



Town Council Meeting - Special

Monday, August 24, 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 A BUDGET WORKSHOP AT 6:00 P.M. AND SPECIAL SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Nick McGregor

Council Member Jason Adams

Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes

Council Member Mark Culpepper

Council Member Marc Shingelo

Council Member Lael McWilliams

Staff Members present: *Fred Tillman, Rebecca Zielinski, Alexis Norberg, Chief Chris Nordhoff*

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the prayer and pledges.

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.

Council discussed the proposed budget. As a reminder, the public hearing for the budget will take place on September 14, 2026. The vote to approve the budget and tax rate will take place on September 14, 2026.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

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.

MAYOR'S PRESENTATION

A proclamation remembering and honoring the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Mayor McGregor read the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Proclamation in honor of Patriots Day and A Day of Remembrance.

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.)

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams. Motion passes 5-0-0.

2. Approval of Ordinance 26-09 approving the 2026 Annual Service Plan Update to the service and assessment plan for Ponder PID No 1.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss entering Town of Ponder float in the Ponder Homecoming Parade on September 9th.

Town staff provided details for the Ponder Homecoming parade taking place on September 9th. The council wishes to enter a float into HOCO Parade. Town Staff will gather estimates on candy and promotional items. Gather staff interest and decided what vehicle is available based on attendance.

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 enter into executive session.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Flock cameras and streetlight outages from Lael McWilliams.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:07pm made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Adams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Adams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams. Motion passes 5-0-0.

Approved:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Attest:

Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary