

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2008**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 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 and Council Member Webster.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Georgia Linam led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

ITEM 4 MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor's report.

ITEM 5 CITIZEN INPUT

Georgia Linam reported to the Council that she believes that there is a mistake on her water bill. She also stated that we have good people that work for the Town of Ponder and that they need good leadership.

ITEM 6 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Swafford moved to approve the February 25, 2008 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-07, HOLDING A JOINT ELECTION WITH THE PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON MAY 10, 2008.

Council Member Swafford moved to approve Resolution 08-07. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION REGARDING COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH IESI.

Norm Bulaich with IESI addressed the Council regarding the collection service contract. Mr. Bulaich encouraged the Council not to go out for bids. He stated that IESI would like to keep Ponder's business and that they cherish it. Mr. Bulaich stated that when he visits with the City Secretary he gets a good report on the job that his company is doing. Mr. Bulaich reported to the

Council that IESI picks up extra and above the contracted cart service and would like to extend the contract for another five years, with a CPI of \$11.16 per month and a donation of \$2,500 to the Park Fund. He added that their prices are lower than other companies and that prices are going up and would like for the Town of Ponder to be able to keep the current pricing.

Council Member Webster stated that the Council is looking out for the Town's best interest and that the Town is not concerned about the service that IESI gives, just in looking at a chance for lower pricing.

Mr. Bulaich replied that the prices would probably go up if it was re-bid.

ITEM 9 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ONCOR REGARDING THE UTILITY POLES PLACED ALONG FM 156.

Gary Morris reported to the Council that himself, Sheri Clearman and Mayor Vardell met with Oncor representatives and they have come up with a plan to replace the wooden poles with concrete poles. This would allow for fewer poles through town. Oncor representatives relayed to the members of the meeting that they would replace wooden poles as far to Skiles road as they could. These improvements would be at no cost to the Town of Ponder.

ITEM 10 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

Oncor
IESI
Ponder Boys Basketball

ITEM 11 ADJOURN.

Council Member Ashman moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Swafford. Ayes: Council Member Swafford, Council Member Ashman and Council Member Webster. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Jeff Vardell, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary