

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
February 8, 2010**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 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 Rouse, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell. Council Member Wilkinson arrived at 6:07 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Steve Grube led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.

Dennis Bassinger, Chief of Police for the City of Krum addressed the Council regarding Chief Grube. Chief Bassinger reported that the Krum Police Department assisted the Valley View Police Department in a chase. Krum PD was able to spike the suspect's tires. Several agencies responded as back-up. The suspect fled on foot and there was a search for the suspect. When the suspect was found the first officer on scene to help was Chief Grube who helped secure the vehicle. He understood that Chief Grube had gone into a particular store and a complaint ensued. He stated that he did the same thing at other stores. Chief Bassinger said that he can not imagine Chief Grube doing anything illegal or immoral and that sometimes professionalism has to escalate to get your point across. He stated that the law allows an officer to use any force necessary. He again stated that he came across a person that met the description and it turned out to be the suspect and Chief Grube was the first on the scene. This suspect had stolen identification cards, credit cards, narcotics and checks that were already made out and was wanted for several felonies. Chief Bassinger said that he can not express enough gratitude to Chief Grube because if you wait on the Sheriff's Office you will wait a long time and that the Sheriff's Office actually depends on Krum and Ponder Police. He stated that Denton Sheriff's Department cruised by and that you can not count on Denton Police Department or Sheriff's Office to get there in a timely manner. Chief Bassinger stated again that Chief Grube has never been out of his way and that if he didn't go outside of his City to help Krum they wouldn't get any help at all. He stated that the small towns are dependent upon each other and that we are the law west of 35.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the January 25, 2010 and the February 2, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, 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 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING A CITIZEN COMPLAINT ON THE PONDER POLICE CHIEF.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to adjourn into executive session concerning items 6 and 8 at 6:13 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, 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 6:47 p.m.

ITEM 7 RACIAL PROFILING UPDATE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF.

Chief Grube went over his racial profiling report as required by law.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON LAND ACQUISITION FOR AN ELEVATED WATER TANK.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to give Mayor Vardell the authority to enter into contract with Craig Anderson to purchase approximately 7.41 acres off of January Lane. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, 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 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

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ITEM 10 ADJOURN.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, 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