**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2009, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Police Chief Steve Grube led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the March 23, 2009 minutes, the March bill report and the March financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR THE LIFT STATIONS.

Director of Public Works Gary Morris presented the Council with a bid for installing the electrical wiring necessary for the lift station generators. Mayor Vardell asked that Gary seek bids from other local electrical companies before proceeding. Mr. Morris noted that these funds will come from the Emergency Repair Fund and will have no budget impact.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved that Gary Morris seek additional bids, approve and proceed with the work without further action from the Council. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROCLAMATION, PROCLAIMING APRIL 27, 2009 AS PONDER LIONS BASKETBALL DAY IN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Council Member Ashman moved to proclaim April 27, 2009 as Ponder Lions Basketball Day in the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Vardell read the proclamation into the minutes as follows:

“WHEREAS, On March 14, 2009, at the University of Texas Frank Erwin Center in Austin, the Ponder Lions Boys Basketball Team competed in the State 2A Championship Basketball game against the New Waverly Bulldogs Boys Basketball team; and
WHEREAS, The Lions finished the 2008-2009 basketball season as the Class 2A Basketball State Champions, having beaten the Bulldogs 51 to 39; and
WHEREAS, This outstanding championship basketball team was under the direction of Head Coach Doug Boxell and Assistant Coaches James Holt, Mark Wynn and Steve Young; and
WHEREAS, This athletic accomplishment was supported by enthusiastic teachers, administrators, fans, friends, family, and parents; and
WHEREAS, The Ponder Lions Boys Basketball Team represented the Town of Ponder with the highest level of class; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Vardell, Mayor of the Town of Ponder, Texas, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 27, 2009, AS “PONDER LIONS BOYS BASKETBALL DAY” IN THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS AND SUPPORTERS TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE PONDER LIONS, THEIR COACHES, AND STUDENTS OF PONDER HIGH SCHOOL FOR REPRESENTING THEIR SCHOOL AND TOWN IN SUCH A POSITIVE MANNER.”

Mayor Vardell presented the Ponder Lions Boys Basketball Team with a plaque engraved with the proclamation and congratulated the team on their accomplishment.

Coach Doug Boxell addressed the Council, thanking them and adding that he is complimented all of the time on how well behaved these student athletes are and how well they represent the Ponder Independent School District.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION, PROCLAIMING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Council Member Ashman moved to proclaim May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

***PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF PONDER***

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and expertise, the use of good judgment, plus a through knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements, and

WHEREAS, with the onset of warmer weather the number of motorcycles on our streets and highways increase dramatically; and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists and motorcycle interest groups continue to demonstrate support for motorcycle safety programs offered for both beginner and advanced riders; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, motorcycle organizations nationwide will hold various events to promote motorcycles safety and awareness with the hope of raising public awareness of motorcycling and motorcycle riders, not for just one specially designated month, but throughout the year as well.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeff Vardell, Mayor of the Town of Ponder, Texas do hereby proclaim May 2009 as:

Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month

In Ponder, Texas and urge appropriate recognition thereof.

*Jeff Vardell, Mayor
Town of Ponder*

ITEM 10 UPDATE FROM GARY MORRIS REGARDING STREET LIGHT ON BAILEY STREET AND STORM SIRENS.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that a streetlight would be replacing the guard light at 202 East Bailey Street. Gary also addressed the Council regarding the storm siren systems.

ITEM 11 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Swear in Council Members and Mayor
Discussion of Historical Overlay District

ITEM 12 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary