

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
June 8, 2015**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 OPEN FORUM

Mr. Teel signed up to speak in reference to Item 8 on the agenda.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Crider moved to approve the May 14, 2015 minutes and the May 2015 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 SWEAR-IN MAYOR BASSLER.

Sheri Clearman, City Secretary swore John Bassler in for the seat of Mayor.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY FOR TAX COLLECTION.

Council Member Howard move 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 Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ARCH STONE APARTMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PRIVACY OF OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Mr. Teel, who resides behind the Arch Stone apartments showed pictures to the Council from his back yard to the apartments. He stated that there is a direct view of his back yard from the upper level apartment units. He asked if there could be some trees planted to block this view so that the apartments would be in compliance with the Town Ordinance that states there should be no direct view onto a private patio or backyard.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to have Carolyn Farmer write a letter to the owner of the property, asking that they plant shrubs or trees or put up some type of screening to comply with the Town

of Ponder Ordinance that requires this. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 15-06, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION.

No action taken.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST FOR: OT PONDER BLK 7, LOT 5 AND OT PONDER BLK 7, LOT 6. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS REQUESTING A ZONING CHANGE TO C-1 IN ORDER TO OFFER A WIDER VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN AND TO ALSO OFFER THE ADVANTAGE OF THE RAILROAD ABUTMENT TO A POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY/BUSINESS. CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER: LOLA PIERCE

Council Member Howard moved to approve the zoning change from SF-2 to C-1. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REPLAT REQUEST OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF PONDER, BEING 0.37 OF AN ACRE IN THE N RUDDER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 1060, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING A REPLAT OF A PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 22 TOWN OF PONDER AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 75, PAGE 80, OF THE DEED RECORDS, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION PHYSICALLY BEING WITHIN THE PONDER CITY LIMITS. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS CATHY GREEN.

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

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING THE DRAINAGE RELATED TO RESIDENTS ON JANUARY LANE AND KING GEORGE WAY.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that he would like to have a survey of the property that he believed may be causing the flooding. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman directed Gary to have the property surveyed and bring back to the Council.

ITEM 13 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Sheri Clearman reported to the Council that they should be thinking about where the Library will be located when the new Town Hall is finished. There is not enough space in the new building for the library.

ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Drainage.

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn 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