

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 9, 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 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

Charlie Williams of the PVFD spoke and reported that he planned on being at the council meetings more regularly. He also stated that the Town of Ponder has been underfunding the PVFD for years. Mr. Williams reported that the PVFD answered 114 calls in the Town limits in 2015 and that the average response time was under four minutes. Mr. Williams stated that the Lady VIP have had Frontier Days to raise money and thanked the volunteers and stated that the Town has helped somewhat. He said they would like to eventually not have to have Frontier Days. He updated the Council by reporting that the PVFD only owes 7 years on their building. Mr. Williams will be attending the next council meeting to discuss future funding.

Mark Webb of 103 January Lane asked that the Town please consider the neighbors when considering the Senior housing complex. He stated that those Seniors will have families visit so there will be more people at the complex. Mr. Webb also voiced his concern about the current drainage problem in that area and would like for the Town to look at the drainage ditch/culvert located at N Hwy 156 and January Lane. Mr. Webb stated that he is in agreement with progress.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Crider moved to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes, the March 14, 2015 minutes, the March 2016 and April 2016 financial statements and the May report from the Library Director. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 16-05, ACCEPTING A LANDOWNERS' PETITION FOR INCLUSION INTO THE TOWN OF PONDER EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

Council Member Howard moved to approve Ordinance 16-05, accepting a landowners' petition for inclusion into the Town of Ponder ETJ. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY RELATIVE TO 504 SHAFFNER STREET IN PONDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to convene into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m., pursuant to Section 551.072 and Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss items 7, 8 & 9 on this agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened with no action taken on this item.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 16-06, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN A SURVEY AND AN APPRAISAL AND MAKE AN INITIAL OFFER TO PURCHASE AN APPROXIMATE 0.928 ACRES, BEING ALL OF LOTS 3 AND 4 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 2, BLOCK 6 OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FORMERLY KNOWN AS GERALD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 75, PAGE 80 DEED RECORDS OF DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE INTENDED USE AS A NEW BUILDING FOR THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 16-06, authorizing the Town Attorney to obtain a survey and an appraisal not to exceed \$5,850 and to make an initial offer to purchase an approximate 0.928 acres, being Lots 3, 4 and the west half of Lot 2, Block 6 of the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION IN RELATION TO THE PONDER LANE BUSINESS PARK.

This item was discussed in executive session pursuant to Section 551.072 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code and no action was taken.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A ZONING CHANGE REQUEST FOR MERRIFIELD ESTATES SECTION 1, BLOCK 2, LOT 3, BEING 1.64 ACRES AND MERRIFIELD ESTATES SECTION 1, BLOCK 2, LOT 2 BEING 1/76 ACRES FOR A TOTAL ACREAGE OF 3.40 ACRES AND PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT 1007 N FM 156 PONDER, TEXAS 76259 ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FM 156 AND KING GEORGE ROAD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve this zoning change request, changing the property from C-2 (Commercial) to MF (Multi-Family). Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: Council Member Howard. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EDC TO SELL 112 W JAMES STREET.

Council Member Howard moved to approve the sale of 112 W. James Street. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, 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 POSSIBLE ACTION RELATIVE TO THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT AND MIKE ANDERSON OF BELCHEFF AND ASSOCIATES.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that Mike Anderson was willing to serve on the UTRWD Board and is fully qualified to do so. Mr. Anderson serves as one of the Town Engineers and Gary believes that he will represent the Town well as a board member. The Council advised Mr. Morris to proceed with notifying the current board representative with our intentions.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 16-07, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP, MID-TEX DIVISION.

Council Member Howard moved to approve Ordinance 16-07. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

UTRWD Representative, PVFD.

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Crider, 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