



Town Council - Special

Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

NOTICE

THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, WILL CONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member McGregor, Council Member Couch, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Mayor Pool and Council Member Lynch were absent.

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).

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ORAL STAFF REPORTS

None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 1. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget.**
Council Member Couch moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council

Member McWilliams. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion to open passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

No one chose to speak for or against the proposed budget.

Council Member Couch moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member McWilliams. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion to close passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

2. Conduct a public hearing regarding the tax rate for 2023.

Council Member Couch moved to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member McWilliams. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: Council Member Deussen. Abstentions: None. Motion to open passed with 3 ayes, 1 nay and 0 abstentions.

Sue Partridge asked what the tax rate was and what the proposed tax rate is. Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary replied that the current rate is \$.68/\$100 and the proposed rate is \$.71/\$100.

Jeremy Gifford asked why the tax rate is being proposed when it was passed at the last meeting. Sheri Clearman explained that the action taken at the last meeting was void due to not meeting the requirement to pass the budget before the tax rate.

Council Member Couch moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Council Member McWilliams. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion to close passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

3. Consider and act on approval Ordinance 22-13, approval of the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Council Member Couch moved to approve Ordinance 22-13, approval of the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23. Motion seconded by Council Member Deussen. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion to close passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

4. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 22-14, approval of the annual Tax Rate.

Council Member Couch moved to approve Ordinance 22-14, approval of the annual Tax Rate. Motion seconded by Council Member Deussen. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion to close passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURN

Council Member Deussen moved to adjourn at 6:12 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Couch. Ayes: Council Member Couch, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Deussen and Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion to close passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Matthew Poole, Mayor

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary