

THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS U.S.A.
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MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING.

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Council Member Randy Crider.

2. Roll Call.

Present were: Randy Crider; Wes Howard; Dan Cockburn; Mike Hanselman.

Not present were: Mayor John Bassler, and Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Gorman

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Member Dan Cockburn led the invocation and Pledge.

4. Open Forum for Citizen Input (Please limit to 5 minutes per person and if you wish to speak on a particular agenda item, please list the agenda item next to your name).

No one signed up to speak.

5. Consent Agenda.

a. Consider and act on the approval of the October 19, 2015 minutes

b. October 2015 financial statement.

Council Member Wes Howard motioned to approve both the October meeting minutes and the October 2015 financial statement.

Council Member Mike Hanselman seconded the motion.

Minutes and financial statement approved, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

6. Consider and act on approval of Resolution 15-11, financing a Police Patrol Vehicle.

Council Member Wes Howard motioned to approve Resolution 15-11.

Council Member Mike Hanselman seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-11 approved; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

7. Presentation by the Denton County Children's Advocacy Center.

Denton County Children's Advocacy Center's Director, Dan Leal, spoke about the services they offer to children of abuse and neglect in Denton County. Very Informative.

8. Presentation from John Thompson of JTS relative to placing an antenna at Well #7.

JTS Rep, John Thompson was not present at the meeting. The Town of Ponder's Public Works Director, Gary Morris spoke for a few minutes regarding the request from JTS to place a 9-1-1 satellite dish on the top of water well #7. He advises that JTS will pay for the electrical costs and the attorney's fees involved.

9. Discussion with the EDC relative to an overlay plan in Old Town Ponder, specifically an Entertainment District.

The Town of Ponder's Public Works Director, Gary Morris, was the only EDC member in attendance. The Town of Ponder's Engineer, George Belcheff was also in attendance and spoke about the need to pursue a zoning ordinance amendment for an entertainment district overlay in the downtown area on E. Bailey St.

10. Consider and act on the Final Plat for Remington Park Phase Five.

Council Member Wes Howard motioned to approve the final plat for Remington Park Phase Five, contingent upon the recommendations of the Town's Engineer, George Belcheff, dated November 5, 2015, from Belcheff & Associates. (Attached for the record)

Council Member Dan Cockburn seconded the motion.

Council Member Wes Howard made a secondary motion to authorize the subdivider agreement regarding Remington Park Phase Five.

Council Member Mike Hanselman seconded the secondary motion.

Both motions passed with 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions

11. Discussion relative to naming the new park that will be located inside Remington Park. (requested by Council Member Howard)

It was discussed that the old "Remington Park" signs which were taken down at the entrance to the subdivision off of Churchill Downs, could be repurposed as the park signs. No other park names were mentioned. However, this was discussion only, no action. The developer needs park name by February 2016, so signs can be made in time for park opening.

12. Public Hearing to hear comment regarding the condemnation and demolition of 406 Frederick Street.

Council Member Wes Howard motioned to open the public hearing.

Council Member Mike Hanselman seconded.

Public hearing opened with 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions

The property owner, Wayla Lyles, states that she has a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, Nov 10, 2015) with someone who may be able to help her afford the demolition and clean up.

Council Member Wes Howard motioned to close the public hearing.

Council Member Randy Crider seconded.

Public Hearing closed with 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions

13. Items to be placed on the next agenda.

Council Member Wes Howard requests to ask the non-existent "Historical Society" to name the park discussed in Item 11, above.

14. Adjourn.

Council Member Wes Howard motioned to adjourn

Council Member Mike Hanselman seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm with 4 Ayes; 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

APPROVED:

Mayor John Bassler

Date

ATTEST:

Carolyn Farmer
Planning & Zoning Director