

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
December 9, 2010**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vardell called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 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, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman.

**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 November 15, 2010 minutes, the November 2010 bill report and the November 2010 financial statement.

**ITEM 6 UPDATE REGARDING MITCHELL PLANNING GROUP, LLC INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT.**

City Secretary Sheri Clearman reported to the Council that Mitchell Planning Group will be terminating inspection services on December 31, 2010. They have recommended another inspection services company and that company will provide information for the Council regarding their services at the next regular meeting.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A CITIZEN COMPLAINT REGARDING THE POLICE CHIEF.**

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:20 p.m. regarding items 7 & 8. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular Session reconvened.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to call a Special Meeting on December 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to take action on Item 7 & Item 8. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Ashman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A COMPLAINT REGARDING THE POLICE CHIEF.**

This item was addressed in Executive Session at the same time as Item 7. Action listed under Item 7.

**ITEM 9 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE PLANS FOR A MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.**

Mayor Pro-Tem stated to the Council and Staff that we should be armed and prepared for the next Bond Election. He suggested that we have a financial plan for the event center and a construction plan with phasing. All Council Members agreed to try the Bond Election again in May of 2012.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH CONCERNING BUILDING PERMIT ISSUES.**

The Methodist Church has an application for building permit submitted to the Town of Ponder. They are requesting that a waiver be given so that they may proceed with construction. They are asking that they not have to replace all of the doors with new fireproof doors and that the Council allows them to have gravel parking instead of concrete.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the waiver to the doors if the Methodist Church will address the door going into the daycare area and to approve the waiver for parking for a two (2) year period at which time they will need to concrete or asphalt the parking lot. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Crider. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF LAND ANNEXATION CONCERNING A 7.31 ACRE SITE ON JANUARY LANE OWNED BY THE TOWN OF PONDER.**

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve Resolution 10-16. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider, Council Rouse, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 12 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Resolution 10-15, Dismissal of Police Chief  
Master Plan Funds

**ITEM 13 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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Jeff Vardell, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary