

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 11, 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 Mann, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Bassler.

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

Mayor Bassler led both.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM**

Wes Howard, a resident of Ponder spoke to the Council about two concerns that he has. Mr. Howard's first concern is that there is an opening to a drainage ditch and asked that the Town look at options for screening it off for safety. He stated that children are playing in it. Mr. Howard also stated that most of the trees in the park in Remington Park Phase IV are dead because they haven't been watered. He believes that this is caused by broken irrigation pipes and wanted to bring this to the Town's attention.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Mann moved to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes, the September 12, 2016 minutes and the September 2016 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON UPDATE OF LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WATER AND SEWER IMPACT FEES.**

Council Member Cockburn moved to accept the recommendation from the CIAC and set the impact fees at the maximum allowed per the Impact Fee Study. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 16-20, ESTABLISHING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE VIVIAN COCKBURN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 405 SHAFFNER STREET, PONDER, TEXAS 76259 AS THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND WATER AND SEWER IMPACT FEES.**

Council Member Cockburn moved to approve Resolution 16-20, setting the time and date for public hearing concerning amendment to the Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvement Plans and Water and Sewer Impact Fees. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AFFECTING THE PARTICIPATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

Council Member Cockburn moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Bassler asked for anyone to speak for or against the issue with no response.

Council Member Hanselman moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 16-16, AFFECTING THE PARTICIPATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

Council Member Cockburn moved to approve Ordinance 16-16, affecting the participation of Town Employees in the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE FY2016-17 ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT WITH BRYAN THE ANIMAL GUY.**

Council Member Hanselman moved to approve the FY2016-17 contract with Brian the Animal Guy. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE RENEWAL OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND ATMOS ENERGY.**

Council Member Hanselman moved to approve the franchise agreement between the Town of Ponder and Atmos Energy. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 12 UPDATE FROM THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, MIKE ANDERSON.**

Mike Anderson reported to the Council that the UTRWD was formed for long term water needs of Denton County. Lake Ralph Hall is the current project and has been ongoing for 16 plus years. The District needs about 600 for the lake and should provide for about 20-30 years of growth when completed. It will be a secure water source. The plan for Ponder has been to tie in to the UTRWD water through Krum, but recently an agreement with Northlake may provide a closer option. The UTRWD meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. Mr. Anderson would like to get a presentation for the Council from the Director of the District on future projects.

**ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE P&Z REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR TIESZEN BUSINESS PARK IN REGARD TO A PROPOSED STORAGE AREA.**

Council Member Hanselman moved to table this item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM P&Z ON THE APPROVAL OF A MINOR PLAT AND VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR WEBSTER RANCH ADDITION.**

Council Member Hanselman moved to accept the recommendation of the P&Z and approve a minor plat and variance requests for Webster Ranch Addition. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 15 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Impact Fees  
PW Complex Contract

**ITEM 16 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Hanselman moved to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Hanselman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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**John Bassler, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**