



Town Council

Monday, September 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Council Member Ginger Deussen
Mayor Nick McGregor
Council Member Lael McWilliams
Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes
Council Member Mark Culpepper

Those absent:

Council Member Marc Shingelo

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McGregor led the invocation and pledges.

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.)*

Mayor McGregor swore in the new Town of Ponder Police Department Officer, Stephanie Culwell.

Mayor Culpepper asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda, with no reply.

Council Member Culpepper stated that due to the time constraints, we will delay our trunk or treat this year and try again next year. Hope to begin planning a future Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor McGregor stated that final interviews were completed for Town Administrator and that he will bring his decision to Council at the next meeting.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM

Regular Session was called to order at 6:30 pm

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.)

Matt Clement of 148 Seaborn Rd asked what the zoning case heard earlier in the P&Z meeting was going to build? He also asked if the subdivision going in on Seaborn was on Ponder water.

Mayor McGregor reported to Mr. Clement that we would be discussing the zoning case during the meeting and there will be information given that may answer his questions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the Waste Connections Agreement, specifically concerning bulk pick-up.

Cory Glassburn with Waste Connections presented. Heard from the residents that they would like to see multiple bulk pick-ups. He first discussed once per month where residents can put out bulky waste. Held off on the annual CPI increase until now, knowing that they would be working on this new contract. The monthly bulk will cost a residential customer an extra \$12 per year. Also with this, yard waste will move to bulk pick up dates. CPI to begin in October. Second part of the amendment is asking if the Council could offer waste services to all water customers. This agreement would allow for Ponder to offer waste services to all customers in the CCN. Amendment also added the cost of the commercial poly carts.

Mark Culpepper asked if Waste Connection could correct their app pertaining to recycling.

John Estes asked if they do the monthly bulk in other areas. Cory said that it is safer for employees to do it this way.

Motion to approve the amendment to Waste Contract with Waste Connections was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

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

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

2. Public Hearing to hear comments regarding a request for rezoning for lot A1592A, A.M. FELTUS, TR 1 from A -Agriculture to M-1 - Manufacturing/Industrial (light).

Council Member Estes moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:43 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Culpepper.

Mayor McGregor explained that a local developer designed individual metal buildings that will house light industrial and businesses.

Jason Adams reported that the P&Z concerns were water and drainage.

Council Member Estes moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

3. Consider and act on approval of a zoning request for lot A1592A, A.M. FELTUS, TR 1 from A - Agriculture to M-1 - Manufacturing/Industrial (light).

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

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

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

4. Consider and act on approval of Resolution 25-17, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-17 was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

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

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

5. Discussion regarding the future of the Ponder Historical Society.

Ginger Deussen spoke about the Historical Society. They ladies that wanted to see this have all passed away. They had a tradition where when an elder passes away, the family makes a small donation in her memory to the historical society bank account. She suggests that we take that money and give it the Parks Board so that when they get a facility they can use it to make an area to display history.

Mark Culpepper is glad that there are people like Ginger and hopes that something can be done with the bank building. There is a vision from the elders of the Historical Committee and we have the space which is a good start. He would like to know history of the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Town Administrator - Appointment

ADJOURN

The Town Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development)

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm was made by Council Member Deussen, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

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

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

APPROVED:



Nick McGregor, Mayor

DATE:

9/15/2025

ATTEST:



Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary

