

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
June 10, 2010**

**ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vardell called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, 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. Council Member Wilkinson arrived at 6:07 p.m.

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

Steve Grube led both.

**ITEM 4      OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.**

Mr. Wayne Peters, a resident of Ponder, signed up to speak. Mr. Peters stated that he had learned recently that Chief Grube had been complained on for an incident with his taser. He also stated that the person that he knows Steve Grube to be is a professional person and believes that this sounds like a personal matter and not a professional problem. He said that if the City is being held hostage by a personnel problem then he would recommend firing both employees.

Teddi James, Town of Ponder Water Clerk addressed the Council and Mr. Peters stating that this was not a personal issue and that he was not being professional. She told Mr. Peters that what he said was not true.

**ITEM 5      CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the May 13, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6      UPDATE FROM GEORGE BELCHEFF REGARDING THE ELEVATED WATER TANK.**

Mike Anderson with Belcheff & Associates update the Council regarding the progress of the elevated storage tank. He gave the Council copies of a projected timeline on the project and reported that the plans for the tank are at the State right now awaiting approval.

**ITEM 7      UPDATE FROM AN EDC MEMBER REGARDING RECENT MEETINGS AND LAND PURCHASE.**

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

**ITEM 8 UPDATE FROM STAFF MEMBERS REGARDING PROGRESS ON A POSSIBLE EVENT CENTER/SPORTS COMPLEX TO INCLUDE A REPORT FROM GARY SAMPLE OF DEVON ENERGY.**

Gary Morris reported to the Council that Gary Sample with Devon Energy is working on getting a surface drilling waiver for the land located west of Ponder on 2449.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN DENTON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF PONDER IN REFERENCE TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County and the Town of Ponder in reference to Street Improvements. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A COMPLAINT INVOLVING STEVE GRUBE.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened at 7:52.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to place Steve Grube on unpaid administrative leave for 10 days and to place him on probation for 6 months. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse 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.**

Resolution on possible grant funding

**ITEM 12 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Rouse moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 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