

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 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, 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

Gary Morris informed the Council that he would be sending a postcard out to notify water customers of a violation from TCEQ. He stated that the violation was the result of a quarterly report being mailed late. Mr. Morris added that the violation had nothing to do with water quality or testing not being completed.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

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

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2016-17 ANNUAL TOWN OF PONDER FINANCIAL AUDIT.

Council Member Poole moved to accept the FY2016-17 Annual Financial Audit. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RELATIVE TO KURT BLUHN, A BUSINESS OWNER IN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Mayor Bassler read aloud and presented Kurt Bluhm 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 April 9, 2018.

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

WHEREAS, Kurt Bluhm has been a citizen of Ponder since 1979 and a business owner in Ponder since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Kurt has been active in this community, giving unselfishly and participating in all fund-raisers and community events personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Kurt continues to have the best interest of the Town of Ponder in mind while performing the duties of his profession; and

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

That the Town of Ponder and its Employees, the Lady VIP and Citizens of this Town thank Kurt Bluhm for his unselfish commitment to our community.

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RELATIVE TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS.

Mayor Bassler read aloud and presented a motorcycle club 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 April 9, 2018.

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

WHEREAS, today's society is finding more citizens involved in motorcycling on the roads of our country; and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists are roughly unprotected and therefore more prone to injury or death in a crash than other vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS, campaigns have helped inform riders and motorists alike on motorcycle safety issues to reduce motorcycle related risks, injuries, and, most of all, fatalities, through a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all who put themselves behind the wheel, to become aware of motorcyclists, regarding them with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the highways of this country; and it is the responsibility of riders and motorists alike to obey all traffic laws and safety rules; and

WHEREAS, urging all citizens of our community to become aware of the inherent danger involved in operating a motorcycle, and for riders and motorists alike to give each other the mutual respect they deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE I, John Bassler, Mayor of the Town of Ponder do hereby proclaim the month of May, as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in this Town. Further, I urge all residents to do their part to increase safety and awareness in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 9th day of April in the year 2018.

ITEM 9 PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RELATIVE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS.

Mayor Bassler read aloud 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 April 9, 2018.

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

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community; and

Whereas, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college (Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000); and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

Whereas, Staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs at Denton County Friends of the Family encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

Whereas, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Ponder, Texas and Denton County, Texas through prevention, education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

Whereas, The Mayor and Council for the Town of Ponder, Texas, strongly supports the efforts of local, state and national partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Town of Ponder, Texas Mayor John Bassler, join Denton County Friends of the Family and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence.

I do hereby proclaim the Town of Ponder, Texas acknowledges April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month!”

ITEM 10. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE DENTON COUNTY CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER.

This item was placed on the agenda by mistake. It will be addressed at the Council Meeting in May.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DENTON COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve the contract between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for Election Services. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DENTON COUNTY FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve the contract between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for Communication Services. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 18-01, AMENDING THE PARKING ORDINANCE.

Council Member Poole moved to approve Ordinance 18-01, amending the Parking Ordinance. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell.

Council Member Cockburn rose in opposition to the change. He stated that this only benefits some citizens.

Council Member Poole asked that the language in section 2(e) be clarified before passing.

Ayes: Council Member Mann. Nays: Council Member Mann, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Cockburn. Abstentions: None. Motion failed with 1 ayes, 3 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE PONDER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT.

Council Member Poole moved to contribute \$17,000 to the Ponder Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of radio equipment. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council member Poole, Council Member Mann. Council Member Crowell 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.

Parking Ordinance if complete

ITEM 16 ADJOURN.

Council Member Poole moved to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion seconded by Council member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Crowell, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary