

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
October 19, 2015**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were 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**

Jared Sanders, a citizen of Ponder asked that the website be updated in a timelier manner. He stated that he has some spare time and would be willing to help with it.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 MINUTES.**
- 2. SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Council Member Howard moved to approve the September 14, 2015 and September 21, 2015 minutes and the September 2015 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ESTABLISHING A PONDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to establish a Ponder Historical Society and to move ahead with opening a bank account for donations to such. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND STAFF DIRECTION RELATIVE TO MAKING AN OFFER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED BEHIND 102 W BAILEY STREET.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

No action taken on this item.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING WENTER ANDERSON TO THE EDC BOARD.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to appoint Wenter Anderson to the EDC Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 DISCUSSION WITH KATHY GREENE, EDC BOARD MEMBER AND HERMAN & KITTLE RELATIVE TO APARTMENTS.**

Kathy Greene introduced Herman & Kittle representative Theresa Bowyer. Ms. Greene stated that she has worked with the firm previously in Justin to bring affordable apartments to the community. She also reported that the firm is looking to build a Senior Apartment Complex in Ponder at the 3.4 acres on the corner of King George and 156.

Theresa Bowyer spoke to the Council also. She said that she had worked with Ms. Greene in Justin on a family property and that her firm has been in Texas since 2010 and has over 116 multi-family communities. This firm does their own development, build out and property management. She stated that the apartments they would build would be similar the style building that Kathy Greene just built. She also stated that they would like to get started on this project right away.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE.**

Gary Morris stated that he didn't put a vehicle in his budget for the FY2015-16. There is a man in Ponder who has a 2009 ½ ton Chevrolet extended cab for sale for \$17,500. The truck is in very good condition and Gary is asking that he be able to purchase it out of funds from the Water Sewer Reserve Fund.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to allow Gary Morris to purchase this 2009 Chevrolet for \$17,500. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION WITH BOB COPE, RELATIVE TO HIS FAMILY'S HISTORY IN PONDER.**

Mr. Bob Cope thanked the Council and the Mayor for their time. He stated that he sees nothing being done about his decedents. Mr. Cope handed out binders with photos and information about them. One photo showed a Cotton Gin in the 1940's his granddad and Marvin Swafford were co-owners of. His family came to Town on occasion and it was like going to Disneyland. He said that the cotton gin was out of this world. He would love for Ponder to remember these things.

Mail in and out was sometimes gathered by his Paw-Paw when the train came by. He came to Town in the mid 1920's. His Paw-Paw's dad started acquiring land in Ponder in 1871. Bob and Maggie Cope were his grandparents and were residents of Ponder. Mr. Bob Cope dug the first 450' water well in Ponder for the residents and the well still exists. He also delivered Ice on a buggy all around Denton County.

Mr. Cope said that he would like to see a proclamation of appreciation for the people in Tennessee who helped compile all of this history and would also like for the town to consider some type of recognition for Bob and Maggie Cope.

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

Cope requests

**ITEM 13      ADJOURN.**

Council Member Howard moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. 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**