

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
May 8, 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 Crider, Council Member Lynch and Mayor Bassler. John Boyle was also present.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Mr. Nacho Godino of 323 Meadow Drive addressed the Council in reference to the Ponder ISD starting a wrestling team. The Council advised Mr. Godino to speak with the Ponder ISD School Board.

Mr. Mark Webb of January Lane voiced concerns about the apartments that are being constructed behind his property. He stated that on June 13, 2013 the Council allowed a change of the fence height requirement for this project. Since then, the elevation of the property has been raised over 2'. There are four apartments that will face his residents. He feels like those were not disclosed to him when he acquired the home. Mr. Webb would like to see the Council revisit the issue with the apartments facing his home.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Crider moved to approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2014 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROCLAMATION FOR THE PONDER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM.

Mayor Bassler presented Josh Peterson with a proclamation reading:

***PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS***

WHEREAS, *On March 8, 2014, at the University of Texas Frank Erwin Center in Austin, the Ponder Lions Boys Basketball Team competed in the State 2A Championship Basketball game against the Tatum Eagles Boys Basketball team; and*

WHEREAS, *The Lions finished the 2013-14 basketball season as the Class 2A Basketball State Champions, having beaten the Eagles 66 to 56; and*

WHEREAS, *This outstanding championship basketball team was under the direction of Head Coach Jude Stanley and Assistant Coaches James Holt, Jacob Williams and Glen Schuelke; and*

WHEREAS, *This athletic accomplishment was supported by enthusiastic teachers, administrators, fans, friends, family, and parents; and*

WHEREAS, The Ponder Lions Boys Basketball Team represented the Town of Ponder with the highest level of class; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bassler, Mayor of the Town of Ponder, Texas, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 8, 2014, AS “PONDER LIONS BOYS BASKETBALL DAY” IN THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS AND SUPPORTERS TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE PONDER LIONS, THEIR COACHES, AND STUDENTS OF PONDER HIGH SCHOOL FOR REPRESENTING THEIR SCHOOL AND TOWN IN SUCH A POSITIVE MANNER.

Council Crider moved to accept the proclamation. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 14-04, AMENDING THE UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE.

Council Member Howard moved to approve Ordinance 14-04. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A RATE STUDY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Council Member Crider moved to approve a rate study for public works by the Town Engineer and to be completed within three months and not to exceed \$15,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE WATER SEWER BUDGET.

Council Member Crider moved to move \$15,000 from 002-02-5502 into 002-02-5527 for payment of the water rate study. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON CLOSING STREETS FOR FRONTIER DAY.

Council Member Crider moved to allow the closing of Bailey Street between Ranchman’s and Shaffner Street from 6:30 pm to 12:00 am during Frontier Day. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 14-05, AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS.

Council Member Howard moved to approve. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A FARMER’S MARKET.

Robert Genova and Gary Morris have suggested having a farmer’s market. Gary suggested that the market be held in the parking lot of Town Hall to see how much interest there is in it. This item will be discussed again at the June Council Meeting.

ITEM 12 A. DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THE ETJ DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND THE CITY OF DENTON.

Gary Morris provided detailed maps to the Council to help them better understand what the City of Denton is asking of the Town of Ponder. This item will again be discussed at the next meeting.

Jerry North of the Ponder ETJ asked that the Council give some insight on this issue. He stated that he would like for the Town of Ponder to try and keep his property in the ETJ.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

ETJ – Consider and act
Apartments
Farmers Market
Canvass Election

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard.
Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Howard. 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