



Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 09, 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 AT 6:30 P.M. IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Mayor Nick McGregor

Council Member Ginger Deussen

Council Member Mark Culpepper

Council Member Mark Shingelo

Council Member Lael McWilliams

Those absent were:

Mayor Pro Tem John Estes

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the invocation 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

Police Department: Chief Caster reviewed tickets and calls for the month. Sargent Sissney attended training. Blessing box was refilled several times. The PD only had a few calls for help during the ice storm.

Library: Kelley wanted to thank Waste Connections for providing two brand new book carts for the library.

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Hester reviewed call totals for the month. The FD now has 9 full time firefighters. They held a flag retirement in conjunction with Denton County. There is active shooter

training at Denton County Cowboy Church on February 10th and 17th, agencies placed signs alerting the public.

Town Secretary: last day to file for place on the ballot is February 13th.

Town Administrator: Fred Tillman spoke about the Old Town Parking Improvement project that was open for bid and closed on February 5th. Town Engineers were currently going through bids and sending out requests for references to the low bidders. Clairmont Drainage project was completed. Anderson Farms Parkway project is expected to begin construction in March. Preconstruction meeting is to be scheduled for a date in February. March 28th is Ponder Frontier Days. The Mayor and Fred Tillman attended the Denton County Master Thoroughfare Planning Meeting. Mr. Tillman introduced the Town's new Public Works Director, Lane Cheek.

The Mayor read through the agenda. No discussion.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM

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. See attached.

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.)

1. Discuss, consider and act on approval of minutes from January 12, 2026 meeting.
2. Discuss, consider and act on approval of an amendment to the existing delinquent tax collections contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 552.001(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, said amendment expanding the scope of services provided by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP to include collection of delinquent assessments for Ponder Public Improvement District Number 1, as well as all future improvement Districts created by the Town. Notice of said amendment to the contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.
3. Discuss, consider and act on electing Michelle French to the EDC Board.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council Member Shingelo, seconded by Council Member Deussen. Council Member Culpepper made a motion to amend the original motion. Council Member Shingelo motioned to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen; Council Member Culpepper; Council Member Shingelo; Council Member McWilliams

Motion passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Motion to elect Michelle French to EDC Board was made by Council Member Culpepper and seconded by Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen; Council Member Culpepper; Council Member Shingelo; Council Member McWilliams

Motion passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council did not elect to enter Executive Session.

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 the meeting at 6:36 pm was made by Council Member Culpepper and seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen; Council Member Culpepper; Council Member Shingelo; Council Member McWilliams

Motion passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Approve:

Date:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Attest:

Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary