

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
June 12, 2014**

**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 Lynch, 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 OPEN FORUM**

Mark Webb of January Lane spoke regarding item #12.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Howard moved to approve the minutes from May 8, 2014. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 14-06, CANVASSING OF THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Ordinance 14-06. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTANCE OF A PROCLAMATION THAT THE MONTH OF MAY BE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the Proclamation that the month of May be Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month in the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 UPDATE FROM THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Library Director, Judy Simmons reported to the Council that the Summer Reading Program began today and that there were 23 in attendance. The program is based on science activities for the children. Ms. Simmons also reported that the library received a \$4000 grant for 3 computers and that they have another \$3000 grant in the works for 2 more computers. The library continues to work on collections and the book sale raised \$176. She also stated that there will be a ventriloquist visit the library on June 19, 2014.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A VARIANCE REQUEST. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS DESCRIBED AS STEAMBOAT ESTATES, PH 1 BLK A, LOT 6 AND WHICH IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 230 SOUTHPEAK. OWNERS ARE REQUESTING A VARIANCE BE GRANTED REGARDING SIDE PROPERTY LINE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS TO BUILD A GARAGE.**

Council Member Howard moved to approve the variance as requested. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: Council Member Cockburn. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 1 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 14-07, ATMOS ENERGY RATE CASE.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 14-07. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION WITH THE LADY VIP REGARDING FRONTIER DAYS.**

Linda Wilson, a member of the Lady VIP thanked all those who participated in Frontier Days. She reported that they made somewhere between \$23,000 and \$25,000. All of the live entertainment agreed to return next year. The Lady VIP would like to use the 100 acres again next year and are asking that electricity and water be put on the property.

**ITEM 12 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FENCE LOCATED BETWEEN THE ARCH STONE APARTMENTS AND THE WEBB RESIDENCE ON JANUARY LANE.**

Mark Webb of January Lane voiced his concern about his property backing up to the Arch Stone Apartments and that there were apartment windows facing his property. Carolyn Farmer sent an email to Rachele Corbin about the fence placement that included an aerial photo that denoted where the fence is required. She stated that she believed that Ms. Corbin will comply with the requirements.

**ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A FARMER'S MARKET.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN RELATIVE TO THE ETJ DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND THE CITY OF DENTON.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 15 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Water and Electricity at 100 acres.

**ITEM 16 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Howard moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Lynch, Council member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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**John Bassler, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**