



## Town Council - Special Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

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### NOTICE

**THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, WILL CONVENE IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. ON MAY 16, 2023, IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.**

### REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### ROLL CALL

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Consider and act on approval of Ordinance 23-04, Canvassing the returns of an election on May 6, 2023.

#### 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)

#### CERTIFICATION

**I hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Ponder Town Hall at 102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, Texas on the 12th day of May 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

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**Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary**

*If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact our office at 940-479-7009. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.*

Joint, General & Special Elections

Registered Voters

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Precincts Reporting

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**Town of Ponder Mayor**

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
John Bassler		0	0.00%	43	62.32%	28	84.85%	71	69.61%
Matthew Poole		0	0.00%	26	37.68%	5	15.15%	31	30.39%
Cast Votes:		0	0.00%	69	100.00%	33	100.00%	102	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

**Town of Ponder Council Member Place 2**

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Seth Luther		0	0.00%	27	42.19%	10	32.26%	37	38.95%
John E Estes		0	0.00%	37	57.81%	21	67.74%	58	61.05%
Cast Votes:		0	0.00%	64	100.00%	31	100.00%	95	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		5		2		7	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

**Town of Ponder Council Member Place 4**

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Nick McGregor		0	0.00%	60	100.00%	27	100.00%	87	100.00%
Cast Votes:		0	0.00%	60	100.00%	27	100.00%	87	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		9		6		15	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

**Town of Ponder Council Member Place 5**

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
Lael McWilliams		0	0.00%	57	100.00%	28	100.00%	85	100.00%
Cast Votes:		0	0.00%	57	100.00%	28	100.00%	85	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		12		5		17	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

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**TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 23-04**

**AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF AN ELECTION OF THREE  
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND A MAYOR FOR FULL TERMS.**

**WHEREAS**, an election was held in the Town of Ponder, Texas on May 6, 2023 for the purpose of the election of three Council members and a Mayor for full terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to this election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding and returns thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby canvasses the returns of this election, at which there was submitted to all resident, qualified electors of the Town for their action thereupon, the election of three Council members and a Mayor for full terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has diligently inquired into the poll lists and the official election returns which were duly and lawfully made to this Board by the judges and clerks holding and conducting the election; the poll lists and the official election returns showing separately the votes cast in the election; and

**WHEREAS**, from these returns, this Board hereby finds that the following votes were cast in the election by voters who were resident, qualified electors of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the candidates in said election received the following votes:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
<u>City Council Position 2</u>	
Seth Luther	37
John Estes	58
<u>City Council Position 4</u>	
Nick McGregor	87
<u>City Council Position 5</u>	
Lael McWilliams	85
<u>Mayor</u>	
John Bassler	71
Matthew Poole	31

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
PONDER THAT:**

Section One

The Board officially finds, determines and declares that the election was duly and properly ordered, that proper legal notice of such election was duly given in the English and Spanish language, the proper election officers were duly appointed prior to the election, that the

election was duly and legally held, that all resident, qualified electors of the Town were permitted to vote at the election, and due returns of the results of the election had been made and delivered, and that the Town of Ponder had duly canvassed such returns, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States of America.

Section Two

The following persons are therefore elected as Town Council members of the Town of Ponder for a term of two (2) years:

**John Estes**  
**Nick McGregor**

Section Two

The following person is therefore elected as Town Council member of the Town of Ponder for a term of one (1) year:

**Lael McWilliams**

Section Four

The following person is therefore elected as Mayor of the Town of Ponder for a term of two (2) years:

**John Bassler**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

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**Matthew Poole, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary**

**Town of Ponder Mayor**

Precinct	John Bassler	Matthew Poole	Cast Votes	Undervotes	Overvotes	Absentee Voting Ballots Cast	Early Voting Ballots Cast	Election Day Voting Ballots Cast	Total Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Turnout Percentage
4193 - 33	71	31	102	0	0	0	69	33	102	1,609	6.34%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>6.34%</b>

**Town of Ponder Council Member Place 2**

Precinct	Seth Luther	John E Estes	Cast Votes	Undervotes	Overvotes	Absentee Voting Ballots Cast	Early Voting Ballots Cast	Election Day Voting Ballots Cast	Total Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Turnout Percentage
4193 - 33	37	58	95	7	0	0	69	33	102	1,609	6.34%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>6.34%</b>

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**Town of Ponder Council Member Place 4**

Precinct	Nick McGregor	Cast Votes	Undervotes	Overvotes	Absentee Voting Ballots Cast	Early Voting Ballots Cast	Election Day Voting Ballots Cast	Total Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Turnout Percentage
4193 - 33	87	87	15	0	0	69	33	102	1,609	6.34%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>6.34%</b>

Town of Ponder Council Member Place 5

Precinct	Lael McWilliams	Cast Votes	Undervotes	Overvotes	Absentee Voting Ballots Cast	Early Voting Ballots Cast	Election Day Voting Ballots Cast	Total Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Turnout Percentage
4193 - 33	85	85	17	0	0	69	33	102	1,609	6.34%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>6.34%</b>



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