

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 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

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

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Vardell asked the Council Members to find time to meet with the City Secretary regarding personnel issues.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

No one signed up to speak

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Swafford moved to approve the February 11, 2008 minutes and the February 2008 bill report. 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 ALLOWING THE REMAX HOT AIR BALLOON TO BE PARKED ON THE LAWN DURING FRONTIER DAY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to allow the REMAX hot air balloon to be parked on the lawn during Frontier Day. 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 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY FOR RENTAL OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the agreement for rental of election equipment. 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 9 DISCUSSION WITH IESI REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THE COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT.

No discussion.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR DENTON COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH.

Mayor Vardell discussed with the Council the type of building that the Cowboy Church wanted to construct. Mayor Vardell stated that the church wanted to build a barn to hold church services in. The difference in a barn and a commercial building permit is approximately \$6000. Shawn Wilkinson reported to the Council that the land is already zoned agriculture and a barn could be built there by ordinance, but that church services will be held there and that the church did not want to mislead anyone. The structure will be corrugated metal. Mr. Wilkinson stated that they wanted to keep the building simple. He also stated that there has been discussion with the Town Engineer about the church installing a 6" waterline and a fire hydrant to supply that entire area.

ITEM 11 UPDATE FROM ONCOR REGARDING THE UTILITY POLES PLACED ALONG FM 156.

Mayor Vardell reported that himself, Gary Morris and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman met with Sabrina Taylor and her boss, Terry regarding a solution to the poles placed along FM 156. Mayor Vardell stated that Oncor was interested in presenting a couple of alternatives to poles and will be in touch with Gary Morris with those options.

ITEM 11 B DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ANNUAL AUDIT.

Town of Ponder Auditor, Carl Deaton went over the annual audit with the Council. Mr. Deaton pointed out that in both the Water/Sewer Fund and the General Fund, the fund balances had increased to suffice the three month reserve that he expects. Although the numbers look good, Mr. Deaton reported that there were too many clean-ups that were required and that the state requires him to make a finding because of this. Mr. Deaton stated that he would like to work with the City Secretary to train her to see mistakes before the end of the year. He stated that in the long run, this will help the Town of Ponder by making them able to have good reliable financial statements throughout the year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the 2007 Financial Audit. 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 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

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
Personnel Issues

ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Webster moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. 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.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary