

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

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the December 12, 2016 minutes, the January 2017 financial statement and the Library report. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 REPORT FROM CARL DEATON, TOWN OF PONDER FINANCIAL AUDITOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to defer this item to the end of the agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Carl Dean reported to the Council that the Water Sewer revenue was up due to fees such as impact fees, and water sewer revenue. Expenses were down from the previous year. The water sewer fund unrestricted funds increased by \$198,126. The funds net position is \$4,356,285. Mr. Deaton also reported that the General Fund revenues were up by \$290,000 and that the expenditures increased by about the same. The General Fund has an unrestricted fund balance of \$657,761. The EDC fund has a fund balance of \$183,315.

Council Member Mann moved to accept the 2016 Annual Financial Audit. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING SHERI CLEARMAN TO THE PONDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to appoint Sheri Clearman to the EDC Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE P&Z FOR APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FOR LOTS 1-3, BLOCK A, SCHWARZ ADDITION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the recommendation of the P&Z and to approve the final plat and variance request for Lots 1-3, Block A, Schwarz Addition. Motion seconded by Council member Cockburn. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 17-01, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.

Council Member Poole moved to approve Ordinance 17-01, Calling for a General Election. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A JOINT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the joint contract between the Town of Ponder and Denton County to conduct the General Election. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 PRESENTATION OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE TO THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mayor Bassler presented the award to Library Director, Tina Hager.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE COPE WATER WELL MONUMENT AS A DONATION TO THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to accept the donation of the Cope Water Well Monument from the Cope family. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, 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 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON WHETHER OR NOT TO RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF THE OLD RAILROAD BUILDING THAT IS CURRENT LOCATED ON DAN COCKBURN'S PROPERTY.

Council Member Cockburn recused himself from discussing or voting on this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to retain possession of this building. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Mann and Council Member Poole. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Name of Town Hall to move with the building.
January Lane rezone case

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Mann, Council Member Poole and Council Member Cockburn. 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