

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

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Poole, Council Member Crowell, Council Member Cockburn, Council Member Mann and Mayor Bassler.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Bassler led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

Seraluna Sanchez signed up to speak during Item #10.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Poole moved to approve all items on the consent agenda to include Approval of the November 13, 2017 minutes, the November 2017 financial statement, the November 2017 Library report, the November 2017 Police Activity report and Ordinances 17-13, 17-14, 17-15, 17-16, 17-17 and 17-18, all amending the Comprehensive Zoning map of the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Crowell. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING ORDINANCE 17-20, SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY.

Council Member Mann moved to approve Ordinance 17-20. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Crowell. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH COUNTYWIDE FOR PLANNER SERVICES.

Council Member Mann moved to approve a contract with Countywide for planner services. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Crowell. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING BILL MARQUIS TO THE PONDER HISTORICAL BOARD.

Council Member Crowell moved to appoint Bill Marquis to the Ponder Historical Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Crowell. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF CONTRACTING WITH STEPHANIE BERRY TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR.

Council Member Crowell moved to approve the contract with Stephanie Berry to serve as the Municipal Prosecutor for the Town of Ponder. Motion seconded by Council Member Poole. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council

Member Crowell. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION WITH CITIZENS CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS IN TOWN (REQUESTED BY PONDER RESIDENT SERALUNA SANCHEZ).

Ms. Sanchez stated that she saw a post online about students walking to Remington and climbing over the train car to get there. She said that it was difficult to navigate the tracks in addition to crossing 156 and 2449. She stated that sometimes the train stops traffic. There is no clear way for students to get home on the east side of the tracks. She stated that there are no sidewalks in town and that a possible solution to this safety concern is to build sidewalks. She suggested a Bailey Street sidewalk to Frederick and to cross 2449 across from the Dollar General. She spoke with a contract that told her the statute said TXDOT can not interfere with coming and going of the Town.

Council Member Poole addressed Ms. Sanchez stating that we are in favor of her endeavor and will support as best we can and asked the Chief of Police to be diligent in enforcing the law regarding the tracks.

Chief Robert Genova reported that he has prosecuted four minors for crossing through the trains. The Chief also suggested that a Railroad representative come and hold a safety meeting at Town Hall and at the School for citizens.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT FOR APPROVAL ON MINOR (FINAL) PLAT FOR LOT 1, BLOCK A, JUDGE ADDITION, PONDER (ETJ), DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Council Member Poole moved to approve the minor final plat for Lot 1, Block A, Judge Addition, Ponder (ETJ), Denton County, Texas. Motion seconded by Council Member Mann. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Crowell. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

Parking Ordinance

ITEM 13 ADJOURN.

Council Member Poole moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Crowell. Ayes: Council Member Poole, Council Member Mann, Council Member Cockburn and Council Member Crowell. 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