

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
AUGUST 11, 2008**

**ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008, 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. Also present were Town Engineer George Belcheff and Town Attorney Doug Conner.

**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**

Mayor Vardell reported to the Council that there would be a meeting regarding the PISD Project on Wednesday at Town Hall and advised on the number of Council Members that could be present.

**ITEM 5      CITIZEN INPUT**

No one signed up to speak.

**ITEM 6      CONSENT AGENDA.**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the July 28, 2008 minutes. 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 ON CANCELLING AND/OR REVISING THE ORDINANCE FREEZING SENIOR CITIZEN WATER AND SEWER RATES.**

Council Member Wilkinson moved to repeal Ordinance 02-36, but allow customers currently receiving the exemption to continue it. 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 8      DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING LAND ACQUISITION FOR AN ELEVATED STORAGE TANK.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn to executive session. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. 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.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to reconvene in regular session at 7:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into negotiations to procure a suitable site for our water tower. 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 9 BUDGET UPDATES FROM THE CITY SECRETARY AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

Gary Morris and Sheri Clearman provided the Council with a preliminary budget to look over and agreed to schedule a budget workshop at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**ITEM 10 DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY ACT ON PONDER ISD BUILDING PROJECT.**

Town Engineer, George Belcheff updated the Council on the progress of this project. Mr. Belcheff reported to the Council that he and Gary met with some of the PISD contracted staff and were able to agree on some of the water and sewer line locations. He also stated that there will be a meeting on Wednesday with the PISD and Town Staff to go over deal points.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RATE INCREASES.**

Gary Morris reported to the Council that an audit had been performed on our water and sewer rates. This audit indicated that we need to raise rates in order for the minimum charge to pay for our debt service as it should.

**ITEM 12 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Senior rate ordinance  
Budget workshop

**ITEM 13 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. 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.

**APPROVED:**

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Jeff Vardell, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary