

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
July 13, 2015**

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 CONSENT AGENDA

Sean Pollock of Madison Place stated that the purpose of zoning is to promote the health safety morals and general welfare of the community to protect and conserve the value of buildings and encourage the most appropriate use of the land. More specifically, zoning segregates uses that are thought to be incompatible. In practice, zoning is also used to prevent new development from interfering with existing uses and or to preserve the character of a community.

Mr. Pollock also stated that it has come to his attention that the land that the DCCC plans to build the arena on is zoned SF-2. Town ordinances specifically prohibit the construction of an area on this zoning. He believes that there is a good reason for this, that the arena is incompatible with a residential neighborhood. He believes that the arena will negatively affect the property values and the quality of life for those living on Madison. Mr. Pollock does not believe that the arena activities are related to the church. He stated that he has made calls and emails to the DCCC with no response. Mr. Pollock left a copy of his speech and it is attached.

Larry LaDuke of Madison Place concurs with Mr. Pollock. He stated that he took pictures and showed the Council. He showed that the sun hadn't come up yet before someone was working on the arena site. Mr. LaDuke asked how many of the Council Members attended the Cowboy Church. Mr. LaDuke also asked that the Town of Ponder website be updated.

Tesa Apponey of Madison Place stated that she also concurs with Mr. Pollock. She stated that the lights were still on early into Sunday morning and would like to know how everyone would feel if it were behind their house. She asked why there was no signage. She said that she is very unhappy.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Crider moved to approve the Minutes from June 8 and June 10, 2015 and the June 2015 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman 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 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the Resolution to ratify publication of notice of intent to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman 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 CHERA CAMERON TO THE EDC BOARD.

Council Member Crider moved to appoint Chera Cameron to the EDC Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION AND STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A BUILDING LOCATED BEHIND 102 W. BAILEY STREET.

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

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING THE DRAINAGE RELATED TO THE RESIDENTS ON KING GEORGE WAY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman asked that Gary Morris speak to all residents involved and ask if they would be willing to grant an easement for drainage and to speak to the school board about their future plans for expansion.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REPLAT REQUEST FOR: ORIGINAL OLD TOWN PONDER PLAT BLOCK 18 LOT 1R AND LOT 2 R.

Council member Howard moved to accept the P&Z recommendation and to approve the replat for OT Ponder Block 18, Lot 1R & 2 R. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Drainage
DCCC

ITEM 12 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman 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