

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
January 12, 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 Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Council Member Ashman arrived at 6:03 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Rouse led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

None.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Crider moved to approve the October 13, October 20 and December 15, 2012 minutes, the December 2011 bill report and the December 2011 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse, Council Member Finley 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 WHETHER TO PROTEST A NOTICE OF CCN APPLICATION.

Council Member Finley moved to not protest the CCN application. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley 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 WAIVING LATE FEES FOR 231 CANTERBURY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EDC ON SELECTION OF A FIRM TO COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Tom Dearing, President of the EDC reported that the EDC Consultant looked at the existing plan and was not happy with it and believes that changes could increase the value of land. The Consultant would like to take the ball fields off of the EDC land and placed on land possibly donated by the school. Mr. Dearing would like to see the EDC land have more retail whereas the current plan is more linear. He would also like to see a plan that would motivate people to come to Ponder.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman stated that the existing plan does not preclude retail on the 100 acres. He said that he would like to sit down with the EDC and citizens concerning a comprehensive plan and that the current plan does not stop us from doing whatever we want. Mr. Gorman would rather see us get together and give it a try in doing this ourselves and include the citizens before hiring a firm. He also stated that the maps in the proposal are not as detailed as our current plan and that the fee schedule is too open ended and does not have a NTE in the contract anywhere. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman told Tom Dearing that if he wanted to solicit a group to form a committee that we could act on this next month.

Codi Delcambre with the Town of Argyle stated that she worked with Trent Petty for many years. She stated that Trent is very good and he can make this Town. She stated that comprehensive plan rewriting is very complicated and that Argyle is larger than Ponder and Argyle paid \$325,000 for their plan. She added that you can't have committees first, that you should meet with the consultant first and then have workshops. She said that Argyle had models so that citizens could come in and get a visual. She said that Ponder is a unique Town and that the railroad goes through town and there is a church on a main corner which limits its surroundings. Ms. Delcambre stated that Roberto did Argyle's plan with a new style of zoning that is based on population. Again, she stated that Trent is the best that Ponder will ever have and with Roberto's knowledge they could help the Town. Ms. Delcambre also told Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman that they could always have a NTE added to the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to not accept the recommendation of the EDC and not to accept this proposal. Motion seconded by Council Member Finley. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: Council Member Rouse. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstentions.

ITEM 9 UPDATE FROM THE TOWN ENGINEER ON THE ELEVATED STORAGE TANK.

Mike Anderson with Belcheff & Associates reported that the contractors expect to be finished at the end of this week. Painters will begin next week and should take around three weeks to complete. Mike also reported that the final well test came in at 430 gallons per minute at Well #7.

ITEM 10 UPDATE FROM GARY MORRIS REGARDING ON-GOING PROJECTS.

Gary reported that all drainage updates are complete on the Eddies Street Project. The crews will begin the stabilization tomorrow and it will take 72 hours to set then it will be one week before asphalt. Gary estimates that they are three weeks from completion.

ITEM 11 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

EDC Committee

ITEM 12 ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Scott McCarty, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary