

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2009**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Police Chief Steve Grube led the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

Janet Wall of 12280 Hill Country Circle reported to the Council that she was unaware that they were going to act on paying for her tires damaged on Schluter Road last month and that she is simply going to file a claim with our insurance company. Also, Ms. Wall is asking that the Mayor call the Denton County Sheriff's Office and ask that they patrol Schluter Road while it is under construction. Her husband is a retired police officer, specializing in accident reconstruction and is concerned about safety.

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the December 8, 2008 minutes and the December bill report. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT REGARDING STREETLIGHTS ON BAILEY STREET.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to go with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and allow the Oncor designer reconfigure the streetlights on Bailey Street. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION FROM CHIEF GRUBE CONCERNING RACIAL PROFILING.

Police Chief Steve Grube reported to the Council on Racial Profiling as required by the State of Texas. Chief Grube reported that the Ponder Police Department had contact with eight African Americans, thirty-four Hispanics and two hundred eighty-seven Caucasians and conducted no

searches during 2008. He also stated that the Ponder Police Department does not search without probable cause.

Chief Grube also went over his 2008 statistics.

ITEM 9 YEAR END UPDATE FROM CHIEF GRUBE CONCERNING THE PONDER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This item was discussed during item #8.

ITEM 10 UPDATE FROM GARY MORRIS CONCERNING THE HIGHWAY 156 PROJECT.

Director of Public Works Gary Morris reported to the Council that he had a meeting with TXDot and that the 156 project has been moved back again. TXDot intends to let bids in June of 2009 and begin work on the project around August 2009. TXDot told Mr. Morris that there was a lack of funds and that the project would only go from Wolfe Street to the Hickory Creek Bridge but that it would consist of everything in the original design.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON UPGRADING THE LIBRARIAN POSITION TO FULL-TIME.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to upgrade the Librarian position to full time. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Update on response from the Denton County Sheriff's Office

ITEM 13 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary