

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
March 5, 2012**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 2      ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor McCarty. Council Member Rouse arrived at 6:18 p.m.

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

Council Member Ashman led both.

**ITEM 4      OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

Gina Burch, wife of local Constable Candidate Tim Burch, spoke on his behalf. Stated that Tim has 10 years experience at Precinct 4 and has only one opponent. She stated that his opponent does not have any experience in the constables office, only experience at the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's office. Ms. Burch expressed her hope for the support of Ponder.

Wayne Bangston, a Ponder resident also spoke in support of Tim Burch for Constable. He stated that he has worked with Tim side by side and that Tim supports them. He also explained that a constable services Civil and warrants and that Tim's opponent has no experience. He also stated that Tim's co-workers respect and support him and that shows that he is a good leader. Mr. Bangston ended stating that Tim Burch is the best man for the position.

**ITEM 5      CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the February 9, 2012 minutes, the February 2012 bill report and the 2012 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Finley. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6      DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE  
FINISH DATE ON THE ELEVATED TANK CONTRACT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7      UPDATE FROM BELCHEFF & ASSOCIATES REGARDING ONGOING  
PROJECTS.**

Mike Anderson, Town Engineer presented a report projecting capital projects over the next ten years. Mike also reported that the Eddie's Street project is wrapping up and that they will have 15 days to clean up after the final walk-thru.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-03, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS PLACE 1, PLACE 3 AND PLACE 5.**

Council Member Finley moved to approve Resolution 12-03. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE FY2011-12 BETTY FOSTER LIBRARY BUDGET.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the FY2011-12 Budget for the Betty Foster Public Library. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 12-01, REGULATING SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY (2<sup>ND</sup> READING).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Ordinance 12-01. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FLASHING LIGHT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF 2449 AND 156.**

Council Member Finley stated that when school begins, this intersection is very busy and dangerous. Gary Morris reported that from 2003-2006 studies were conducted and they were all turned down until 2006. In that year, we were turned down due to the study again but based on accident reports the flashing light was approved. Mayor McCarty stated that he would order a study if directed so by the Council.

**ITEM 12 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSITION OF THE CITY SECRETARY.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

No action taken on this item.

**ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Elevated Tank Site progress

**ITEM 14 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Finley, 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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**Scott McCarty, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**