

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
February 9, 2012**

**ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ITEM 2      ROLL CALL**

Those present were Mayor McCarty, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Council Member Ryan Rouse arrived at 6:09 p.m.

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

Council Member Ashman led both.

**ITEM 4      OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

Tom Dearing, President of the EDC reported to the Council that he has formed a committee to discuss the Comprehensive Plan for Ponder. The committee will be Alan Gorman, Karen Finley, Tom Dearing, Jim Hyland, Cory Anthony, Dan Cockburn and Kristine Taylor.

Chris Mills of Lonestar Park Lane asked that the Sprint Franchise Agreement be reviewed. She has spoken with AT&T about service in ponder and they told her that Sprint had exclusive rights to Ponder. She added that the rates were horrible. City Secretary, Sheri Clearman will review the contract and email Chris Mills with the terms.

**ITEM 5      CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the January 12, 2012 minutes, the January 2012 bill report and the January 2012 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse 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 AND APPROVAL OF THE  
2011 TOWN OF PONDER FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

Carl Deaton with Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Shea reported to the Council on the Town of Ponder Financial Statement for 2011. Mr. Deaton reported that the General Fund had a \$125,929 increase in Fund Balance this year. He said that the General Fund is in excellent shape.

Mr. Deaton also reported the Water/Sewer Fund. He said that this fund is labeled as an enterprise fund. He reported that this fund did not increase in Fund Balance from last year due primarily to more wastewater treatment plant maintenance and larger utility bills.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the 2011 Town of Ponder Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING A NEW MUNICIPAL JUDGE.**

Council Member Ashman moved to appoint Holly Fox as the Town of Ponder Municipal Judge. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 UPDATE FROM CHRIS NORWOOD REGARDING THE PARK BOARD.**

Chris Norwood reported to the Council that the Park Board met in December and set some goals for 2012. These goals include two focus areas. Deussen Park being the first would like to have improvements for the children with physical disabilities and will require fundraising and volunteering. The bathrooms in that park need to be set up with cameras. The second of these goals are new baseball fields. The board will focus on what can be done to get nice ball fields for our community. The number one question is where the money will come from to build fields. Bruce Yeager has numbers on ball fields that were between \$150K and \$400K per field. The Park Board would like to get feedback from the community regarding new ball fields. Randy Crider told Chris Norwood to keep up the good work.

**ITEM 9 UPDATE FROM GARY MORRIS ON THE ELEVATED STORAGE TANK AND THE EDDIES STREET PROJECT.**

Gary reported that the Eddies Street Project is 85% complete and that the contractors have laid the first layer of asphalt. They will be laying the final layer next week. Completion date is around two weeks. He also reported that the elevated tank welders are finished and the painters will need about five weeks to complete which will put them past the extension they were granted for completion. Once the tank is filled, pressure reducing valves will be put in at five locations and should be up and running in April.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 12-01, REGULATING SEX OFFENDER REGIDENCY.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Ordinance 12-01. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse 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 ADOPTING RESOLUTION 12-02, SUSPENDING ATMOS RATE CASE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 12-02. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse 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 A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH DENTON COUNTY.**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the joint election contract with Denton County. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Elevated Tank Site progress  
Sex offender residency

**ITEM 14 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 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**