



## Special Meeting - Town Council

Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

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### MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Those present were:

Council Member Nick McGregor  
Mayor John Bassler  
Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes  
Council Member Mark Culpepper

#### **ABSENT**

Council Member Ginger Deussen  
Council Member Lael McWilliams

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bassler led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**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.)

No one signed up to speak.

#### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **1. Discussion and update regarding the North/South Connector Road.**

Town Engineer, Roman Boitsov went over the timeline for the North South Connector road between FM2449 and January Lane. Roman reported that the stakeholders in this project are the Town of Ponder, Ponder ISD, Denton County, and that TXDOT will be involved in the connection to FM2449. He also reported that they are working on getting ROW at this time, working with the pipeline companies to coordinate crossing the gas lines, working with other utility companies involved and working with the owners of Circle M subdivision. Roman stated that currently he is working to schedule a meeting with all stakeholders to talk about the connection of the two roads.

Council Member Estes asked who does the ROW acquisition. Town Engineer George Belcheff stated that they will take the lead on that. Mr. Estes also asked how Circle M helps us and how it affects this process. He also stated that as the new guy on Council, he wants to make sure that things are going as they should because costs are going up and we are losing money for every day we are behind on schedule.

George Belcheff replied that the project is on schedule and also reminded the Council that the Ponder ISD was responsible for this road and that the Council granted a variance to that.

Roman Boitsov stated that he should have final ROW appraisals ready to report in the next two to three weeks.

## **2. Discussion and update regarding water quality in Steamboat Estates.**

Gary Morris reported that after the March 10th Town Council meeting, he immediately changed out the meters of homes affected and had the customers flush their lines. He gave them 3000 gallon credits for flushing. He also reported that the chemical being used to help clear the water of calcium appears to be working. Gary drew diagrams of the wells that Ponder water has to show why calcium is building up.

## **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member McGregor.

Voting Yea: Council Member McGregor, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper

Motion passed with 3 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

**DATE:**

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**John Bassler, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary**