

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
August 8, 2013**

REGULAR SESSION

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Bassler. Council Member Howard arrived at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.

Henry Wofford, a resident of Ponder, stated that he does not agree with the EDC giving funds to the water upsizing and that there is a tree down over a fire hydrant on Eddie and Doyle street and would like for it to be removed.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Crider moved to table the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING MAYOR BASSLER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DENTON COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION ON GEORGE OWENS ROAD.

Council Member Crider moved to authorize Mayor Bassler to enter into an Interlocal Agreement Denton County. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Council Member Crider made a secondary motion that authorized Mayor Bassler to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for construction on George Owens Road. Secondary motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. 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 CHRIS MILLS TO THE PONDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD.

Council Member Crider moved to appoint Chris Mills to the Ponder Economic Development Corporation Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EDC TO CONTRIBUTE \$16,380 TO THE INSTALLATION OF A WATERLINE FOR ARCH STONE APARTMENTS ON BEHALF OF STONE CROSS DEVELOPMENT.

Council Member Crider moved for the Town of Ponder to contribute funds not to exceed \$16,380 toward the installation of a waterline for Arch Stone Apartments on behalf of Stone Cross Development and to authorize Mayor Bassler to enter into agreements pertaining to this contribution between the Town of Ponder and the Arch Stone Apartments and the EDC. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EDC TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF PONDER TO UPSIZE AN 8” WATERLINE TO A 10” WATERLINE AT THE ARCH STONE APARTMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000.

Council Member Crider moved to approve a recommendation from the Ponder EDC to contribute funds not to exceed \$36,000 to the Town of Ponder to upsize an 8” waterline from a 10” waterline and to authorize Mayor Bassler to enter into any agreements pertaining to this contribution between the Town of Ponder and the EDC. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 UPDATE FROM RICHARD HUCKABY RELATIVE TO THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT.

Mr. Huckaby reported that the UTRWD went to a public hearing on the Lake Ralph Hall permit. This has been ongoing for over 10 years. The hearing was before administrative judges who supported the UTRWD on every issue. The judges weighed in favor of the UTRWD. All sides will not put in their brief. In the next 60 days this goes before the TCEQ Commissioners. Mr. Huckaby feels strongly that this will come out in favor of the UTRWD.

Mr. Huckaby is requesting that the Town Council support and approve a resolution in support of Lake Ralph Hall and that reaffirms the Town of Ponder’s support.

ITEM 11 UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE SPEED LIMIT.

Police Chief Genova reported that at the Mayor’s request, the Public Works department conducted a speed survey.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO THE 2013 TAX RATE.

No discussion.

ITEM 12a CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING A TAX RATE DURING THE SEPTEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Council Member Crider moved to consider a tax rate of \$.538873/\$100 on September 12, 2013. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA.

UTRWD Resolution

ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Lynch. 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