



Town Council Meeting

Monday, June 08, 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 the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Nick McGregor

Council Member Jason Adams

Council Member Lael McWilliams

Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes

Council Member Mark Culpepper

Council Member Marc Shingelo

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the meeting in a prayer and the 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.)*

Reviewed consent and regular session agenda items.

The mayor provided an update on the Railroad Crossing Elimination grant process and application. This grant addresses drainage, sidewalks, crossings, roads and railroad crossing sections.

STAFF REPORTS

Library reached 101 visitors in one day.

Downtown Parking Improvements concrete poured on 6/4. Alley will be opened first in anticipation of Ranchman's opening.

James St delays due to well equipment. Public works department purchased new mower. Water survey and water loss survey completed. Consumer water report is available online. Westwood working on water modeling. Public Works staff has been in training and Cory Jackson completed a class last week. January elevated storage tank being cleaned.

PD provided call totals and gave an update on trainings for our officers.

FD provided call totals and employment numbers.

Admin updates, Brooke Boller and Rebecca Zielinski attended training. Website is in the process of being updated.

Code enforcement was introduced to Town Council. Traci and Deanna with Safebuilt explained the process and what to expect. For example, a door tag is placed first, then a letter and personal contact, if no response or action then begin legal process, hire contractor to remedy issue, or citation and/or court appearance etc. Council asked about the ordinances being adopted and Safebuilt recommended adopting 2021 IPMC.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

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's Presentation

Mayor's presentation of Flag Day Proclamation.

Mayor McGregor presented the Flag Day Proclamation during the council meeting.

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 to consent agenda made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Mayor McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

1. Approval of minutes from the May 11, 2026 council meeting.
2. Approval of April financial statement.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss, consider and appoint Justin Pickering to the Ponder Economic Development Committee.

Motion to appoint Justin Pickering to the Ponder EDC made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

4. Discuss, consider and act on approval of SCADA System Provider Agreement.

Motion to approve agreement 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 Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

5. Discuss creating a billboard ordinance.

Town staff informed the Council that the current sign ordinance does not cover billboards. Existing signage is monument and on-premise signage. The Town Council would like to see specific verbiage regarding upkeep and maintenance. Town staff asked for direction on whether or not council wants to limit signs, if they are open to digital/electronic signs, regulate height. The Town Attorney clarified we cannot regulate the content of the signs, but we can limit the sizes and distances between billboards. The Town Council wants to define which permitted districts allow billboards, residential vs non-residential.

No action taken.

6. Discuss, consider and act on approval of Ordinance 26-06 updating the fee schedule.

Motion to approve fee ordinance as presented made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

7. Discuss, consider and act on approval of Denton County contracts for FY26-27.

Motion to approve Denton County contracts for FY26-27 made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

8. Discuss, consider and act on resolution approving grant request for Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program.

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

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

9. Discuss, consider and act on approval of Florance Estrada Addition Plat.

Motion to approve per the engineers recommendations made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion Passes 5-0-0

10. Discuss, consider and act on approval of resolution regarding TxDot funding for road work on FM 2449.

No action taken.

Executive Session Agenda

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

Motion to enter executive session at 7:11 pm 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 Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo. Motion passes 5-0-0

Council Member Shingelo left at 7:12 pm.

No action taken.

Motion to return from executive session at 8:04 pm made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Culpepper.

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

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

ADJOURN

Mayor McGregor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Approve:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Attest:

Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary