



Town Council Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

NOTICE

THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, WILL CONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 P.M., IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Mayor John Bassler

Council Member Ginger Deussen

Council Member Brandy Couch

Mayor Pro-Tem Nick McGregor

Council Member Lael McWilliams

Council Member John Estes

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bassler led both.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT (Please limit to 5 minutes per person and if you wish to speak on a particular agenda item, please list the agenda item next to your name.)

This is a time for the public to address the Town Council on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Town Council from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

Matthew Poole signed up to speak during Item 7 and Item 9.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor

Voting Nay: Council Member Estes

Voting Abstaining: Council Member McWilliams

1. Consider and act on approval of the June 12, 2023 Town Council Minutes.
2. Presentation of the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report.
3. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 23-10, updating the annual Service and Assessment Plan for Ponder PID No. 1.

ORAL STAFF REPORTS

Scott Caster - New Chief School, new officer, more traffic stops.

Gary Morris - Internet crews are about done. Waterline will be done in 7-10 days. lost well 7 today. went into water conservation. at 4:30 today we were about half full. Well people will be here early in the morning. believe that it is the pump. hopefully well will be ready and running by Wednesday.

Kelly Goudeau - 25 new patrons 23 children in reading program, Saturday was a visit from PVFD and it was so much fun and the children loved the truck. 13 to 14 visitors per day; planning to revamp the book club to gain more interest. its open for all teen through adult.

Andrew - 48 calls last month. quiet 4th. no ponder incidents. all out of town; county did not allow the esd to go to ballot; PVFD contract will not increase this year and would like to have it monthly instead of annual.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4. Presentation by Michelle French, Denton County Tax Assessor/Collector regarding Truth in Taxation.

Michelle French, County Tax Assessor/Collector, made a presentation by power point, going over the basics of Truth in Taxation.

5. Presentation of a Thank you note and photograph from PALS.

PALS presented the Town Council with a photograph and a thank you note for the support given to them by the Town of Ponder.

6. Consider and act on approval of a final plat for the Ponder Vet Clinic.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor to approve the Final Plat for the Ponder Vet Clinic. Motion seconded by Council Member Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

7. Consider and act on approval of a participation agreement between the Town of Ponder and the Ponder ISD, regarding the cost of oversizing the PISD sewer line project.

Roman Boitszov - Belcheff & Associates - went over their memo. PISD is required to bring waste water to the build site. The Town needs to contribute to the oversizing because they predict it will be necessary for future development. This is an offsite project, so we let them proceed. After the offsite plans were completed and the easements were gotten, the cost of the project was completed. the PISD held off for a while to make sure that the town still wanted to oversize the line. the cost of the project total is \$1,500,000. the difference and the town's portion will be \$380,000. That is what will need to be authorized to spend on this project. If the council moves forward, the school may be surprised for us to only contribute 380K.

Matthew Poole - negotiated method. without the upsizing it would become just a dead end. it is a benefit to the school to recoup funds as people join in on the line during future development.

Gary Morris - obtaining easements, the landowners were told that their land would be more valuable.

Motion made by Council Member Deussen to accept this agreement and allocate \$380,000 toward the upsizing of the lines. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

8. Discussion and action relative to setting dates for FY2023-24 budget workshops.

The Council agreed to meet on August 3 at 5pm in the Town Council Chambers for a budget workshop.

9. Discussion, consideration and action regarding attendance to the 2023 Texas Municipal League annual conference.

Matthew Poole asked who would be attending.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nick McGregor stated that he would like to see all members attend and that he will be attending also.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm made by Council Member Couch. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVE:

DATE:

John Bassler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary