

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

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bassler, Council Member Bates and Mayor Poole.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Poole led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Mark Thrash, a resident of Ponder reported to the Council that he moved to Ponder 5 years ago and life in the old Knox house because they like the small town. Mr. Thrasher is opposed to a bypass on Wolfe Street by TXDOT. He was told that TXDOT would pay fair market value for their homes, but that they like the charm and heritage. He asked that the Council consider and bypass north or south of town.

Karen Finley, a resident of Ponder spoke in opposition of a four-lane road coming through her neighborhood. She attended the TXDOT meeting and reported that TXDOT told her that Town Officials are the ones who want this to happen. She stated that four lanes will take away from the beauty of the Town. She also stated that Town Officials are not looking out for the citizens and that now the people on the green line will not be able to sell their homes. She said that the Town Officials came in with their own vision and she's not sure anyone considered them and believes that now she has no choice because of decisions that they Town Officials are making. Ms. Finley asked that the Town reconsider.

Brandie Couch, a two-year resident of Ponder spoke to the Council. She stated that she grew up in a small Town and that she moved here and bought a house that was built in 1911. She is afraid of the road that is a possibility. Ms. Couch asked that the route get taken off of the map.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Bates moved to approve the January 13 and August 12, 2020 minutes, the January financial statement, the January Police Department activity report and the January PVFD activity report. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bassler. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPOINT GARY MORRIS AND ROBERT GENOVA TO REPRESENT OUR JURISDICTION DURING OUR PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE DENTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN (HAZMAP).

Council Member Bassler moved to appoint Gary Morris and Robert Genova to represent our jurisdiction during the development of the Denton County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member

Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bassler. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 20-01, CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2020.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve Ordinance 20-01, Calling a General Election. Motion seconded by Council Member Bates. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bassler. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Carl Deaton went over the Financial Statement with the Council. He reported that the General Fund had a decrease in fund balance by \$154,057. He also reported that the General Fund still has over four months reserves. He stated that some of the tax rate was reallocated and there were many more Police Department expenditures. Mr. Deaton reported that the Water and Sewer fund was decreased by \$40,848 and that the total net position was \$5,024,451., with \$1,000,000 unrestricted.

Council Member Bates moved to accept the 2019 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bassler. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT OF LOT 7, 8 TO 7R, BLOCK 19, ORIGINAL OLD TOWN PONDER.

Council Member Bassler moved to accept the P&Z recommendation subject to satisfactory resolution of deficiencies in the Town Engineer's letter dated February 5, 2020 and that proper water and fire protection will be deferred to future building on that site. Motion seconded by Council Member Bates. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bassler. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

Appoint EDC Members

ITEM 10 ADJOURN.

Council Member Bates moved to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Bassler. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bassler. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Matthew Poole, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, Townt Secretary