



Town Council Meeting

Monday, June 09, 2025 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

MINUTES

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00PM

Council and Staff Members had discussion regarding items on the agenda.

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

Regular Session was called to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Jamie with the Denton County Cowboy Church led the invocation. Scout Pack 931 out of Justin, TX did a presentation of the colors and led the pledge of allegiance.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Sharon Wiggins spoke about the condition of January Lane. The asphalt is breaking off on the edges and is causing dangerous conditions for drivers. Speed limit is 35 MPH but due to the road condition it should be lowered. with the new connector road being built, the traffic will increase. She said that if you haven't driven on January Lane recently you should to see for yourself.

Jason Bowen with Syracuse reported that he began the drainage plan for the SUP that they have. Will have some improved inlets and outlets to help with erosion in the area and will be working with Roman during all of this.

Christopher Horiates stated that the parks have been neglected and not repaired. With it being summer he wants them to be prepared. He asked if there is some funding that we can get the

equipment fixed and maybe look at solar lighting and potentially some cameras to help with vandalism.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports - Oral and/or written.

PVFD reported their calls for service for the month of May.

Scott Caster reported that his calls were down slightly for the month of May.

Gary Morris went over his report - he has awarded a contractor to do repairs on January and will take about 55 tons of asphalt on the north side and many tons on the south side. Repairs on the south side of town will also be made at that time. Seaborn Railroad Crossing he is proposing some heavy duty asphalt and flex base on the crossing temporarily. Meadow Drive lift station issue is an elevation issue Well #4 replacement.update: putting in new pump now and electricians are working on the electrical. They have been in touch with Oncor and so far the test show 250 gpm. Clairmont drainage has been addressed with the developer and their engineers have that. Roman said that the two issues have been addressed. Water that is getting in the back yards along clairmont and contributing to the flooding on the other end. The drainage ditch has silted up and so we brought it to the developer. We are pushing them for a more permanent solution which would be a concrete flume and would solve the issue. Contractor engineer submitted plan and comments were sent back same day. Their engineer in the mean time found a flaw in the original plan concerning a drainage pipe that is too shallow and needs to be larger. The correction to this project will require speaking to owners about working in their back yards to access that drainage easement. Three properties on Brooklyn will be addressed. There is no clear timeline.

Mayor McGregor applauded Gary and Roman for going out and taking care of this and stated that they were on site for two days. Mayor McGregor reported that he also went over TML meeting in Sanger.

Library - May was great. Closed for three days and the numbers were more than the last month. Issued 10 library cards in one day. New families coming in from areas other than Ponder. Library Board meets tomorrow. Friends of the Library is starting up and have a new shirt design and are also going to do kids of the Betty Foster Public Library as a fundraiser.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of May 12, 2025 & May 28, 2025, Town Council Minutes.

3. Approval of the May 2025 Financial Statement

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discussion, appointment and take action on Resolution 25-14, for the appointment of one board member to the Board of Managers of the Denco Area 911 District.

Motion to appoint John Smith, Hickory Creek Town Administrator to the Denco 911 District Board was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

5. Consider and act on awarding the James Street Pump Station contract to Legacy Contracting, L.P for an amount not to exceed \$3,598,847.00.

Motion to award Legacy Contracting, L.P. a construction contract for the James Street 2.16 MGD Pump Station and 0.30 MG GST Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$3,598,847.00 was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

6. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments and consider recommendations regarding an SUP for Lot 1, Block 1, N Rudder Survey, Abstract No. 1060, Ranchman's.

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Council Member Deussen. Council Member Shingelo seconded the motion. 5-0 passed

No one spoke for or against the Ranchman's SUP.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Council Member Culpepper. Mayor Pro Tem Estes seconded the motion. 5-0 passed

7. Consider and act on an SUP & Site Plan for Ranchman's by Marty B's.

Motion to approve the SUP and Site Plan with Town Engineer's conditions noted on a letter dated May 29, 2025, for Ranchman's by Marty B's, was made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

- 8. Consider and act on approval of a Replat of Lots 7-15, Block 1 into a single 0.808 acre tract, Lot 1, Block 1, Ranchman's Addition Original Town, "Ranchman's by Marty B's".**

Motion to approve the Replat of Lot 7-15, Block 1, Ranchman's Addition with Town Engineer's conditions was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

- 9. Consider and act approval of a Replat for SW half of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 to Lot 8R, Block 6, Original Town of Ponder (Gerald) Addition.**

Motion to approve a Replat of the SW half of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8, Original Town of Ponder with Town Engineer's conditions was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

- 10. Consider and act on approval of a Preliminary Plat for Circle M Ranch.**

Motion to table until July was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

- 11. Discussion and action regarding the amendment of the Town Administrator Job Description.**

After a brief discussion regarding the Town Administrator Job Description, no action was taken.

- 12. Consider and act on authorizing the mayor to hire a search firm and/or consultant to find candidates for Town Administrator.**

Mark Culpepper and Marc Shingelo both agree to delay hiring a firm for 30 days and see what applications that get and go over them.

MC to post the TA on TML and the Mayor appoint a committee for this search. MS 2nd and volunteers for the committee. 5-0 passed.

Motion to post the Town Administrator position on the TML and Town websites and authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee for this search was made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Council Member Shingelo.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Syracuse drainage

Circle M

Parks - appointing a parks board.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 was made by Council Member Deussen, Seconded by Council Member Culpepper.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Council Member Culpepper, Council Member Shingelo

Motion passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

DATE:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary