

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 13, 2017**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole, Council Member Cockburn, 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

Linda Wilson invited the Council to the EDC workshop that will be held on Friday, March 24, 2017.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Poole moved to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes, the February 2017 financial statement and the Library report. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-02, TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR COLLECTION COSTS.

Council Member Mann moved to approve Resolution 17-02, to impose additional penalty for collection costs. Motion seconded by Council Member Cockburn. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND MCCREARY, VESELKA, BRAGG & ALLEN, P.C. FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, TO INCLUDE ANY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND TAX INCREMENT REIMBURSEMENT ZONES.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve a contract between the Town of Ponder and McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. for the collection of delinquent property taxes and assessments, to include any Public Improvement Districts and Tax Increment Reimbursement Zones. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION TO PROCLAIM MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to proclaim May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness month in the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE P&Z RELATIVE TO ZONING CHANGE REQUEST AT 111 JANURY LANE, PONDER, TEXAS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the P&Z recommendation and deny the zoning request for 111 January Lane, Ponder, Texas. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A WATER BILL ROUND UP PROGRAM TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING FUND.

No action taken on this item.

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF DISH.

No action taken on this item.

ITEM 12 UPDATE FROM MIKE ANDERSON, THE TOWN OF PONDER UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.

Mike Anderson reported to the Council that the District received good news and the Court of Appeals reversed what was necessary to move forward with Lake Ralph Hall. They District will be moving ahead with the 404 permit, the final federal permit to construct.

ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Library Placement

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

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