



Town Council - Special

Friday, September 26, 2025 at 8:00 AM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

NOTICE

THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, WILL CONVENE IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 8:00 A.M. IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McGregor called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

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
Council Member Marc Shingelo

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McGregor led the invocation and pledge.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial statements for all Town of Ponder Bank of the West Accounts.

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 seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

Ginger Deussen stated that the Council has been working as a team and thanked Sheri Clearman for helping to keep that happening.

Mayor McGregor presented Sheri Clearman with a personalized street sign bearing the Town of Ponder logo as a going away gift from the Town Council.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Consider and act on appointment of a Municipal Judge

Mayor McGregor explained that, since no contract or appointment has been renewed for this position, council is asked to appoint Caprice Garcia, the current Court Prosecutor, to the position of Municipal Judge.

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

Motion to appoint Caprice Garcia as the Municipal Judge was made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

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

3. Consider and act on the appointment of a Deputy Town Attorney

Mayor McGregor advised local attorney Travis Biggs was recommended by Caprice Garcia for prosecutor.

Motion to appoint Travis Biggs as the Deputy Town Attorney was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

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.

4. Consider and act on the appointing members to the Ponder Economic Development Corporation.

Motion to appoint Frankie Burke, Rina Maloney, and Megan Doughty to the EDC 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.

5. Consider and act on adding Rebecca Zielinski and Fred Tillman as signers on all Town of Ponder bank accounts.

With the retirement of Town Secretary Sheri Clearman, and soon-to-be-retirement of Gary Morris, council was asked to add the new Town Administrator and the P&Z Coordinator as signers to the accounts.

Motion to add Rebecca Zielinski and Fred Tillman as signers on all Town of Ponder bank accounts 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.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Discussion regarding a Town Square.

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 8:28 am was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

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:



Nick McGregor, Mayor

DATE:



ATTEST:



Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary