

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

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

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

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Steve Grube led the invocation and pledge of allegiance was led by Brandon Schmidt.

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

Gary Sample, representative of Devon Energy reported to the Council that Devon Energy was prepared to make a donation of \$20,000 to the Park Fund. Mr. Sample thanked the Council and the citizens of Ponder for their hospitality.

Gary Morris reported to the Council regarding the FM 156 waterline project. He stated that the 12" line is complete with the exception of a small punch list. The 10" line is due to begin in a couple of weeks.

Robert Medigovich, a representative of Community Waste Disposal reported to the Council that CWD would like to bid on the town's waste removal services. Mr. Medigovich wanted to make sure that the Council was aware that the town's contract with IESI is up for renewal in June of 2008.

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the November 26, 2007 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 ANNUAL STAFF REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Steve Grube went over the annual update handout with the Council.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON CONTRACTING WITH CAVE CONSULTING FOR WEBSITE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Todd Cave with Cave Consulting was present for any questions that the Council might have on this item. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve the contract with Cave Consulting for website design and to authorize the Mayor and staff to make design decisions. Motion seconded by Council Member Swafford. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION WITH MAYOR CALVIN TILLMAN REGARDING ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COURT SERVICES WITH THE TOWN OF DISH

Mayor Calvin Tillman reported to the Council that Dish is in need of a court, so that they are able to enforce their City Code. Mayor Tillman suggested that he would have an Interlocal agreement drawn up for the Council to review.

ITEM 10 PRESENTATION BY JOHN HATZENBUHLER, DENTON COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4.

This item was not visited. City Secretary scheduled this on the wrong agenda.

ITEM 11 UPDATE FROM THE PARK BOARD REGARDING FUND RAISING EFFORTS AND NEW MEMBERS.

Chris Norwood, representative of the Park Board reported to the Council that they had enough matching funds, in cash and written commitments to meet the requirements of the grant. Mr. Norwood also reported that the Park Board would like to appoint a new member named Sue McCrea and that Nancy Sanka resigned from the board.

ITEM 12 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-01 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS ACCOUNT

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

Mayor Vardell asked for anyone to speak for or against the submission of the grant. No one responded.

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

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-01, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS ACCOUNT

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Resolution 08-01 with a change to Section 2 to read, "The applicant hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at

this time in the form of cash and written commitments for donations of cash, materials and professional services.” Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 08-02, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND ATMOS ENERGY

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve Ordinance 08-02. Motion seconded by Council Member Swafford. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 15 CONSIDER AND ACT ON MAKING SHAFFNER STREET A TWO-WAY STREET 24 HOURS A DAY

Council Member Swafford moved to make Shaffner Street a two-way street 24 hours a day. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 16 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

None at this time.

ITEM 17 ADJOURN

Council Member Swafford moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman, Council Member Ashman, Council Member Swafford and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Alan Gorman, Mayor Pro-Tem

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary