



Town Council Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2025 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 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Council Member Ginger Deussen
Mayor Nick McGregor
Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes
Council Member Mark Culpepper
Council Member Marc Shingelo

Council Member McWilliams at 6:40 pm.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1. Pastor Kim Broadstreet will lead the invocation. Denton VFW Post 920 Honor Guard will conduct the flag ceremony.**

Pastor Kim Broadstreet led the invocation and the Denton VFW Post 920 Honor Guard conducted the flag ceremony and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF REPORTS

- 2. Written reports attached.**

Gary Morris - Drainage flume on Clairmont was staked on Friday. should be finished within 10 days. Met with a street evaluation company. 11.4 miles of streets. Will be getting a cost for the entire town. Park update -- playground has been completed.

Scott Caster - read over his monthly report

Kelly Goudeau - very busy, which is a blessing. as of last week 190 signed up for the summer reading program. All programs are well attended. Harry Potter celebration for the end of the summer program party.

Andrew Economedes - read over the PVFD report. Seven or eight of their guys are employed by local fire departments. Forcible entry class. Cole Delcambre made his 10 year service. 2 structure fires.

Nick McGregor - Budget Workshops on July 21st @6pm and August 21 @6pm. Community Pride Flags. Special thanks to Dixie Pelligrin and Denise Parr, Richard Webster's daughters as they donated several of the flags. Chamber is placing the flags as a fundraiser. Marc Shingelo thanked the McGregor families for putting out all of the flags. Mayor McGregor met with City of Denton regarding the surface water contract, Rockwood for sewer and announced that there are hiring opportunities in Town Hall. Will be presenting to the Denton EDC at Robson Ranch. Planning & Zoning has one opening and he would also like fill a park board. Town Administrator search is moving along with committees in place.

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

Council Member Mark Culpepper stated that he dealt with a similar situation in Boyd regarding the ISD using the Church as a daycare. He is okay with not sprinkling, but would like to see a unified smoke detector system. Dr. Hill reported that there would be between 9 and 16 children in the daycare and would be there only when school is in session.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

Nicole Arenas requested to speak at the end of the meeting. She stated that she was representing a developer interested in growing Ponder. Benny Jifare, a civil engineer who has been in Texas since 1984. Mr. Jifare has developed in Dallas, McKinney, Allen and Lewisville. Mr. Jifare stated that he would like to speak with the Town planner in the future.

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.)*

3. Approval of the June 9, 2025 Town Council Minutes.

4. Approval of the June 2025 Financial Statement.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Culpepper.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the Ponder ISD request for variance to the Fire Code.

Council Member Culpepper moved to open the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Estes seconded the motion.

Kim Broadstreet, Pastor of the Ponder First Baptist Church reported that the congregation voted unanimously to partner with the school. He wants the school to be the best that they can be and the Church has the empty facility during the week. The FBC Congregation is willing to do anything reasonable to help them make it work for the sake of retaining good teachers for our children. In addition, he stated that this is temporary.

Council Member Culpepper reported that he received a paper in the mail regarding this and that he is for it with the one exception of a unified smoke/fire alarm, notification system.

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes stated that he agrees with Mr. Culpepper. He does not know that a year is too long to wait for a central fire alarm system.

Ponder Volunteer Fire Department, Chief James Longbrake would like a monitored notification system.

Council Member McWilliams asked what building it was. Pastor Broadstreet replied that it was the nursery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member Culpepper. Public hearing closed.

6. Consider and act on approval of a variance to the Fire Code from the Ponder ISD.

Motion to approve a variance to the Fire Code with the exception of adding a monitored fire alarm system no later than October 1, or a visit back to the Council to request more time was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

A secondary motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes to also require a release of liability letter from the ISD to the Town of Ponder. Secondary motion seconded by Council Member Culpepper. This secondary motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

7. Consider and act on approval of a minor plat of lots 1, 2 & 3, Block A, Deussen Addition in the Ponder ETJ.

Motion to approve the Minor Plat for Deussen Addition, contingent upon satisfaction of Engineer's recommendations was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Culpepper.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

8. Consider and act on EMS Services for the Town of Ponder.

Motion to Terminate the contract with the City of Krum for EMS and to contract with the PVFD for EMS and to authorize Mayor McGregor to send the termination notification was made by Council Member Deussen, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

9. Consider and act on approval of Resolution 25-15, determining the necessity of acquiring Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 of Block 6, Original Town of Ponder for the purpose of a Public Use Facility and Park.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-15, determining the necessity of acquiring Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 of Block 6, Original Town of Ponder for the purpose of a Public Use Facility and Park was made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

10. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 25-16, Ponder PID No. 1 SAP Update.

Motion to approve Ordinance 25-16, Ponder PID No. 1 SAP Update was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes,
Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

PVFD Contract and budget.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm was made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council
Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

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

APPROVED:

DATE:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary