

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 11, 2020**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present via zoom were Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Poole. Council Member Bates joined at 6:29 pm.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Poole led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CLAIRMONT ADDITION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the P&Z recommendation pursuant to the Engineer, George Belcheff's letter dated May 7, 2020, pages 2 & 3. Motion seconded by Council member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Lynch, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION THAT WILL PROCLAIM MAY 20, 2020 AS THE OFFICIAL DAY OF THE PONDER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020.

Dr. Birdwell, Principal with the Ponder High School thanked the parents and citizens. This Ponder Senior Class is unique. They are very persevering. Unlike classes before them, and because of COVID-19, many of their activities have been cancelled. Change is difficult at such a young age. This group's positive attitude has etched their names into our community forever. This class is leading all four classes in the high school in attendance. With pride and honor, Dr. Birdwell asks that this Proclamation be approved.

Mayor Poole read the following proclamation:

***PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS***

WHEREAS, *the global coronavirus pandemic has created a scenario where schools in the Ponder Independent School District have been shut down by order of the Governor of the State of Texas; and,*

WHEREAS, *the graduating students in the Ponder High School Class of 2020 were deprived of Spring sports, Prom, end-of-year activities, and other similar milestone events, and*

WHEREAS, *Whereas, to bring awareness to the value of their education and to honor these graduating seniors, their individual talents, abilities, and contributions to Ponder High School and the Town of Ponder, and*

WHEREAS, *during this generational challenge, the students in the Ponder High School Class of 2020 are experiencing a confusing and difficult time as both citizens everywhere and the economy adjust to these unprecedented times into which graduating students will enter; and*

WHEREAS, *graduating students have completed all other requirements of graduation, and represent a bright future and will continue along the path of service and leadership in our community, our State, and our Nation; and*

WHEREAS, *the accomplishment of a High School Diploma is a major life event and should be celebrated and all citizens should support and encourage the graduating seniors of the Ponder High School Class of 2020 in their pursuits of military service, higher education, trades, employment, life, and happiness;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *The Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Ponder hereby recognizes the achievements of the graduating members of the Ponder High School Class of 2020 and on behalf of the residents of the Town of Ponder our heartfelt congratulations, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Ponder do hereby proclaim the 20th of May 2020 as “THE OFFICIAL DAY OF THE PONDER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020” for the Town of Ponder. GO LIONS!*

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to proclaim May 20, 2020 as the official day of the Ponder High School Class of 2020. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

Chicken Ordinance

ITEM 8 ADJOURN.

Council Member Lynch moved to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Matthew Poole, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, Town Secretary