



Town Council Meeting

Monday, August 10, 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

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: Fred Tillman, Rebecca Zielinski, Alexis Norberg, Lane Cheek, Chief Chris Nordhoff

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Mayor McGregor led the prayer and pledges.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00PM *(In addition to the items listed below, Council members may have preliminary discussions about agenda items, allowing them to come to the regular meeting with a better understating of the item.)*

STAFF REPORTS

Town secretary reviewed the library and code enforcement report. Gave an update on issued permits through P&Z office.

Fire Department reviewed call totals.

Police Department, Chief Nordhoff gave brief introduction. PD is working on policy updates, staff attended training. Mayor McGregor shared some positive feedback received regarding Office Oramas.

Public Works Director Lane Cheek gave an update from his department. Scada radios installed this week, TCEQ compliance inspection completed minus staff licensing; repaired main breaks, James St project progressing, replaced chlorinator at well 7, paring lot completed, repaired potholes, new inspector with Westwood Joel Garcia, overnight tie in at James St. completed; drainage repairs expected to start this month on Fredrick st by Saddleside contractors.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Regular session began at 6:24pm.

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 PRESENTATIONS

Swear in Police Chief Christopher Nordhoff and welcome him to the department.

Mayor McGregor introduced Chief Nordhoff and issued the oath of office.

Recognize Sergeant Jeff Sissney for his 10 years of service to the Town of Ponder Police Department.

Presentation was postponed.

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 consent agenda 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.

1. Approval of minutes from July 13, 2026 and July 27, 2026 meetings.
2. Approval of June Financial Statement.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss, consider and act on appointing Rebecca Zielinski as the Town Secretary.

Motion to approve appointing Rebecca Zielinski as Town Secretary made by Council Member Shingelo, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

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

4. Discuss, consider and act on the 2026 Annual SAP for Ponder PID No. 1.

Motion to approve the 2026 Annual SAP for Ponder PID No. 1 made by Council Member Culpepper, 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.

5. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance 26-07 amending Chapter 113, "Food and Beverage Regulations" of the code of Ponder by creating Section 113.16 "Alcoholic Beverage."

Motion to approve Ordinance 26-07 made by Council Member Culpepper, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

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

6. Discuss, consider and act on nominations for Regional Seats on the TML Board of Directors.

No action was taken.

7. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance 26-08 and resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation Mid Tex Division regarding the company's 2026 rate review filing.

John Manganilla & Garrett Newsom with Atmos introduced themselves to the Town Council Members. Invested 1.9 million in community infrastructure. 275 Atmos customers in town.

Motion to approve ordinance 26-08 made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member Culpepper.

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

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

Upcoming meeting dates.

August 17th: Economic Development Special Meeting

August 24th: Town Council Special Meeting

September 14th: Town Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURN

Mayor McGregor closed the meeting at 6:37pm.

Approve:

Date:

Nick McGregor, Mayor

Attest: Rebecca Zielinski, Town Secretary