

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
APRIL 8, 2019**

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bates.

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

Council Member Cockburn led both.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Poole moved to approve the February 20, 2019 and the March 18, 2019 minutes, the March 2019 Financial Statement, the March 2019 Police Department Activity and the March Library Report. Motion seconded by Council Member Bates. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 PRESENTATION FROM SHARON VALENTINE REGARDING THE DENTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER.**

Sharon Valentine, a member of the DCCAC Board would like for the Council to take a tour of the center. Ms. Valentine reported that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and child abuse knows no boundaries and that so many children are raised in an unsafe home. She reported also that 1096 persons came to the Advocacy Center this year. Stated that one of every 4 girls and 1 of every 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ms. Valentine said that the center works closely with the Ponder PD and under one roof the center has a DA Investigator, SANE nurses, counselors and law enforcement officials. She also reported that Denton County alone had 6915 cases of child abuse reported and 58,000 statewide. There are only 71 counties that have Advocacy Centers and that they are all busting at the seams. In Ponder last year, there were 18 sexually assaulted children and 335 services were provided to the families of the children. She ended with her purpose tonight is to say thank you to the Ponder PD and that working together makes such a difference in the world and that the sneak preview of the new facility will be on May 6 and that we should receive an invitation.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON REAPPOINTING MIKE ANDERSON TO THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to re-appoint Mike Anderson to the UTRWD Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn 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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE MAY 4, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION.**

Council Member Poole moved to accept the Certificate of Unopposed Candidates for the May 4 2019 General Election. Motion seconded by Council Member Bates. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn 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 RESOLUTION 19-01, ORDER OF CANCELATION FOR THE MAY 4, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 19-01, Order of Cancelation for the May 4, 2019 General Election. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn 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 APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES.**

Council Member Poole moved to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for Communication Services. Motion seconded by Council Member Bates. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A SINGLE-FAMILY ADDITION TO BE KNOWN AS CLAIRMONT ESTATES.**

Council Member Cockburn moved to approve the recommendation of the P&Z and deny the approval of the preliminary plat. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: Council Member Bates and Council Member Poole. Abstentions: None. Motion fails by a tie vote with no tie-breaker present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman stated that he would entertain a secondary motion.

Council Member Cockburn moved to approve the preliminary plat under the contingent upon the conditions in the Engineers recommendation letter be met and that the streets are 30' from curb to curb and have 6" concrete streets. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 12 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Discussion to allow CHL Members to carry at Council Meetings.

**ITEM 13 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Bates moved to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Bates, Council Member Cockburn

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

**APPROVED:**

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**John Bassler, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**