

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
October 20, 2011**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley and Mayor McCarty. Council Member Rouse arrived at 6:05 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Council Member Ashman led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Veronica Kronvall spoke to the Council regarding item 8. Ms. Kronvall handed a vision of Remington Park Master Plan to the council. She asked that the Council plan for the future. Ms. Kronvall stated that she loves Ponder and wants to see it grow. She also stated that the Devon pad site behind her home has taken up roughly 60 homes. She added that another site would potentially knock out another 150 homes and that the gas companies will be gone when the gas is used up.

Mayor McCarty stated that as much as he would like to make all of the land separate with separate rules, the developer chose not to spend his money to complete his final plat. In doing that, he could have saved his land. He also stated that it is not the business of the Council to get in the business of a business.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes, the September bill report and the September 2011 financials. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ODOR COMING FROM THE ATMOS FACILITY LOCATED ON ROBINSON ROAD.

Chad Howard with TexRock Energy Inspectors read a statement to the Council that he had written concerning the facility and the smell.

Council Member Finley stated that she called Atmos at 9:00 p.m. and would like to see an ordinance to see that Atmos reports to us about this and to have the places inspected.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN RFP FOR AN UPDATE TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN.

Council Member Crider moved to approve the EDC requesting proposals for and update to the future land use plan. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays:

Council Member Finley. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 11-18, AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-12, DRILLING WITHIN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Council Member Crider moved to approve Ordinance 11-18. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY FOR TAX COLLECTION.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve the interlocal agreement. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DENTON COUNTY FOR LIBRARY SERVICES.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PALS WATER ACCOUNT.

Council Member Crider moved that the PALS would receive 20,000 gallons of free hydrant water during their reconstruction process and would be charged residential water rates thereafter during the project. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse 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 REGARDING THE TEMPORARY REPAIR OF GEORGE OWENS ROAD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to authorize Gary Morris to spend up to \$22,000 to repair a section of George Owens Road, north of the culvert bridge. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

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ITEM 16 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Finley,

Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.
Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Scott McCarty, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary