



## Town Council

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

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### MINUTES

#### REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

##### CALL TO ORDER

##### 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.)

*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.*

Gene Bostick reported to the Council that he had submitted a petition for release to the Town Staff and told them that they would either release his property or provide him with water. Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary stated that he did submit a petition and that an ordinance to update the official ETJ Map would be heard at the November 2023 Town Council Meeting.

Jared Thomas showed the Town Council rendering photos of the outside of his future restaurant that included a privacy fence and a mural. He stated that he wanted to open his business in October. Mr. Thomas also stated that he wants to stay in Ponder and do business here also. He said that many other Towns have offered him a spot for his restaurant but that he refuses because he loves Ponder. Mr.

Thomas told the Council that he was sure that they have already seen on Facebook all that he does for this Town. He asked that the Town Council do everything they can to expedite the process.

Sue Partridge asked how much revenue the water rate increase would bring in annually. Gary Morris replied \$80,000.

Craig Kinney reported to the Council that there was a zoning discrepancy between the Town of Ponder and Denton County. Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary explained that the Town is the zoning authority for anything within the corporate limits and that the County has nothing to do with it.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of the September 11, 2023 minutes.**

Motion to approve made by Council Member Deussen, Motion seconded by Council Member Couch.

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.

## **ORAL STAFF REPORTS**

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **2. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 23-16, amending the water rates.**

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-16 made by Council Member Deussen, Motion 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.

## **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

## **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 made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor at 6:43 pm., Motion seconded by Council Member Couch.

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:**

**DATE:**

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John Bassler, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary