

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 9, 2008**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 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.

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

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

None

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVAL OF THE MAY 27, 2008 MINUTES.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the May 27, 2008 Town Council minutes and the May 27, 2008 ZBA 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 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ISSUANCE OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE DENTON COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to open the public hearing. 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 to open passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Mayor Vardell asked for anyone to speak for or against this item. No response.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to close the public hearing. 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 to close passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE DENTON COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve a specific use permit for the Denton County Cowboy Church. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman,

Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: Council Member Wilkinson. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE DENTON COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved for approval of a building permit for the Denton County Cowboy Church. Motion seconded by Council Member Crider. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Crider, Council Member Rouse and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. Nays: None. Abstentions: Council Member Wilkinson. Motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX COLLECTION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND DENTON COUNTY.

Council Member Wilkinson moved for approval of an Interlocal agreement for tax collection between the Town of Ponder and Denton County. 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.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF FUND ALLOCATION FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that there was left over bond money located that are eligible to be used for the bar screen.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approve allocation of these funds for the wastewater treatment plant improvements and to allow Gary Morris to prepare the bid documents. 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.

ITEM 12 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ALLOWING THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO PLACE AN ABITIBI PAPER RETRIEVER BIN ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Abitibi Paper Retriever Bin pending contract review and contingent upon the Town of Ponder being allowed to withdraw from the contract and the bin be removed at any time. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman. 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 13 DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BRANDON HORTON'S WATER BILL.

Gary Morris reported that the high readings on Mr. Horton's water bill were reread by him personally. Mr. Morris did notice the leak detector turning and noted that there have been leaks on this service line in the past. Mr. Morris changed out the meter and sent the old meter to be tested twice. Once with the City of Denton and once at the Town of Ponder. Both tests proved the meter to be working properly.

Brandon Horton addressed the Council asking for a reduction on his high water bill. Mayor Vardell asked Mr. Horton if he leased any of his property out. Mr. Horton replied that he did. Mr. Horton stated that he did have two leaks on his property during the 20 day billing period. Mayor Vardell stated that he does not want to put Mr. Horton in a financial bind, but he does not believe the Town is responsible either. Mr. Horton also reported to the Council that he has not missed a water payment in 30 years and stated that if the Town could help this time, they would be sure to keep all of their lines fixed. Mr. Horton suggested that \$300 was a fair price.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to approved a reduction and accept \$300 payment from Mr. Horton. 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 14 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST FOR 400 W. BAILEY STREET.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to recess to executive session at 6:40 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.

No action taken on this item.

ITEM 15 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Formal wording on recycle bin
School permit

ITEM 16 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. 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:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary