

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Poole called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Bates.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Council Member Poole led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Andrew Economedes, a member of the Ponder Volunteer Fire Department gave the Council a report for 2018. He reported that the PVFD is fully volunteer and that there are 18 active members and 1 jr. member, with 6 being paramedics and 6 being EMTs and the remaining are trained in CPR and First Aid. Mr. Economedes reported that Krum is their EMS Provider. He stated that the PVFD meets every 3rd Tuesday and that the remaining Tuesday's are for training. He reported that the PVFD purchased Jaws of Life, high pressure lifting bags and stabilization tools and all were purchased with grant funding. They purchased radios with their budget and some help from the Town of Ponder. The PVFD had an engine that was wrecked in 2018. The Ponder ISO rating is 4 and that is in the 6.5 percentile and contributes to insurance savings to the Town Citizens. He reported also that the PVFD has a 12 minute response time which is well below the national average. He reported that Town calls increased by 35% from 2016 to 2018. County calls decreased by 4 which resulted in a budget loss. The PVFD receives no reimbursement for mutual aid calls in the County.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

No action taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

ITEM 6 REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2018 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY CARL DEATON.

Carl Deaton, of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn and Seay went over the 2018 Financial Audit with no response from the Council due to lack of quorum.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE LADY VIP TO REPLACE THE FLAGPOLE IN THE PARK.

No action taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE P&Z TO APPROVE A MINOR PLAT FOR LOT 1, BLOCK A, MARKS ADDITION.

No action taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ELIMINATE THE EDC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION.

No action taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

ITEM 10 DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOTICE OF CONTRACT DEFAULT AND SURETY DEMAND LETTERS RELATIVE TO THE TOWN OF PONDER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PHASE I & II IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

No action taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

ITEM 11 PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FROM TOWN OF PONDER UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE.

No action taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

ITEM 12 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None

ITEM 13 ADJOURN

Council Member Bates moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary