



Town Council

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

John Bassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Ginger Deussen

Council Member Brandy Couch

Mayor Pro-Tem Nick McGregor

Council Member Lael McWilliams

Mayor John Bassler

Council Member John Estes

Alan Gorman - Council Member Elect.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bassler led both.

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.)

Jackie Kelly with the Lady VIP spoke. She would like to see the Crystal schoolhouse open more, when the Town has events, they will volunteer to make sure someone is there to monitor it and to answer any questions. She stated that they will take care of it and answer any questions that anyone has. She also asked that the arch be put on the north side of the park.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the April 8, 2024 Town Council Minutes.**
- 2. Approval of the April 2024 Financial Statement.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Council Member Estes, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

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

ORAL STAFF REPORTS

3. **Staff reports included in packets.**

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

4. **Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 24-13, acknowledging receipt of Certificate of Unopposed Status and declaring unopposed candidates to be elected the their respective offices.**

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-13 made by Council Member Couch, Seconded by Council Member Estes.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

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

5. **Swear-in and seat newly elected members of the Town Council. Those members are Ginger Deussen, Alan Gorman and Lael McWilliams.**

Town Secretary, Sheri Clearman gave the oath of office to the newly elected Council Members.

6. **Consider and act on appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem for a one year term.**

Motion to appoint John Estes as Mayor Pro-Tem was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Gorman, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

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

7. **Hear suggestions from the Lady VIP regarding the Crystal Schoolhouse and the Welcome to Ponder arch.**

Jackie Kelley with the Lady VIP spoke during open forum. No action needed on this item.

8. **Consider and act on approval of a final plat for the Ponder ISD.**

Motion to approve the Ponder ISD plat per the Town Engineers recommendation dated May 2, 2024 and to defer Item 2, requiring Bailey Street improvements made by Council

Member Gorman, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes made a secondary motion to change the maintenance bond amount to 2 years and 10%. Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Gorman, Council Member McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes

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

9. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 24-14, creation of a Town Administrator and confirmation of the Mayor's appointment to such position.

Council Member McGregor moved to approve Ordinance 24-14 with the following conditions. To open and post the position for two weeks on two different publication sites, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Council Member Estes

Voting Nay: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Gorman.

Motion passed with 3 yeas, 2 nays and 0 abstentions.

10. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 24-15, Municipal Officers.

Motion to approve Ordinance 24-15 was made by Council Member Couch, Seconded by Council Member McGregor.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Gorman, Council Member McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes

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

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:42 pm made by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes, Seconded by Council Member McGregor.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Gorman, Council Member McGregor, Council Member McWilliams, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

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

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary