

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
February 22, 2010**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 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 6:20 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Steve Grube led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.

Ms. Powers, a resident of Ponder who resides in Steamboat Estates, addressed the Council about freezing her sewer rates. She stated that her sewer rates were not frozen when she moved into the Town limits from the County. The water was previously in her husbands name and they were on septic then and their water rate was frozen at the 2002 rate. When her husband passed away in 2006 she moved into town and changed the water account into her name. At the time the water service was changed over and sewer service was added the frozen rate was not carried over in the computer. Ms. Powers stated that her water rate has been corrected and frozen at the 2002 rate and that is asking that her sewer rate be frozen at the 2006 rate. She also added that she lives on a fixed amount of money and it is difficult for her since her husbands passing.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the February 8, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF PONDER ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AD AUDIT FOR THE 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the 2008-09 Fiscal year Financial Statement and Audit. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-02, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PLACE ONE, PLACE THREE AND PLACE FIVE AND ESTABLISHING DATES AND TIME FOR EARLY VOTING AND A RUNOFF ELECTION IF REQUIRED.

Council Member Wilkinson move to approve Resolution 10-02, Calling a general election for the offices of City Council Members Place one, Place three and Place five and establishing dates and time for early voting and a runoff election if required. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FUTURE PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Council Member Ashman moved to allow Mr. Jim Singleton to work with Belcheff & Associates to see if he could be of help in designing the future sports/park complex. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

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Ms. Powers

ITEM 10 ADJOURN.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider 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