

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
August 16, 2012**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Mc Carty.

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

None.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.**

No one signed up to speak

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Crider moved to approve the July 12, 2012 minutes and the July 2012 financial statement.

**ITEM 6 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS 5.64 ACRES OF THE PIZANO SURVEY, ABSTRACT 991, AND THE RUDDER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1060 WHICH IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROADWAY OF HWY FM 156, BETWEEN SKILES ROAD AND JUST NORTH OF GREEN STREET IN THE TOWN OF PONDER. SAID PROPERTY IS ALREADY ZONED C1. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS REQUESTING IT BE CHANGED TO C2 WHICH OFFERS A BROADER SPECTURM OF USES.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider.

Mayor McCarty asked if there was anyone there to speak for or against the zoning change.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS 5.64 ACRES OF THE PIZANO SURVEY, ABSTRACT 991, AND THE RUDDER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1060 WHICH IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROADWAY OF HWY FM 156, BETWEEN SKILES ROAD AND JUST NORTH OF GREEN STREET IN THE TOWN OF PONDER. SAID PROPERTY IS ALREADY ZONED C1. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS REQUESTING IT BE CHANGED TO C2 WHICH OFFERS A BROADER SPECTURM OF USES.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and deny the zoning request. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Finley and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTION OF AN EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN.**

Rodney Dryden with Wellspring Insurance Agency reported to the Council that numerous insurance carriers were asked to give proposals for the Town of Ponder health, vision and dental insurance. Mr. Dryden and staff made modifications to the current plan such as increased deductibles, co-pays, etc. The best option at this time is to stay with BCBS despite the increase, they came in with better plans for the price. Staff would like to offer an opt out to the plan for employees who have insurance elsewhere. This will prevent a substantial budget impact.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Option 4 in the proposal document, to allow three options and to allow an opt-out for employees with proof of other coverage and to pay a stipend of one half of the budgeted amount per employee opting out. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Finley and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 UPDATE FROM RICHARD HUCKABEE CONCERNING THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT.**

Richard Huckabee gave a slide show presentation about the UTRWD to the Council.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTING A DATE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE EDC.**

Wes Howard moved to hold a workshop on August 25, 2012 at 8 am. Motion seconded by Council Member Finley. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Finley and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FY 2012-13 BUDGET.**

Sheri Clearman updated the Council on how the budget process was coming along. She reported that both the General Fund Budget and the Water Sewer Budget are balanced at this time.

**ITEM 12 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LIVESTOCK IN REMINGTON PARK.**

Kris Corkins reported to the Council that they have two goats. The goats belong to her children. She stated that she received a ticket for having the goats in Remington Park. She stated that these are the only goats in the neighborhood and her children walk the goats.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to allow these two particular goats to reside at 535 Canterbury Park Lane in Remington Park for the remainder of their lives and that when these two goats are gone they are not to be replaced with other goats. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Council Member Crider made a secondary motion to reaffirm that this decision by the Council is not to modify the deed restrictions of Remington Park in any way. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman,

Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Finley and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

**ITEM 14 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Council Member Howard seconded. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Finley and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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**Scott McCarty, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**