

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
September 14, 2009**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009, 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 Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Police Chief Steve Grube led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

Chief of Police, Steve Grube informed the Town Council that he was going to research an ordinance that will prohibit sexual offenders from living in Ponder.

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the August 24, 2009 minutes and the August bill report. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON FINALIZATION OF THE FY2009-10 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

Council Member Ashman moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman asked if there was anyone to speak for or against the item. No one was present to speak.

Council Member Crider moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 09-06, APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve Ordinance 09-06, Approval of the General Fund budget for FY2009-10. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member

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

ITEM 9 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Crider moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman asked if there was anyone to speak for or against the item. No one was present to speak.

Council Member Ashman moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 09-05, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve Ordinance 09-05, levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the Town of Ponder for the 2009-10 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 UPDATE FROM BELCHEFF AND ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND AND THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND APPLICATIONS.

Town Engineer, George Belcheff reported that on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund there was \$37 million available. There were 149 applications received and Ponder is ranked 99th out of those applicants. He believes that only the top 6 applicants will be receiving funds. Mr. Belcheff also reported that on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund there were 179 applications and Ponder is ranked 40th and that only around the top 6 will be receiving funds.

This program comes around every two years, and Belcheff & Associates will continue to keep the Town of Ponder applications current.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LAND ACQUISITION FOR AN ELEVATED STORAGE TANK.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:17 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Council reconvened in regular session at 6:22 p.m.

No action taken on this item.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

- Preliminary plat for PISD
- Water & Sewer Budget
- Site Agreements

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary