

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

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

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 Mann moved to approve the August 14, 2017 minutes, the August 2017 Financial Statement and the August 2017 Library report. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE EDC PAYING BELCHEFF AND ASSOCIATES, INC. \$10,000 FOR A TOWN OF PONDER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the contribution from the EDC for a comprehensive plan. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE FY2017-18 EDC BUDGET.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the FY2017-18 EDC Budget. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE EDC AWARDING A LANDSCAPE INCENTIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO THE NEW HARDWARE STORE. THE FUNDING WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE STORE MEETING ALL CRITERIA SET FORTH BY THE EDC CONCERNING THEIR GRANTS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the \$2,500 landscape incentive grant award for the Hardware Store. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL IN THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR BY 16.771 PERCENT.

Council Member Poole moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Bassler asked if there was anyone to speak for or against the item, with no response.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONDER APPROVING THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PONDER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICT NO. 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 372, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was moved and acted on after item 11 was acted on.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve a resolution of the Town of Ponder approving the 2017-2018 annual update to the service and assessment plan and assessment roll for public improvements for the Ponder Public Improvements District No. 1 in accordance with Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended; making various findings and provisions related to the subject; and providing for an effective date. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE “TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 (PONDER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1)”; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INDENTURE OF TRUST, A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; MAKING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Town of Ponder, Texas, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2017; approving and authorizing an indenture of trust, a bond purchase agreement and other agreements and documents in connection therewith; making findings with respect to the issuance of such bonds; and providing an effective date. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDED THE ROBINSON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO REYTECH SERVICES, LLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$562,717.23 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to award the Robinson Road reconstruction contract to Reytech Services, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$562,717.23 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract documents.

ITEM 13 DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO MAKING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 90.62 OF THE TOWN OF PONDER CODE OF ORDINANCE, KEEPING FOWL, RABBITS AND GUINEA PIGS.

Chief Genova spoke about the current ordinance and voiced his concern that changing this ordinance would make them the backyard police. The current ordinance has a variance for FFY or 4H projects and must be cleaned and disinfected daily and is subject to inspection at any reasonable hour. No Council member indicated that they would be for changing this ordinance.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A FUNDS TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND THE BANK OF THE WEST, CONCERNING ONLINE WIRE TRANSFERS.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve the Funds Transfer Agreement between the Town of Ponder and the Bank of the West. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None at this time

ITEM 12 ADJOURN.

Council Member Poole moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Mann, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell 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