

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
August 12, 2010**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2010, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell. Council Member Rouse arrived at 6:01 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Steve Grube led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the July 8, 2010 minutes, the July bill report and the July financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KRUM FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Ken Swindle, Fire Chief for Krum spoke to the Council. He stated that he would answer any questions that they may have concerning the interlocal agreement. Council Member Wilkinson asked Chief Swindle why the default clause had increased. Chief Swindle stated that what Krum is trying to do is be a good neighbor. They did change the per capita to 1200 minimum and the reason the default clause was changed is because it should have been changed on the original contract. He said that he would like to see the ambulance they have be paid off before the next contract term. Chief Swindle also stated that in 18 months he must have a new ambulance in the bay and they cost approximately \$225,000. This purchase will help improve the service to Ponder. Ponder is the only contract that Krum EMS services.

Charlie Williams, Ponder Fire Chief stated that PVFD has a very good working relationship with Krum Fire and has never had an issue.

Council Member Wilkinson asked about Denton Fire Department.

Chief Williams stated that the Denton rates went up and some of their medics didn't want to drive out to Ponder and would do no rides. PVFD wants to have everyone evaluated. The Denton Board was uninterested in these issues.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Interlocal agreement with the City of Krum for EMS. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH DENTON COUNTY FOR THE NOVEMBER 2010 ELECTION.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Joint Election Agreement with Denton County. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACCT ON SELECTING A DESIGN BUILD FIRM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POSSIBLE EVENT CENTER/SPORTS COMPLEX.

Mayor Vardell thanked Sheri Clearman and Gary Morris for the hard work that they put into the selection process. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman also thanked them for their efforts and said that they did a good job. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to meet the recommendation of Sheri Clearman and Gary Morris and choose Frank Dale Construction/Arena Designs. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE EDC ENTERING INTO A GAS LEASE WITH DEVON ENERGY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve of the EDC entering into a gas lease with Devon Energy. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EDDIES STREET.

George Belcheff, Town Engineer reported to the Council concerning the street improvements that will be completed in Old Town Ponder. He went over the streets and drainage that would be improved. He also reported that he would be calling neighborhood meetings to discuss this work with the neighbors affected.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL FOR TOWN STAFF TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR A COMPANY TO WRITE A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT.

Council Member Crider moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF 100 ACRES BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve of the EDC purchasing 100 acres. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-06, CALLING FOR A REAUTHORIZATION ELECTION TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A ¼% SALES AND USE TAX TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve resolution 10-06, Calling for a reauthorization election to continue to receive a ¼% sales and use tax to provide revenue for street maintenance and repairs. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 10-07, CALLING FOR A BOND ELECTION.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 10-07 and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$4,570,035. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 15 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2011 TAX RATE.

Sheri Clearman reported that she was planning to keep the tax rate the same as it currently is.

ITEM 16 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2010-11 BUDGET AND DEADLINES PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET.

Sheri Clearman reported that she would present a balanced budget to the Council at the September meeting for review and approval.

ITEM 17 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Report from George Belcheff regarding the neighborhood meeting

Water Tower Annexation
Design Build update
UTRWD Representative

ITEM 18 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary