

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
August 14, 2014**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Officer Roger Hooten reported to the Council that July 23-25, 2014 there was a rash of burglaries of motor vehicles. He stated that this was a ring of burglars who recruited some local help. He also reported that this ring has been involved in kidnapping, narcotics among other things. He urged the citizens who were present to report anything missing and that this is organized crime.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Crider moved to approve the July 10, 2014 Council minutes, the February 13, June 12 and July 10, 2014 P&Z minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Howard and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 UPDATE FROM THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

No one present to speak about the Library.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING A LIBRARY BOARD, CONSISTING OF 3 OT 5 MEMBERS.

Council Member Crider moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Howard 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 RELATIVE TO THE FENCING AND FIRE HYDRANTS AT THE ARCH STONE APARTMENTS.

Rachel Corbin, a representative of the Arch Stone Apartments stated that she would like to postpone the discussion about the fire hydrant and that she was in discussion with the PVFD currently.

Ms. Corbin reported to the Council that she was unaware of the fencing requirements changing. She would like to keep the existing 6' fence and have the Council allow her to carry that fence on across Mr. Webb's fence. She stated that if they add a two sided fence with the fence that is currently there, it would be three fences.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman stated that the ordinance calls for an 8' masonry fence, but that the masonry fence does not do well in the Ponder soil.

Council Member Crider read the June 2013 minutes that stated that the Council allowed Arch Stone Apartments to have a 6' wood fence, but that it must be double sided and capped at the top and bottom.

Mr. Webb stated that Ponder was setting a precedence allowing companies to come to Ponder and not follow the ordinances.

Ms. Corbin reported that her fence and the apartments next to her are going to have different fences. She also stated that she felt she was being hit twice on this fence as the City did not relay to her what was required and that they were not made aware of it until the fence was already put up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to require the double sided and capped fence as decided in the June 2013 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Council Member Howard made a secondary motion to require the same fencing on the Northern side of the property that abuts residential. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Howard and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 UPDATE FROM THE CITY SECRETARY REGARDING THE FY 2014-15 BUDGET.

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

ITEM 10 UPDATE FROM THE CITY SECRETARY RELATIVE TO THE ETJ DISPUTE WITH THE CITY OF DENTON.

Sheri Clearman submitted the newest proposal from the City of Denton and was directed to have the Town Attorney accept the current proposal.

ITEM 11 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Tabled items.

ITEM 12 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Howard 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