

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL  
May 11, 2009**

**ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009, 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**

None.

**ITEM 5      CITIZEN INPUT**

Richard Wilkinson updated the Council on the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board. Mr. Wilkinson reported that after several votes during the last board meeting that Kevin Mercer remains the Board President and Tim Fisher is the Board Secretary. He also stated that he is pleased with the way things the vote turned out and believes that the Board is in good condition.

Phil Henderson reported to the Council that the gymnasium next to his vet clinic is almost complete and there is no parking for it. He stated that patrons of the gym will use his parking lot during functions at the gym. He does not mind people parking there, but asked the school to make improvements to his parking lot and to properly mark the property lines and the school said no to both requests. Mr. Henderson also reported that the contract workers parked on his property during the construction of the gym and that he was led to believe that they would make improvements after the project was complete. He also stated that the employees of Gallagher Construction were great and the problem was not with them. Mayor Vardell told Mr. Henderson that he would speak with Mr. Yeager and report back to him with his response.

**ITEM 6      SWEAR IN COUNCIL MEMBERS PLACE 2 AND PLACE 4 AND MAYOR.**

Sheri Clearman, City Secretary swore in Shawn Wilkinson as Alderman, Place 2, Alan Gorman as Alderman, Place 4 and Jeff Vardell as Mayor.

**ITEM 7      CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the April 27, 2009 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 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON ALLOWING THE PARK BOARD TO OPEN A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR DONATIONS AND SMALL PURCHASES.**

Council Member Crider moved to allow the Park Board to open a bank account to be used for small purchases and donations with dual signatures required and that Mayor Vardell, Sheri Clearman and a member of the Park Board to be signers on this account. 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.

**ITEM 9 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LIBRARIAN POSITION.**

This item was tabled until additional information could be gathered by the City Secretary.

**ITEM 10 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BRUSH HOG.**

Council Member Wilkinson moved to allow Mayor Vardell to spend up to \$3000 for the purchase of a new brush hog. 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 11 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE HISTORICAL OVERLAY DISTRICT AND THE HIGHWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman reported that the Ponder Bank Building to be one of the most historical buildings in Town and would like to see the paint a more original color where the trim color is now baby blue. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to forward a letter to the building owner to restore the trim color back into a more historical state. Council Member Wilkinson stated that if we are going to ask that it be in a historical state, that we would need to be specific. Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman withdrew his motion. Mayor Vardell asked Director of Public Works, Gary Morris to address this issue with the building owner and report to the Council at the next meeting.

**ITEM 12 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE ELEVATED STORAGE TANK.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman moved to adjourn to executive session. 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.

Regular session reconvened at 6:55 p.m. No action taken on this item.

**ITEM 13 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Librarian Position  
Historical Overlay District  
Mayor Vardell report on Mr. Yeager's response  
Land Acquisition

**ITEM 14      ADJOURN.**

Council Member Crider moved to adjourn at 7:20 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:**

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**Jeff Vardell, Mayor**

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**Date**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sheri N. Clearman, City Secretary**