

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
January 25, 2010**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2010, 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 Rouse and Mayor Vardell. Council Member Wilkinson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

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 CITIZEN INPUT

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Ashman move to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 UPDATE FROM THE PARK BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE EDDIE DEUSSEN PARK PROJECT.

Chris Norwood of the Park Board reported that Texas Parks and Wildlife has sent the majority of the funds due in the cash match portion of the grant. Mr. Norwood also reported that the parking lot is ready to be finished, the bathrooms will be started soon and the bricks are being laid at the entrance to the playground. Cory Anthony of the Park Board projected that the project would be completed by March 31, 2010. Mr. Anthony stated that the holidays and bad weather have been the hold-up on completing the project and that the perimeter fence and the landscaping will be the last thing done. Chris Norwood told the Council that the Board had researched park rules and a copy was placed in their packet. He asked that the give those a look and present the park board with any necessary changes so that these may be adopted by ordinance.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSION WITH THE PONDER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING A FIVE YEAR GROWTH PLAN AND NEEDS FOR A NEW STATION.

Fire Chief Charles Williams addressed the Council. He reported that the PVFD call volume was down from the previous year and that there were 75 calls this year in the Town limits. Chief Williams also stated that Denton County pays the PVFD two times as much per call and the Town of Ponder does. Chief Williams said that a new requirement of the PVFD is that all bunker gear must be replaced ever 10 years at \$1,500 per unit. The PVFD's largest need is a station with living quarters. They are still in the running for a grant but it is a long shot. They are also looking at tearing down the building next to the PVFD but at this time there are training props in it.

Chief Williams asked the Council what role the PVFD played in fire inspections and that he just recently was informed that the Town of Ponder did not have a contract with Dean Bray to do the inspections.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF BIDS SUBMITTED TO REPLACE THE TILE IN THE MEN'S RESTROOM AND INSTALL TRIM IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the low bid from Flooring America. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE BELCHEFF TO THE UPPER TRINITY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to appoint George Belcheff to the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON WHETHER OR NOT TO KEEP POSSESSION OF THE "TRAIN DEPOT" BUILDING PURCHASED FROM RICHARD WILKINSON ON NOVEMBER 8, 2004.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to keep possession of the building and allow Mr. Dan Cockburn to move it to his property for storage. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM GARY MORRIS TO HIRE DEREK BRYSON AS A MAINTENANCE WORKER FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve Derek Bryson as a new hire in the Public Works Department. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LAND ACQUISITION FOR AN ELEVATED TANK.

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn into executive session at 6:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Regular session reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Council Member Ashman moved to offer \$9,500 per acre on 5.86 acres and to authorize Mayor Vardell to negotiate with Darrell Anderson on land that he may have for sale. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council

Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 13 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FUTURE PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX.

No action taken on this item.

ITEM 14 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Racial Profiling
Architect presentation

ITEM 15 ADJOURN.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Council Member Wilkinson. 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