



Town Council Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Council Member Ginger Deussen
Council Member Brandy Couch
Mayor Pro-Tem Nick McGregor
Council Member Lael McWilliams
Mayor John Bassler
Council Member John Estes

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bassler led both.

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.)

Christine Gloria, a resident of Ponder signed up to speak regarding Item 6.

Sharon Wiggins, a resident of Ponder signed up to speak regarding Item 6.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the February 12, 2024 minutes.**
2. **Approval of the February 2024 Financial Statement.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

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

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

ORAL STAFF REPORTS

See written Staff Reports.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3. **Consider and act on approval of an ordinance abandoning a ROW within the Town limits of Ponder.**

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-07, abandoning ROW was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Couch.

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Estes

Motion passed with 4 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

4. **Consider and act on giving assistance to the Denton County Cowboy Church for a water bill. (*Requested by Customer*)**

Motion to discuss was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

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

Mr. Joseph from the Denton County Cowboy Church reported that the Church water bill was \$5763 due to a large water leak on their service line. He is asking for any assistance that the Council will allow. Gary Morris stated that he has the authority to waive 25% of a bill without Council approval. He said that he offered that to DCCC, but also told them if they needed more assistance it would have to come from Council.

Motion to waive 50% of the Denton County Cowboy Church large water bill and waive the sewer charge on the concession stand bill was made by Council Member Couch, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor.

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

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

5. **Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 24-09, canceling the May 4, 2024 election.**

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-09 cancelling the General Election was made by Council Member Deussen, Seconded by Council Member Estes.

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

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

6. **Consider and act on approval of an agreement between the Ponder ISD and the Town of Ponder relative to the construction of a north/south connector road, west of the new high school.**

Motion to discuss was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Estes.

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

Shawn Wilkinson, President of the Ponder ISD School Board, invited the Town Council to participate in a workshop with the ISD. The Council agreed.

Christine Gloria, a resident of Ponder stated that she was concerned about the traffic on January Ln. when the new road is completed and said that January will be in need of improvements such as widening before the new road is opened.

Sharon Wiggins, a resident of Ponder addressed the Council with her concerns that the traffic on January will increase when the new road is complete. She also stated that improvements to January were a concern also.

Motion to approve the agreement between the Ponder ISD and the Town of Ponder was made by Council Member Deussen, Seconded by Council Member Couch. Council Member Couch then withdrew her second.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

7. **Consider and act on approval of an interlocal agreement between the Town of Ponder and Denton County to provide communication services.**

Motion to approve an interlocal agreement between the Town of Ponder and Denton County to provide communication services was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Estes.

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

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

8. **Consider and act on approval of a minor plat for Couch Creek addition, A1286A AM Feltus, TR 33, 5.331 Acres in the Town's ETJ.**

Motion to approve the Couch Creek Addition plat was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Estes.

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

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

9. **Consider and act on approval of Resolution 24-10, Releasing properties from the Ponder ETJ.**

Motion to approve Resolution 24-10, releasing property from the Ponder ETJ was made by Council Member Estes, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

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

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

10. **Informative session presented by Gary Morris to update the Council regarding Water Wells.**

Gary Morris, Director of Public Works reported to the Council regarding maintenance of the Town water wells. He also stated that the new generators are installed and awaiting testing. He also said that the Scada was almost complete.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Ponder ISD Agreement
Annual Financial Statement/Audit

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm was made by Council Member Couch, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

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

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

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary

