

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

PRE-COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Those present were Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Bates Council Member Bassler and Mayor Poole.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Poole reported that he has been in touch with BNSF Railroad, Kubota and Denton County. They are working toward a resolution. There is a meeting next Thursday, for an inspection of the TN Skiles Crossing. He also reported that there is a preliminary plat on the land behind the Baptist Church that is within the Town Limits, but that the land across from Remington is not inside the Town Limits. He stated that the Town is temporarily putting a hold on residential development to prepare for a more natural growth pace. He reminded everyone in attendance that if an AllSups or other convenience store came in and purchased the land that was in question during P&Z that there is nothing the Council can do to stop it. He also reminded everyone in attendance that the park that is located inside Remington Park Subdivision belongs to the Town. It is not just for the residents of that subdivision, that it is accessible for use by anyone in this Town.

DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order, see above.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, see above.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Poole led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Bates moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINALIZATION OF THE FY2019-20 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

Council Member Bassler moved to open the public hearing. 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.

Mayor Pooled asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against this item. No response.

Council Member Bates moved to close the public hearing. 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 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 19-06, APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve Ordinance 19-06, General Fund Budget for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. 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 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY FY2019-20 BUDGET.

Tina Hager, Librarian for the Betty Foster Public Library spoke to the Council. She gave them a refresher on her background and stated that she has been doing libraries for many years and has many awards. She reported that the 20 page report for accreditation has been completed by her all four years that she has been here. The Library currently has 2100 cardholders and 525 uses of the internet. There are over 15,000 books in our collection. She continues to hold programs at the library. She is in hopes that the Town will consider building a new library within the next 3 to 4 years at the current location.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve the Library Budget for FY2019-20. 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 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTING ORDINANCE 19-07, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve Ordinance 19-07. 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 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 19-10, APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF PONDER WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

Council Member Bates moved to approve Ordinance 19-10. 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 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 19-08, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve Ordinance 19-08. 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 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 19-09, APPOINTING SUE TEJML TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE DENCO AREA 9-1-1 DISTRICT.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve Resolution 19-09 and appoint Sue Tejml to the Board of Managers of the Denco Area 9-1-1 District. 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 13 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.
ZONING ITEM**

ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Bates moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm. 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.

APPROVED:

Matthew Poole, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary