

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Bassler.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Robert Mann spoke regarding Item 14. He asked the Council where the Senior apartments were to built.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES.**
- 2. JANUARY 2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Council Member Crider moved to approve the January 11, 2016 minutes and the January 2016 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn 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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2014-15 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.

Council Member Crider moved to accept the FY2014-15 annual financial audit. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR, TINA HAGER.

Ms. Hager reported that there were 10 new library cards issued this month. She also reported that the library has partnered with businesses in Town. The Pharmacy and Martha's Taco Shop have agreed to promote the library. Ms. Hager asked the Council if they would consider the library keeping the current building that houses Town Hall when the new facility is completed. She has a vision to make a children's area with trains and a teen area and a senior center.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON GIVING THE COPE FAMILY APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PLACE AN HISTORICAL MARKER AT THE WELL SITE THAT BELONGED TO THEIR FAMILY.

Council Member Crider moved to allow the Cope Family to submit an application to the State for an historical marker and asked that they get with Gary Morris for proper placement of said marker. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Howard,

Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn 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 A JOINT ELECTION AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY.

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

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 16-02, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.

Council Member Howard moved to approve Ordinance 16-02, Calling for a General Election. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-03, HAZARD MITIGATION.

Council Member Crider moved to approve Resolution 16-03, Hazard Mitigation. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn 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 APPROVAL OF NECESSARY ROAD REPAIRS TO PORTIONS OF BAILEY STREET, EDDIE STREET, JANUARY LANE, JAMES STREET AND SUOTHPEAK AS PRESENTED BY GARY MORRIS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve street repairs as presented by Gary Morris not to exceed \$24,600. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 13 PRESENTATION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PARK IN REMINGTON PARK.

Council Member Gorman moved to accept the amendments to the Park design as per attached letter from Kimley-Horn, dated February 3, 2016 RE: Remingto Park, Park Design Update (attached). Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-04, SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SENIOR APARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Ms. Bowyer, with Herman and Kittle asked the Council for support with the concept plan that she presented of the Senior Apartments. She reported that she has property in Justin that apartments are under construction on. She is looking for equity investors and is asking for the support of the Council which is necessary to receive the financing needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 16-04 in support of the Senior Apartments in the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 15 UPDATE FROM RICHARD HUCKABY ON THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT.

Mr. Huckaby was unable to attend this meeting.

ITEM 16 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

UTRWD Update

ITEM 17 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary