



## Town Council

Monday, July 08, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

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### MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Those present were:

Council Member Ginger Deussen  
Council Member Nick McGregor  
Council Member Lael McWilliams  
Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes  
Council Member Alan Gorman

#### **ABSENT**

Mayor John Bassler

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

John Estes led both.

#### **OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT**

Christine Gloria signed up to speak regarding the PISD Water Conservation.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of the June 10, 2024 minutes.**
- 2. Acceptance of the June 2024 Financial Statement.**
- 3. Acceptance of the annual Consumer Confidence Report for 2023.**
- 4. Approval of Ordinance 24-16, Annual SAP Update for Ponder PID No. 1.**
- 5. Approval of a contract between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for Radio Communications.**

Motion to approve everything on the consent agenda was made by Council Member Gorman, Seconded by Council Member McGregor.

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

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions

## **ORAL STAFF REPORTS**

Gary Morris went over his written staff report updating the Council on the ongoing Public Works projects.

Scott Caster reported that the Police Department is down on contacts due to the rain but that there is an uptick on calls now that the weather is getting hot.

Kelly Goudeau reported that it is busy at the library, they had 680+ visitors and issuing library cards like crazy. On July 36rd they had a come and go and there were 101 visitors at the library that day.

James Longbrake reported that there were 45 calls 8 in town and that 3 start paramedic school. The fire department participated in the library events.

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **6. Consider and act on granting an exception to the Ponder ISD, to the water conservation ordinance.**

Motion to approve with full exception was made by Council Member McGregor, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Christine Gloria stated that the homeowners suffer and that the school is making a lake over there, She also stated that the school is not maintaining the land behind her subdivision. It is not fair for the people of ponder to follow the rules but the school can do whatever.

Council Member Gorman sees no evidence of hydromulch. What they are watering now is not doing much good as mulch may have washed away. He stated that if we have another year like last year we may be in trouble. In packet is the amount of water they have used for the last two months.

Council Member Deussen stated that she is against watering the streets and against any exception. She does not want to water johnson grass and weeds. She stated that giving them an exception is a no and she would rather be able to take a bath in the hot summer.

Council Member McWilliams stated that it is unfortunate that there is no one from the school present. PISD is worried about erosion. He recognized that hte recommendation from the town is against this.

Council Member McGregor stated that he made the recommendation because Dr. Hill called him.

Council Member McWilliams asked if a two week exemption is unreasonable. Gary Morris replied yes it is unreasonable

Gary Morris stated that he has patrolled and not given anyone else an exception and he believes that the erosion is under control. He saw no hydromulch. He also added that no wells are down at this time.

Council Member Gorman asked if Gary Morris knows who is turning the key on the irrigation. Gary Morris stated that he believed it is Gallagher Construction. Council Member Gorman said that it seems that some oversight is necessary.

Voting Nay: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Gorman

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

**7. Consider and act on approval of a professional services agreement between the Town of Ponder and Bloomfield Homes.**

Motion made by Council Member Gorman to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Ponder and Bloomfield, Seconded by Council Member McGregor.

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

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

**8. Consider and act on appointing a member to the Planning & Zoning Board.**

Motion to appoint Mark Culpepper was made by Council Member McGregor, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Mr. Culpepper stated that he was not willing to take the position without knowing what the expectations were. Council Member Gorman went over a few of the expectations of the P&Z Board.

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

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

**9. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code, the Mayor and Council will convene in Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding the Subdivision Ordinance and ETJ issues relative to Rockwood and Webster Meadows.**

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code, the Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session to receive confidential legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding the Subdivision Ordinance and ETJ issues relative to Rockwood and Webster Meadows.

**10. Consider and act on matters discussed in Executive Session.**

No action was taken on this item.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 was made by Council Member Deussen, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

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

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

**APPROVED:**

**DATE:**

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**John Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary**