



Town Council

Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 both.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Written Staff Reports

PVFD - Andrew Economedes went over the PVFD call log for July. The Fire Department responded to 12 calls in the Town, 38 in the County and 5 Mutual Aid calls. Applications have been temporarily suspended as the PVFD adjusts to the new structure.

Library - Kelly Goudeau - finished with Summer Reading Program. July 31 was Harry Potter that day and there were 92 people in attendance. Blood drive planned for August 29, 2025 from 11:0am - 3:0 pm.

PPD - Scott Caster - went over the Police Department calls for July

Public Works- Gary Morris - Clairmont flume is complete. Gary is ready to begin on some of the street repair projects. Well #4 is almost complete and may have it completed by the end of this week. James Street project is coming along quickly and the tank may be ready by October. Wastewater permit may be ready by the end of the month.

Engineering - Roman Boitsov - Master Planning has been on hold due to the MUDs coming into the Ponder ETJ. Maintaining contact with TXDOT for improvements needed in the Town of Ponder. Circle M Agreement is with their attorney. Saddle Side Phase I plat has been approved. Apartments are about 90-95% done with civil and have begun going vertical. Meridian MUD applicant has not submitted a plat for this. Ponder Farms and Webster are both moving dirt. Town has no oversight on those two developments. Kali

Meadows has been approved but have not heard back from the developer. James Wallis Addition is an 18 acre plat. Water Sewer Projects - City of Denton Wholesale water agreement is in works and will be meeting with Denton to schedule a meeting and will hopefully get a draft from Denton before the September meeting. Pump Station on Robinson Rd. is a critical project that will be required in order to provide water to all of the above mentioned developments. Funding is pending since the Town is working toward developments to help fund. Transmission line to Denton is also in that project. City of Denton Sewer wholesale agreement will come after the water agreement. N/S Connector Rd. is on track according to the timeline. Design finished and are ready to advertise for bids to construct the Road. Denton County and ITS are doing the negotiations with PISD and Harris for their ROW. January Lane is getting someone to some immediate repairs and engineers are working on getting a more permanent solution such as a concrete road and underground drainage.

Sheri Clearman - working on the budget since the last time we met.

Nick - Purchased the ROW for the North/South connector road from Andersons, Working on Town Administrator applications.

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 gave a quick overview of the items listed on the Regular Agenda.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM

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.)

Jason Adams, a resident of Ponder would like to see if there has been any work on winter averaging for sewer. Mayor replied that work is being done on it.

CONSENT AGENDA *(All matters listed as Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)*

- 2. Approval of the July 14, 2025 Town Council Minutes.**
- 3. Acceptance of the July 2025 Financial Statement.**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 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, Council Member Shingelo

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Consider and act on appointing Cody Hanes to the Planning & Zoning Board.**
Cody Hanes introduced himself. He and his family live in Clairmont and would love to serve the community. He works in the fiber field.

Motion to appoint Cody Hanes to the Planning & Zoning Board 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, Council Member Shingelo

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

5. **Consider and act on approval of a Proclamation in support of the United Way.**
Mayor McGregor read the following Proclamation aloud:

WHEREAS, United Way of Denton County improves lives by mobilizing communities like Ponder to action so all can thrive; and

WHEREAS, United is The Way we create a healthy Denton County community with strengthened resilience, wellness, and financial security where everyone, regardless of age, has the opportunity to flourish.

WHEREAS, by working together to co-create solutions to people's most pressing challenges, United Way of Denton County positively impacts the lives of over 54,000 local residents annually.

WHEREAS, United Way of Denton County leads the effort with a network of nonprofits, governments, businesses, and donors to respond to our neighbors' immediate needs and seek out better solutions for larger community-wide issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, we declare September 2025 as United is The Way Month and proudly join United Way of Denton County in calling on all residents of Ponder to Give to One to Impact Many as we take action to create a future where everyone has the chance to thrive.

Motion to accept the United Way Proclamation 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, Council Member Shingelo

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

6. Consider and act on approval of a Final Plat for Lots 1-2 Block 1, James Wallis Addition in the Ponder ETJ.

Motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the James Wallis Addition Lots 1-2, Block 1, contingent upon resolution of the Town Engineer's recommendations 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 approved with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

7. Consider and act on approval of a Community Facilities Agreement for Saddleside Phase 1 construction.

No action taken.

8. Consider and act on approval of a Final Plat for Saddleside, Phase 3B.

No action taken.

9. Review and discussion and workshop regarding the FY2025-26 Budget.

Staff reviewed their proposed budgets with the Council.

No old business.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Trunk or Treat - hosted by the Town of Ponder

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

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

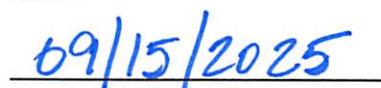
Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVE:



Nick McGregor, Mayor

DATE:



09/15/2025

ATTEST:



Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary

