

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
December 13, 2012**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Howard, Council Member Finley, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor McCarty.

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

Mayor McCarty led both.

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

No one signed up to speak.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Finley moved to approve the November 8, 2012 minutes and the November 2012 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Finley, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION FOR DENTON COUNTY SHERIFF BENNY PARKEY.**

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

Mayor McCarty read the Proclamation and presented a plaque to Sheriff Benny Parkey. The Proclamation read as follows:

***AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PONDER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS held at 405 Shaffner St. Ponder, Texas on December 13, 2012.***

***THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, DOES HEREBY FIND AS FOLLOWS:***

***WHEREAS, Sheriff Benny Parkey has served the people of Denton County honorably for 8 years; and***

***WHEREAS, Sheriff Benny Parkey directed his deputies to assist the Town of Ponder and its Police Department; and***

*WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department responded frequently to emergency calls to 911 when the Police Department was not on duty, covered the Town of Ponder and provided its citizens with police service for several weeks when the Ponder Police Department was unmanned; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department assisted in major criminal investigations providing personnel, and technical support to help facilitate the investigation and continue to provide this support; and*

*WHEREAS, Sheriff Benny Parkey directed funds seized by the Denton County Sheriff's Department to be given to the Town of Ponder Police Department to buy equipment for department use in their efforts to provide police service to the citizens of the Town of Ponder, helping to ensure the safety of its officers and its citizens.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Town Council for the Town of Ponder,

*That the Town of Ponder, its Police Department, and Citizens thanks Sheriff Benny Parkey and the Denton County Sheriff's Department for their many years of support.*

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED PLAT FOR LARRY AND GINGER DEUSSEN.**

Council Member Howard moved to approve the Final Plat for Larry and Ginger Deussen. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Finley, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Discussion on the Town of Ponder purchasing the Brooks (caboose) property.

**ITEM 9 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Howard moved to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Finley, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 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