

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 14, 2008**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2008, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman and Mayor Vardell.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Steve Grube led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

Georgia Linam reported that there are people in Denton who are taking legal steps against a certain person writing hot checks. Ms. Linam asked Sheri Clearman what steps would need to be taken to not hold an election. Ms. Clearman replied that the election must be held at this point, as the deadline to remove your name from the ballot has passed.

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Swafford moved to approve the March 24, 2008 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Webster and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION, PROCLAIMING APRIL 14, 2008 AS PONDER LIONS BASKETBALL DAY IN THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve this proclamation. Motion seconded by Council Member Swafford. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Webster and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO THE PONDER LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM.

Lions varsity basketball coach, Doug Boxell introduced the team members that were present to the Council. Council Member Webster read the following statement:

We the City Council and the citizens of Ponder would like to congratulate you on winning the State 2A Boys Basketball Championship. You have represented the Town of Ponder with honor

and class. We realize that it has taken years of hard work and dedication to accomplish this goal and it is something that you will remember for the rest of your lives. We would like for all of you to understand that what you have accomplished has gone beyond your team and your individual honors. It has increased pride in the community and has brought it closer as a whole. Your hard work and dedication has also set high standards for the youth of this community and has proven what teamwork and dedication can accomplish. You have become role models for the youth of this community and have shown the responsibility and discipline that it takes to achieve certain goals not only in sports, but in life. We as a community would like to thank team members, Coaching staff and all individuals throughout the school district who have helped this team "Live the Dream."

Mayor Vardell presented the Ponder Lions Basketball Team with a plaque and read the following proclamation:

I, Jeff Vardell, Mayor of the Town of Ponder, Texas, do hereby proclaim: April 14, 2008, AS "Ponder Lions Boys Basketball Day" in the Town of Ponder, Texas and encourage all citizens and supporters to joint me in congratulating the ponder lions, their coaches and students of Ponder High School for representing their school and their Town in such a positive manner.

ITEM 9 REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF DISH FOR COURT SERVICES AND CODE ENFORCEMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman read over the agreement and commented that the Town Hall staff is stretched thin as it is and that with fuel and maintenance costs rising that it would be ill advised to enter into this agreement.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY AND THEIR PLAN TO ADDRESS THE UTILITY POLES PLACED ALONG FM 156.

Sabrina Taylor, Oncor representative addressed the Council. Ms. Taylor reported that the cost of concrete poles are \$8000 each installed. Underground utilities, depending on the soil cost \$150 per foot. Black poles are \$3000 each installed. Ms. Taylor reported to the Council that Oncor has six options for the Town of Ponder:

Option 1 – Original offer to remove four poles and replace with concrete poles.

Option 2 – Concrete poles from 2449 to Green Street at a cost of \$150,000 to the Town of Ponder

Option 3 – Concrete poles the entire distance to Skiles Road (4400 ft.) at a cost of \$330,000 to the Town of Ponder

Option 4 – Underground from 2449 to Green Street at a cost of \$275,000 to the Town of Ponder

Option 5 – Underground all the way to Skiles at a cost of \$475,000 to the Town of Ponder

Option 6 – Re-conductor from Green St to Frederick and back up to 2449 (3 phase) at a cost to \$575,000 to \$600,000 to the Town of Ponder

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman stated to Ms. Taylor that it was actually 5120 feet from 2449 to Skiles.

Ms. Taylor stated that if the Town of Ponder decides to go with any of these options, Oncor will give salvage costs on the lines and poles already in the ground in the amount of \$40,000 to \$50,000. Ms. Taylor reported that these are Oncor's final offers.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Webster and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL WORKSHOP.

Gary Morris suggested that the Town Council have a joint workshop with the Ponder ISD regarding land acquisition. Gary will check with the ISD about have the workshop at the PISD administration building at 5:30 on Monday, April 28, 2008.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CODI DELCAMBRE TO THE EDC.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to appoint Codi Delcambre to the EDC. Motion seconded by Council Member Webster. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Webster and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Workshop

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Council Member Swafford moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Webster. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Webster and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary