

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
July 27, 2009**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2009, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell.

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

Police Chief Steve Grube led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Vardell reported that he spoke to Codi Delcambre, President of the Economic Development Corporation who said that she would schedule an EDC meeting. As of this date, she has not done so. Council asked that Sheri Clearman speak with Ms. Delcambre about scheduling a meeting.

**ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT**

Cindy Sherwood, a citizen of Ponder reported to the Council that she received a letter regarding a junk vehicle in her driveway that gave her 15 days to remove it. She has done so. Ms. Sherwood stated that there are 2 other vehicles in Remington Park that are considered junk vehicles that haven't received letters to her knowledge, a car on Hwy 156 that is on blocks and one a couple of houses down from Steve Grube that is not tagged. Ms. Sherwood said that she drove around town on her own and was able to make a list of license plate numbers of junk vehicles. She also added that people like Ponder because it is the country and they feel like they should be able to stock up on cars and such. Ms. Sherwood said that she understands Steve Grube, who she lovingly calls Barney Fife and is proud to call him her friend, has been directed to be aggressive pursuing code enforcement by Council but should be more kind in doing so and send the letters certified. Ms. Sherwood said that she is embarrassed if there were letters sent to anyone else and that her heart hurts because if just asked she would have moved her junk vehicle.

**ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the July 13, 2009 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON LAND ACQUISITION FOR ELEVATED STORAGE TANK.**

Council Member Crider move to adjourn to executive session at 6:18 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman.

Regular session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to proceed with making Mr. Robertson a formal offer of \$7,500 per acre for 4.88 acres. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse 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 COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR TAX COLLECTION WITH DENTON COUNTY.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Collection with Denton County. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT WITH BRIAN HALL.**

The contract was discussed and reviewed. Council directed Sheri Clearman to contact Brian Hall regarding the 50% allocation to the Town on impounds and to find out if he picks up cats or not.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON CHANGING THE TOWN OF PONDER EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PLAN.**

Council Member Gorman moved to take recommendation of staff and approve Blue Cross Insurance Plans Market 3, Market 6 and Market 7. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Budget Amendment for Police Department  
Budget review  
Land offer update

**ITEM 12 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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Jeff Vardell, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary