



Town Council Meeting - Budget Workshop

Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

NOTICE

THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, WILL CONVENE IN BUDGET WORKSHOP AT 6:00 P.M. IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McGregor called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Nick McGregor

Council Member Jason Adams

Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes

Council Member Marc Shingelo

Council Member Lael McWilliams

ABSENT

Council Member Mark Culpepper

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the prayer and pledges.

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 three (3) business days' notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

No one signed up to speak.

Presenters list attached.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Work Sessions are not public hearings; the Council cannot take action on any matter placed on the Work Session agenda. Public comments are permitted in accordance with the Town Council's general rules for public comments.

1. Budget workshop to discuss FY26-27 general fund and water/sewer fund budgets.

Town Administrator Fred Tillman and Finance Director Alexis Norberg presented the first draft of the FY26-27 budget.

2. Discuss wastewater treatment plant.

Ryley Paroulek, Clay Riggs and Westwood staff prepared a presentation. Motion to enter into executive session at 6:49 pm made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams. Motion carries 4-0-0.

No action taken.

Motion to return from executive session at 7:38 pm made by Council Member McWilliams, seconded by Council Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams. Motion carries 4-0-0.

3. Discuss Enterprise fleet management.

Nick Hardwick with Enterprise began the meeting with a presentation regarding fleet management for municipalities.

4. Discuss strategic plan.

Council did not discuss the strategic plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session in accordance with the authority contained therein to discuss the following:

§551.074: Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal of, or to hear a complaint against the public officer or employee:

A. Town Administrator

Council did not go back to executive session.

ADJOURN

BUDGET STATEMENT Pursuant to Section 551.043, Government Code, the following taxpayer impact statement must be included with the Town Council meeting notice at which the Town Council will

discuss or adopt a budget for the Town of Ponder: For an average-valued homestead property (\$300,000.00), the Town's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year (FY2025) is \$2,139.73, the Town's portion of the property tax bill for the upcoming fiscal year (FY2026) for the same property if the proposed budget is adopted is estimated to be \$2,083.14, and the Town's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year (FY2026) for the same property if a budget funded at the no-new-revenue rate under Chapter 26, Tax Code, is adopted is estimated to be \$2,083.14.

Mayor McGregor adjourned meeting at 8:50pm.

Approve:

Date:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Attest:

Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary