

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 14, 2018**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Mayor Bassler, Council Member Poole, Council Member Crowell, 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

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes, the April 2018 Financial Statement, the April 2018 Police Department Activity Report and the April 2018 Library Report. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM P&Z FOR APPROVAL OF A FINAL REPLAT OF LOTS 20-R4, TO 20-R4-1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK A, RANCHMAN ESTATES AND A VARIANCE FOR LOTS TO ALLOW A CURB CUT ONTO JANUARY LANE.

Council Member Poole moved to accept the recommendation from P&Z and to approve a final replat of Lots 20-R4, to 20-R4-1, 2 and 3. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO MISTY TAYLOR DENNING OF THE PONDER ISD AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE SHATTERED DREAMS PROGRAM.

Mayor Bassler read aloud and presented Misty Denning and participants with the following Proclamation:

AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PONDER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS held at 102 W. Bailey St. Ponder, Texas on May 14, 2018.

THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, DOES HEREBY FIND AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Underage Drinking and distracted driving pose a number of immediate and long-term threats to our future generation; and

WHEREAS, No community is immune from the problem of underage drinking or distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, *Shattered Dreams*, through a powerful crash re-enactment exposes high school students to the deadly combination and consequences of drinking and driving and distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, *Misty Denning* is an educator in the Ponder Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, *Misty* coordinated with First Responders, students, Alumni, parents, local businesses, volunteers and contributors to produce a version of *Shattered Dreams* for the Ponder High School; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Town Council for the Town of Ponder,

That the Town of Ponder, its Employees and Citizens thank the following people and agencies for their contribution to this program:

*Macy Popplewell
Casey Thomason
Skylar Saalfrank
Rylan Waldo
Jacqueline Castillo
Tye Schluter
Jordan Doughty
Sam Norwood
Bailey Lewis
Avery Matheson
Julia Peterson
Matthew Poole
Vickie Poole
Zachariah Poole
Chloe Poole
James Schaffer
Ponder Police Dept.
Ponder Fire Dept.
Denton Co. Cowboy Church
Ponder Education Foundation
Denton Co. Sheriff's Office
Denton Co. Fire Marshalls
Texas Dept. of Public Safety
Judge Steve Burgess
Judge Joe Holland
Grapevine Fire Dept.
Justin Fire Dept.
Flower Mound Fire Dept.
Krum Fire Dept.
PHI 10 – Denton
AirEvacLifeteam 68 – Decatur
Mark Tucker Insurance
Allstate Foundation
Dr. Jason West
Medical City Denton – Trauma team
Texas Alcohol/Beverage Comm.
Bank of the West – Ponder*

Access Bank – Krum
First United Bank – Krum
Ponder Solutions
Ron’s Wrecker Service
GoMan Productions
Slay Memorial Funeral Home

And, that the Town of Ponder, its Employees, and Citizens thank Misty Denning, for the countless hours that she put into this program and for her unselfish commitment to the youth of this Town.

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION BY ANTHONLY GANZLER OF THE DENTON COUNTY CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER.

Mr. Ganzler of the Advocacy Center reported that one in six boys and one in four girls are abused before the age of six. He also said that the mission of the center is to empower victims and family members through education, healing and justice. The center works with Chief Genova and the Ponder Police Department, SANE nurses and the judicial system. The center also provides counseling for both the victims and families. Mr. Ganzler stated that the center appreciates the support of the Town of Ponder and that needs continue to increase. He reported that in 2017 112 services were provided for Ponder children that amount to 10 children. Council Member Poole asked if all of these cases were inside the Town Limits and Mr. Ganzler replied that it was children with a Ponder address.

ITEM 9 UPDATE FROM GARY MORRIS REGARDING AN INVESTIGATION INTO WATER QUALITY AS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS MADE TO TCEQ ON FEBRUARY 16, FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 1 AND MARCH 19, 2018.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that the state’s testing was complete. Mr. Morris went over the report and results that were provided to the Council and noted that the letter from the TCEQ stated that there were no violations. Gary added that Hardin & Associates will have the results from their study at the June Council meeting.

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING FOR A TOWN-WIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND A POTENTIAL SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX.

Council Member Poole moved to approve proceeding with the necessary steps to fund a town wide drainage improvement project and a recreation complex. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A NON-BUDGETEED EXPENDITURE TO TREAT FOR MOSQUITOS.

Council Member Poole moved to approve the expenditure for treating for mosquitos and added that he was not in favor of spraying. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 UPDATE FROM SHERI CLEARMAN REGARDING THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Sheri Clearman reported to the Council that the Betty Foster Public Library would be closed for the entire month of May for clean-up and reorganization. She plans to permit the library to reopen on June first contingent upon the condition at that time.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 18-06, CANVASSING THE RESULTS FROM THE MAY 5, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve Ordinance 18-06, canvassing the results from the May 5, 2018 election. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member

Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 18-07, CANVASSING THE RESULTS FROM THE MAY 5, 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve Ordinance 18-07, canvassing the results from the May 5, 2018 special election. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

Hardin & Associates report

ITEM 16 ADJOURN.

Council Member Crowell moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary