

Town Council Meeting - Special

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM 102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

NOTICE

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor McGregor called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Mayor Nick Mcgregor
Mayor Pre-Tem John Estes
Council Member Marc Shingelo
Council Member Lael McWilliams
Council Member Mark Culpepper
Council Member Ginger Deussen

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider and take action on removing previous authorized representatives from all TexPool
accounts and appointing Mayor Nick McGregor, Fred Tillman, Alexis Norberg, and Rebecca
Zielinski as new authorized representatives, with Alexis Norberg as the primary
representative.

- Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes to approve removing previous representatives from TexPool accounts and appointing Mayor Nick McGregor, Fred Tillman, Alexis Norberg, and Rebecca Zielinski as new authorized representatives, with Alexis Norberg as the primary representative.
- Council Member Marc Shingelo seconded the motion.
- Voting Yea: Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Deussen, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pre-Tem Estes
- Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
 - 2. Consider and take action on adding Alexis Norberg as a primary signer to all listed town accounts at the Bank of the West.
- Motion made by Council Member Mark Culpepper to approve Alexis Norberg as a primary signer to all listed town accounts at the Bank of the West.
- Council Member Ginger Deussen seconded the motion.
- Voting Yea: Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Deussen, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pre-Tem Estes
- Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
 - 3. Consider and take action on appointment of a Parks Board Member Elizabeth Taft.
- Council Member Marc Shingelo made motion to appoint Elezabeth Taft to the Parks Board Member as a new member.
- Mayor Pre-Tem John Estes seconded the motion.
- Voting Yea: Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Deussen, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pre-Tem Estes
- Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
 - 4. Discuss ordinance defining Town Administrator role and vesting certain authorities.
- Council members discussed spending authority for Town Administrator within a range of \$10,000-\$25,000.
 - 5. Discuss modifying the ordinance for Municipal Officers to only Town Administrator.
 - 6. Discuss and take action Vote on Denton CAD Candidates
- Council Member Mark Culpepper made a motion to unanimously vote for Denton CAD Candidate Mike Hennefer as the Town of Ponder's chosen candidate.
- Mayor Pro-Tem John Estes seconded the motion.
- Voting Yea: Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Deussen, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pre-Tem Estes
- Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
 - Discuss and take action to approve contingent fee contracts (and appropriate ordinance)
 with Perdue Brandon Law Firm pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Property Tax Code,
 103.0031 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and 552.001(b) of the Government Code, and

to provide notice to current firm(s) (if any) of their termination. Said contracts being for the collection of delinquent government receivables (property taxes, court fine and fee and utility accounts) owed to City of Ponder and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.

- Council Member Mark Culpepper made a motion to approve the contingent contracts with Purdue Brandon Law Firm and provide notice to current firm(s) (if any) of their termination.
- · Council Member Marc Shingelo seconded the motion.
- Voting Yea: Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Deussen, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pre-Tem Estes
- Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Executive Session Agenda

Discuss employment contract for Town Administrator.

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 at 7:32pm was made by Council Member Ginger Duessen
- Mayor Pro-Tem second the motion.
- Voting Yea: Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Deussen, Council Member Shingelo, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pre-Tem Estes
- Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alexis Norberg, Town Secretary