

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 14, 2016**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Howard, 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

All signed up to speak on specific items. See below.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER AND ACT FOR APPROVAL ON THE FINAL PLAT FOR 115 W BAILEY STREET.

Council Member Howard moved to approve the final plat for 115 W Bailey Street, in compliance with the recommendation from George Belcheff, Town Engineer. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON INFORMAL VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING LOT SIZE FOR 115 BAILEY STREET.

Council Member Howard moved to approve the informal variance request regarding lot size for 115 Bailey Street, in compliance with the recommendation from George Belcheff, Town Engineer. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION WITH MARK WALLCE, REFERENCE TO BUDGETING FOR MAINTENANCE IN THE FY2016-17, FOR THE BALL FIELDS LOCATED BEHIND THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mark Wallace thanked the Council for the soil that they donated to the ball fields and stated that it withstood the heavy rains. He requested that the Council consider putting somewhere between \$1,500 and \$2,000 in the next budget for maintenance on the fields. He has paid for all of the maintenance from his own funds in the past.

Council advised Mr. Wallace that they would consider this during the budget process for the FY2016-17 budget.

ITEM 8 MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR, TINA HAGER.

Ms. Hager reported that there were 366 library patrons in the month of February. She also reported that the library received the North Texas Book Festival Grant. The library is partnering with PALS to help with baseball signups and 63 people have come into the Library just for that. The library employees are receiving online training. She asked the Council if they would consider purchasing her a phone.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES OF REMINGTON PARK PHASE 4 EXECUTED BETWEEN D.R. HORTON-TEXAS, LTD, BOB SHELTON ENTERPRISES, LTD AND THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to amend the agreement between D.R. Horton-Texas, Bob Shelton Enterprises and the Town of Ponder to allow CO's on completed homes so long that the Park is completed by July 31, 2016. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR PONDER LANE BUSINESS PARK.

Council Member Howard moved to approve the preliminary plat for Ponder Lane Business Park upon compliance with the recommendation from George Belcheff, Town Engineer. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO A POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT LOCATED IN THE COMMERCIAL LOT NORTH OF REMINGTON PARK.

Dave Salsbury presented a proposed site plant that included a strip center and mini-storage facility. He asked for the Council to support this project. The Council indicated that they were very interested in the project.

ITEM 12 UPDATE FROM RICHARD HUCKABY ON THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT.

Mr. Huckaby was unable to attend the meeting.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

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ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Howard moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary