

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
AUGUST 10, 2020**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman (via Zoom), Council Member Bassler and Mayor Poole.

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

Mayor Poole led both.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM**

Mark Wallace addressed the Council and asked that they purchase a tractor to take care of the ballfields owned by the First Baptist Church. He stated that \$8000 would cover the costs for the tractor and supplies necessary to upkeep the fields for next year. He stated that he is saving the Town money by taking care of these fields and that the fields that the Town is building will not be enough. He also reported that Kem Broadstreet with the First Baptist Church has offered to lease the fields to the Town.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Bassler moved to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes, the July 2020 Financial Statement, the July 2020 PD Activity report and the PVFD Activity report. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 PRESENTATIONS OF STAFF REPORTS.**

Gary Morris reported that Phase 1 of the drainage is almost complete. Phase 2 will begin next year, and that easements are needed before start.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF PROPERTY SALE TO KURT BLUHM.**

Council Member Bassler moved to approve the sale. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates 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 AWARDED A BID FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER BALLFIELD PROJECT TO MSB CONSTRUCTORS, INC.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to award the Ballfield Project to MSB Constructors. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE BALLFIELD PROJECT, REDUCING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept Change Order #1 from MSB Constructors for a contract price of \$3,176,900 and to pre-authorize 3% of the revised contract award amount in the amount of \$95,307. Motion seconded by Council Member Bates. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING A BID FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER WWTP FM156 BNSF RR 10” SANITARY SEWER CROSSING TO DICKERSON CONSTRUCTION INC.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to award the contract to Dickerson Construction in the amount of \$218,400. Motion seconded by Council Member Bassler. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

TXDOT

Chicken Ordinance

**ITEM 15 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Cockburn moved to adjourn at 6:25pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Bassler. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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Matthew Poole, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Sheri N. Clearman, Town Secretary