

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 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 Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Bassler. Matt Butler, Council to the Town of Ponder was present also.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 MINUTES.**
- 2. DECEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Council Member Crider moved to approve the December 14, 2016 minutes and the December 2015 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn 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 AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES BETWEEN THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DENTON COUNTY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Betty Foster Public Library and Denton County. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 UPDATE ON THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tina Hager, Library Director mentioned her staff report that she provided for the Council. She reported that she applied for a grant, has been able to get all of the Denton County paperwork ready to go, began the annual library report and has presented her budget. She would like for the Council to go to the Library's facebook page and check it out. Ms. Hager thanked the Council for all of their support and asked that they let her know if there is anything she can be of assistance with.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY FY2015-16 BUDGET.

Council Member Crider moved to approve the FY2015-16 Library budget. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING LITIGATION – SCHMITZ V. PONDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn into executive session per LGC Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, in reference to Items 9, 10 and 11 on this agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING LITIGATION – TEXAS VOICES FOR REASON AND JUSTICE V. PONDER.

See Item 10.

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 12-01.

Council Member Howard moved to approve Ordinance 12-01. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO OPEN CARRY DURING A COUNCIL MEETING.

Chief Robert Genova discussed the open carry law. He stated that the Council can ban open carry in public meetings. Council Member Howard directed the Chief to place signage outside of the Council Chambers that will prohibit weapons inside the Council Chambers.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary