

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

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

**ITEM 2 ROLL CALL**

Those present were Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman

**ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Shawn Wilkinson led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT**

None.

**ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT**

Denton County Constable John Hatzenbuhler spoke to the Council regarding the duties of the Constable's Office. Constable Hatzenbuhler reported that their duties consist of civil process, warrant service and bailiff to the court. He also stated that he has held the office of Constable for 19 years and has 13 employees. All of his employees are trained and cross-trained. He holds a master's peace officer's license in the State of Texas. Currently his office has a contract with Northwest ISD to help control absences and a contract with Copper Canyon for Law Enforcement Services. Constable Hatzenbuhler said that he received a letter of recognition from President George Bush Sr. for his anti-drug program and a letter of commendation from the Attorney General's office for his work collecting child support. Constable Hatzenbuhler asked for the support of the Town of Ponder in the upcoming election.

**ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Swafford moved to approve the January 14, 2008 minutes and the January 2008 bill report. Motion seconded by Council Member Webster. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACCT ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SANITARY CONTROL EASEMENT FROM JOHN E. BASSLER.**

Council Member Swafford moved to approve the sanitary control easement from John E. Bassler. Motion seconded by Council Member Long. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-03, AUTHORIZING SIGNERS ON THE BANK OF THE WEST LIBRARY ACCOUNT.**

Council Member Webster moved to approve Resolution 08-03. Motion seconded by Council Member Swafford. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-04, AUTHORIZING SIGNERS ON THE BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS.**

Council Member Swafford moved to approve Resolution 08-04. Motion seconded by Council Member Long. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-05, AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER TEXPOOL ACCOUNTS.**

Council Member Swafford moved to approve Resolution 08-05. Motion seconded by Council Member Webster. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 11 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF TXU AND ONCOR ON THE POWER POLES PLACED ALONG FM 156.**

Sabrina Taylor, representative of Oncor addressed the Council regarding the power poles placed along FM 156. Ms. Taylor stated that Oncor builds, maintains lines and restores power during outages. Ms. Taylor informed the Council of the substation between Ponder and Krum and explained that it was the source of power and serves Krum, Ponder and Justin. When this substation was built, it was large enough because the three communities were smaller than they are now. Eventually the lines were not large enough for the load and it affected bringing the electricity back up if there were an outage. Oncor added a section to the substation to give Krum, Ponder and Justin their own feed. In order to do this, they had to get from the substation to FM 2449. The poles were put where they were because Oncor engineers studied it and opted to utilize the ROW on the east side of FM 156. Ms. Taylor also added that Oncor pays the Town of Ponder a franchise fee that equals to approximately 4 percent of sales revenue. Ms. Taylor was asked if there would have been anything that the Town of Ponder could have done in advance to reroute the poles. She replied that the town would have had to pay additional funds to have it placed underground or rerouted. When asked why Ponder was not notified of this construction before it began, Ms. Taylor replied that the project was funded and the construction began unusually soon after the engineering was completed and she was not notified until Gary Morris contacted her to ask why the poles were being erected. Ms. Taylor reported that Oncor's tariff provides for standard overhead construction on power lines and that it is this way in all of the cities that they provide for.

**ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-06, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 1, COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 3 AND COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 5.**

Council Member Swafford moved to approve Resolution 08-06. Motion seconded by Council Member Webster. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

**ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Oncor updates

**ITEM 14 ADJOURN.**

Council Member Long moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Webster. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Webster, Council Member Long and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 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**