

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
September 14, 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 Crider, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Bassler. Council Member Hanselman arrived at 6:07 p.m.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Brad Peachee showed the Council pictures of the flooding coming from four different areas. He stated that 204 King George has put their house on the market and that he would like to stick around and resolve this issue. He spoke about the burm and detention pond. He said that water does go into the ponder and comes out and into their backyard. He stated that the water backs up on 156. He doesn't understand why the Town has tried to fix downstream. He suggested that as a temporary solution the Town could extend the burm and slow down the rate of water. He believes that we can put in a burm for less than \$250,000. Mr. Peachee said that he would like to continue to live in Ponder but would like this resolved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman stated that the Town budget cannot handle the \$250,000 drainage plan and the Town has no liability in this flooding issue.

Mayor Bassler stated that he would speak to the school about an extended burm.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Crider moved to approve the August 10, 2015, August 13, 2015, August 24, 2015 minutes and the August 2015 financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON FINALIZATION OF THE FY2015-16
GENERAL FUND BUDGET.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

No one spoke for or against.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE PRECEEDING TAX YEAR BY 5.12 PERCENT.

Council Member Crider moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

No one spoke for or against.

Council Member Crider moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Hanselman. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 15-09, APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Ordinance 15-09. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn 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 ADOPTING ORDINANCE 15-10, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Crider moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn 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 ADOPTING ORDINANCE 15-08, APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER WATER/ SEWER FUND FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Council Member Crider moved to approve Ordinance 15-08. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL TO RENEW THE ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT WITH BRIAN HALL.

Council Member Crider moved to renew the contract with Brian Hall. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION REALTIVE TO THE STREETLIGHTS ACROSS FROM THE ENTRANCE OF REMINGTON PARK AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HANSELMAN.

Council Member Hanselman stated that people have responded that they were happy about the signs being removed but that now they say they need streetlights there so that they will know where to turn in.

Gary Morris stated that he met with ONCOR and that the lights that are currently there would cost \$30,000 to relocate. Council Member Howard and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman both agreed that reflectors would be a good alternative at this time.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Drainage, apartments (Kathy Green)

ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Howard. Ayes: Council Member Crider, Council Member Hanselman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary