



Joint Town Council & EDC Meeting - Special

Monday, October 05, 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 PRE-COUNCIL AT 6:00 P.M. AND REGULAR 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

Town Council 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 Present: Fred Tillman, Rebecca Zielinski, Brooke Boller, Alexis Norberg, Chief Nordhoff

EDC Board Present:

President Joey Luttrull

Vice President Michelle French

Justin Pickering

Frankie Burke

Megan Doughty

Chance Allen

Leslie Thompson

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the prayer and pledges.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss current and future strategic plans.

Motion to suspend rules to discuss the strategic plan with the EDC 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 carries 5-0-0.

Town Council members and EDC directors discussed their vision for Ponder.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:

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

§551.087 Economic Development Negotiations. To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Town has received from a business. The EDC may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board has received from a business prospect that the Board seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the Town and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including the following items:

Discuss potential Economic Development projects, and water contract to assist various companies coming into the Town

Town Council and EDC did not enter into executive session.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

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.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40pm made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

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

Approved:

Approved:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Joey Luttrull, EDC President

Date:

Date:

Attest:

Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary