

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
August 10, 2015**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Bassler

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Shawn Wilkinson spoke on behalf of the Denton County Cowboy Church. Mr. Wilkinson reported that the church is trying to build a new facility and that the Town has asked them to halt construction. He reaffirmed that there is no construction going on. Mr. Wilkinson thanked the Council for their past support and their future support and stated that the church wanted to make this as easy as possible and that they want to be good neighbors.

Larry LaDuke of Madison Place asked about the south end of the arena and the doors that will be at that end. Mr. LaDuke also asked Sheri Clearman who the public hearing notice letters were sent to and how the percentage worked. Mr. LaDuke said that he was in fear that the cattle at the new facility would hurt or injure children.

Jesus Carillo of 322 Meadow Drive reported to the Council that this has nothing to do with religion and that it was about zoning. He reported that there is a foreclosure issue on Madison. He would like to know why this property has not been rezoned and said that the City and the Zoning Board still have the right to regulate the zoning in the area that the church is building the new facility. Mr. Carillo stated that he believes that there should be pedestrian sidewalks and that the road should be upgraded and that the citizens should not be responsible. He also said that he didn't think that the road could handle the traffic and asked if the entrance is going to allow enough traffic flow or will people be cutting through his neighborhood.

Sean Pollock of Madison Place reported on his notice of public hearing that he received. He stated that the RLUIPA does not apply to this because they are separate buildings and not for the same use.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Howard moved to approve the July 13, 2014 minutes and the July 2015 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REMINGTON PARK ENTRY SIGNS.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that the entry signs are aging and falling apart. He said that it is hard to make the turn into the subdivision because the signs are offset. Mr. Morris reported that there were complaints about the signs. He provided the Council with proposals to remove the signs and repair the road and reported that the Town has the funds in the Repair & Maintenance Roads line item to cover the cost.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the demo of the signs. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM PONDER ATHLETIC LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MARK WALLACE.

Mr. Wallace reported to the Council that he works on the ball fields located west of the Baptist Church. He uses his own tractor and weed eaters. He said that the rain has taken all of the tops off of the fields. The children that use these fields are from 5 to 14 years old. TXDOT is going to dredge the ditch to help with the flooding in the future. Bill Polley at Atmos will repair the retaining walls that will also help. Mr. Wallace is working with the Texas Rangers organization about providing funds for lighting and to get the sprinkler system repaired. Mr. Wallace is asking the Town for funds to cover enough dirt to repair the fields. He state that he would need six truck loads of dirt and they are \$580 per truck load.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to provide funds in the amount of \$3480 to pay for the dirt to repair the fields. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DRAINAGE NEAR KING GEORGE WAY.

Gary Morris reported that he spoke with Mr. Peters and that he was not interested in giving the Town an easement at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY SECRETARY RELATIVE TO THE FY2015-16 BUDGET AND TAX RATE.

Sheri Clearman updated the Council on the schedule of meetings that would be necessary to hold public hearings and to adopt the tax rate and budget. She reported that there would be meetings on August 24, 2015 and on September 14, 2015 to hold public hearings.

ITEM 10 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Budget
Drainage

ITEM 11 ADJOURN.

Council Member Howard moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary