

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 11, 2018**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Mayor Bassler, Council Member Poole, Council Member Crowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Tina Hager spoke on the library renovation. She stated that there were several volunteers that helped to get the library arranged including herself and Caroline Holcomb donating hours to get it completed. Ms. Hager asked the Council to consider her for more hours during in the new budget.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Mann moved to approve the May 14, 2018 minutes, the May 2018 financial statement, the May 2018 Police Department Activity report and the May Library report. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 TOWN SECRETARY TO SWEAR-IN COUNCIL MEMBERS DAN COCKBURN, MATT POOLE AND BRANDIE BATES.

Mayor Bassler welcomed new Council Member Brandie Bates and Town Secretary, Sheri Clearman swore in the three Council Members for a new term.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION IN REFERENCE TO THE WATER QUALITY CONCERNS REPORT BY HARDIN AND ASSOCIATES CONSULTING, LLC.

Gary Morris introduced Mr. Byron Hardin of Hardin and Associates Consulting, LLC. Mr. Hardin reported that the study that they completed had nothing conclusive that would point to the issues raised by a handful of residents. He said that samples were taken at two different locations. He did identify a few recommendations that are in the report to stay ahead from year to year. Mr. Hardin stated that coming from one water system to another could cause some irritation or dermatitis issues. He again said that he would recommend that the wells be tested and inspected annually. Mr. Hardin stated that he wished he could stand up there and say what happened but he can't. He also said that the rules for TCEQ requires the Town to supply water up to standards and safe that meets all guidelines up to the meter and the Town meets those requirements. Again. This report indicates that there are no violations on the Town water.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman said that this report was very detailed and a good read. He said that he was impressed with the information included in the report.

Mr. Hardin showed that appendix A shows that many levels showed no detect and that the PH was a bit elevated but nothing to be alarmed about. He reported that the Ponder water was slightly corrosive.

Council Member Poole asked if the testing at the two meters came back different than the other samples.

Mr. Hardin said yes that the samples were pulled samples that represented the water that was being distributed.

Council Member Poole asked about the PH levels.

Mr. Hardin replied that the PH is affected by the chlorine used in the system and that the results showed that the Town is not over disinfecting.

Council Member Poole asked about the PEX plumbing and if it could release VOCs and gas. Can that occur even a year or so out.

Mr. Hardin replied that yes it absolutely can. PEX came out to ease the use of copper. PEX have come on strong in the last 20 years to help keep costs down. Many articles about this. There is an entire council that looks at these things to get approval through the EPA. There are standards. Need to make sure that the contractors are using these materials properly. The plumbing code should ensure that materials are used properly. All materials do leach to a certain extent.

Council Member Poole asked about a section in the report that talked about taking non-shrouded samples that may cause a certain result.

Mr. Hardin replied because of the proximity of the gas wells just to be sure. It was a windy day and could have been a cause for elevated results. However, it didn't come back with elevated results, so it was not an issue.

Mr. Robert Mann asked Mr. Hardin if he believed the water in the Town of Ponder was safe.

Mr. Hardin replied that absolutely it is. He drinks it when he comes to Town.

Mr. Robert Mann asked how we compare with other Towns in respect to water.

Mr. Hardin stated that you can't compare apples to oranges, but the Town of Ponder water supply is in good condition.

Gary Morris asked to speak once more. He stated that in Byron's report there are several recommendations and he intends to begin budgeting for those things. He takes this personal and he guarantees that he is going to provide safe water. The SCADA system will be priority. He will also be trying to find one more licensed water operator. He asked that if anyone has any questions to please come directly to him. He also stated that he has disappointment in the way that the media has reported this. He said that it has a direct impact on the economy of our Town. He said that several reporters including Peggy Hinkle-Wolf reported that there was e coli in our water and there is not. If there were, we would be required to notify customers. When he saw the report we checked and the report that they were going by was a report about the wastewater treatment plant and he didn't appreciate it. It was false reporting. He said that in the Dallas Morning News there was a small retraction in the business section. He again stated that he didn't appreciate the media reporting that.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND THE TOWN OF DISH REGARDING IMPACT FEES.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the Town of Ponder and the Town of Dish regarding impact fees. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

Council Member Poole moved to approve the Resolution directing publication. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10. UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER CROWELL REGARDING STAKEHOLDER'S MEETINGS THAT HE HAS ATTENDED.

Ben Crowell reported that he and the Mayor had been attending stakeholder meetings with the EDC and Commissioner Eads. Commissioner Eads is bringing his experience with growth and helping the Town with some of his thoughts. He wanted to make the Council aware that the EDC is interested in funding someone to come in and look at our ordinances and make sure that they are up to the coming growth. Mayor Bassler stated that this is not a committee and that it is a group that has come together to make sure that the Town stays ahead of the growth. He said that the Town has a clean slate and that is a good thing. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman said that he would love to participate in these meetings and asked that the group keep minutes on the meetings.

ITEM 11 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

None.

ITEM 12 ADJOURN.

Council Member Pooled moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Bates, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary