

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

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

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

**ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

Council Member Cockburn led both.

**ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM**

Brandon Mitchell, a resident of Remington Park Subdivision signed up to speak during item 7.

**ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Mann moved to approve the October 10, 2017 minutes, the October 2017 financial statement and the 2017 Library report. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON REAPPOINTING CATHY GREEN AND WENTER ANDERSON TO THE EDC BOARD.**

Council Member Mann moved to reappoint Cathy Green and Wenter Anderson to the EDC Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 DISCUSSION WITH BRANDON MITCHELL, A CITIZEN OF PONDER ABOUT CODE ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE TOWN OF PONDER.**

Mr. Mitchell stated that he was not a member of the HOA in the newer part of Remington Park. He stated that he noticed junk vehicles and other junk when he was moving into the neighborhood. He spoke to the Chief of Police who was excellent and said that he would address complaints as they came in but that he didn't want to call all the time. He reported that there was junk on curbs and no trash service, tall grass, and easement grass. He called DR Horton and the HOA manager stated that integrating the old neighborhood into the HOA would not work. Mr. Mitchell said that he has taken his own trailer around the neighborhood twice picking up junk on his own. One of his neighbors is running a welding shop out of his driveway. Mr. Mitchell also reported that he had spoken to an officer who stated that an ordinance regarding parking was in the process. He asked just how long it took to write an ordinance. It has been about four months as he recalls. Chief Genova reported that the ordinance was near finished and at the attorney's office. The Chief is going to continue to be proactive with Code Enforcement.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT.**

Council Member Crowell moved to approve amending the Water and Sewer Service Agreement. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member

Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATIVE TO COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS.**

Gary Morris informed the Council that the water department has been allowing the commercial accounts to stay on even after the cut off date. At this time we will be treating the commercial accounts the same as residential accounts.

**ITEM 10 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATIVE TO ONE-TIME LATE FEE REVERSALS.**

Council Member Mann moved to approve the one time per year late fee reversal. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 17-19, ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Ordinance 17-19, Enacting and Adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Ponder and declaring an emergency. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT, TAKING \$12,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE AND ALLOCATING IT IN THE FY2017-18 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO PAY FOR A TOWN PLANNER.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve a budget amendment of \$12,000 to pay for a Town Planner. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 13 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Code Enforcement, Contract for Planning and Parking Ordinance

**ITEM 14 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Poole moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Pool, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Mann. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

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**John Bassler, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**