



Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

NOTICE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McGregor called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Ginger Deussen, Council Member Jason Adams

Mayor Nick McGregor

Council Member Lael McWilliams

Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes

Council Member Marc Shingelo

ABSENT

Council Member Mark Culpepper

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the prayer and pledges.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00PM *(In addition to the items listed below, Council members may have preliminary discussions about agenda items, allowing them to come to the regular meeting with a better understating of the item.)*

STAFF REPORTS

Lane reviewed public works staff report.

The library's summer reading kickoff event is May 29th.

Code enforcement officer Traci Dyck with Safebuilt has been working in the Town for almost 2 months now. Town staff will work on a social media/website post with her information, so citizens are aware of who she is when working in Ponder.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

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 three (3) business days' notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Presentation

Recognize Council Member Deussen for her years of service to the Town of Ponder.

Mayor McGregor recognized Council Member Ginger Deussen for her years of dedicated service to the Town of Ponder. He presented her with a gift and thanked her.

Administer oaths of office to Council Members.

Town Secretary Rebecca Zielinski administered oaths of office to new Council Member Jason Adams and returning Council Members Shingelo and McWilliams.

Swear in Officer Daniel Oramas.

Mayor McGregor swore in new officer Daniel Oramas.

Proclamation of National Police Week May 11-17.

Mayor McGregor read the Proclamation for National Police Week.

Proclamation of Public Works Week May 17-23, 2026.

Mayor McGregor read the proclamation for Public Works Week.

Memorial Day May 25, 2026 Proclamation.

Mayor McGregor read the proclamation for Memorial Day.

CONSENT AGENDA *(All matters listed as Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)*

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

1. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approval of minutes from April 13, 2026 and April 23, 2026 meetings.
2. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approval of Financial Statement.
3. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approval of Municipal Judge Ordinance.
4. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approval of Resolution to appoint Clay Riggs as the Town's representative on the UTRWD Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approval of Ordinance 26-05, canvassing the May 2, 2026 special election results.

Motion to approve ordinance made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

6. Discuss, consider and appoint Mayor Pro-Tem to serve a one-year term.

Motion to appoint Council Member Estes as Mayor Pro-Tem made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

7. Discuss, consider and possibly act on removing EDC member Deussen.

Town Council accepted resignation letter from EDC Member Deussen.

8. Discuss, consider and possibly act on approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Ponder ISD and the Town for a school resource officer for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Motion to approve MOU made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Council asked for an update regarding the new patrol unit for the SRO.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session in accordance with the authority contained therein to discuss the following:

§551.074: Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal of, or to hear a complaint against the public officer or employee:

A. Town Administrator

B. EDC Member Deussen

Motion to enter into executive session at 6:42pm made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

No action taken.

Motion to return from executive session at 8:26pm made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

ADJOURN

BUDGET STATEMENT Pursuant to Section 551.043, Government Code, the following taxpayer impact statement must be included with the Town Council meeting notice at which the Town Council will discuss or adopt a budget for the Town of Ponder: For an average-valued homestead property (\$300,000.00), the Town's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year (FY2025) is \$2,139.73, the Town's portion of the property tax bill for the upcoming fiscal year (FY2026) for the same property if the proposed budget is adopted is estimated to be \$2,083.14, and the Town's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year (FY2026) for the same property if a budget funded at the no-new-revenue rate under Chapter 26, Tax Code, is adopted is estimated to be \$2,083.14.

Motion to adjourn at 8:26pm made by Council Member McWilliams, Seconded by Council Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 4-0-0.

CERTIFICATION

Approve:



Date:

06/08/2026

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Attest:



Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary

