

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
July 11, 2013**

REGULAR SESSION

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Howard, Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch, 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 FOR CITIZEN INPUT.

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Crider moved to approve the June 13, 2013 minutes and the June 2013 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO GARY MORRIS.

Mayor Bassler presented a letter and appreciation to Gary Morris and read it aloud in the meeting. The letter read as follows:

Gary,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your employees in the Public Works department for a job well done.

On June 11, 2013, I received a letter from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality notifying me that a Comprehensive Compliance Investigation had been successfully completed with no findings.

This letter of appreciation is in recognition of the hard work and dedication that the Public Works department continually shows. It is because of employees like yourself and your staff that make Ponder a wonderful place to live and work. As our town continues to grow into the future, I am assured that the Ponder Public Works department will continually set the bar high in their professionalism and dedication to the Town of Ponder

*Thank you Gary,
John Bassler, Mayor*

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL OF A PLAT. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS A 0.58 ACRE TRACT TO BE KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK A, COPP ADDITION OUT OF THE N. RUDDER SURVEY, ABSTRACT #1060, THE REMAINDER OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO STEAMBOAT ESTATES, INC, AS RECORDED WITH THE DENTON COUNTY CLERK, IN DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS. SAID PROPERTY IS ZONED SF1 (SINGLE FAMILY – 1).

Council Member Howard moved to approve the plat as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY FOR TAX COLLECTION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for tax collection. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 13-08, ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Council Member Crider moved to approve Ordinance 13-08, adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON WAIVING IMPACT FEES FOR RACHEL CORBIN ON THE NEW APARTMENTS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to not waive the impact fees for the apartments. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 UPDATE FROM GARY MORRIS CONCERNING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Gary Morris reported that the staff has met with George Belcheff trying to prioritize the Capital Improvement Projects. He stated that at a future meeting the projects will be presented to the Town Council. Gary mentioned that the wastewater treatment plant will need a clarifier, the Town will need some drainage and a new Town Hall will be needed in the near future and he feels that we should be prepared.

ITEM 12 UPDATE FROM SHERI CLEARMAN CONCERNING THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION CONFLICT WITH THE CITY OF DENTON.

Sheri Clearman reported to the Council that the City of Denton has claimed some ETJ that the Town of Ponder believes is in our ETJ. Legal Counsel for the Town of Ponder is currently working with maps, the staff and the City of Denton Legal Counsel and Staff to rectify this conflict.

ITEM 13 UPDATE CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF 102 W BAILEY STREET.
Sheri Clearman reported that the Town of Ponder will close on the purchase of 102 W. Bailey Street on Tuesday, July 16, 2013.

ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA.
Progressive Waste – recycling options
Capital Improvement Projects

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.
Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch 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