

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
October 14, 2010**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vardell called the special session to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell.

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

Steve Grube led both.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT.**

No one signed up to speak.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the September 20, 2010 minutes, the September Bill Report and the September Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES WITH DENTON COUNTY.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Denton County for Library Services. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD HUCKABY TO THE UTRWD BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER.**

Council Member Wilkinson moved to appoint Richard Huckaby to the UTRWD Board to represent the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTANCE OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM BELCHEFF AND ASSOCIATES TO AWARD MAGUIRE IRON INC. A CONTRACT TO BUILD AN ELEVATED WATER TANK.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the recommendation from Belcheff & Associates and to award a contract not to exceed \$865,547 to build an elevated tank to Maguire Iron, Inc and to authorize Gary Morris to spend 2%, not to exceed \$17,311. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson,

Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A NO SMOKING ORDINANCE.**

Council Member Ashman stated that a Ponder citizen came into his store and asked him about a no smoking ordinance for the Town restaurants. Mayor Vardell stated that this was looked at and voted on several years ago and the Council elected to allow each business owner to decide for themselves if they wanted no smoking in their businesses.

**ITEM 10 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER.**

This item was tabled until the next meeting when Council Member Rouse is present, as he is the one that requested the discussion.

**ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PERSONNEL COMPLAINT REGARDING STEVE GRUBE.**

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn to executive session. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

No action taken.

**ITEM 12 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Eddies Street Project  
Animal Control Service  
Canvass elections

**ITEM 13 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Crider, Council Member Ashman and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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Jeff Vardell, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary