

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
November 23, 2009**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vardell called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009, in the Vivian Cockburn Municipal Building located at 405 Shaffner Street.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson, Council Member Rouse 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 CITIZEN INPUT

Gary Morris signed up to inform the Council of the possibility of a mud farm in the Town limits.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the September 28, 2009 and October 12, 2009 minutes, the October bill report and the October financial statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE BETTY FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.

Council Member Ashman moved to approve the FY2009-10 Budget for the Betty Foster Public Library. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilkinson. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND THE PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Maintenance Reimbursement Agreement between the Town of Ponder and the Ponder Independent School District. Motion seconded by Council Member Rouse. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PONDER AND THE PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the Right-of-Way Agreement between the Town of Ponder and the Ponder Independent School District. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROJECT THAT WOULD INCLUDE LAND ACQUISITION FOR BALL FIELDS, WALKING TRAILS, TOWN HALL AND AN ARENA.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE ELEVATED TANK SITE.

Town of Ponder Engineer, George Belcheff updated the Council on the delay in closing on this property. The Town can not close on their portion of the property until the ISD closes. The ISD is in the process of getting a no drilling clause from Devon Energy and will close as soon as this has been done.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT TO REPLACE THE SUPPORT BEAMS IN WELL #4 UTILIZING BOND FUNDS.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to approve the contract to replace the support beams in the storage tank at well #4 contingent upon a 5 year guarantee being added to the contract. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

100 acres
Performance review
Park update

ITEM 13 ADJOURN.

Council Member Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ashman. Ayes: Council Member Ashman, Council Member Wilkinson and Council Member Rouse. 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