



## Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
102 W. Bailey Street, Ponder, TX 76259

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### NOTICE

**THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS, WILL CONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, IN PONDER TOWN HALL, AT 102 W. BAILEY STREET, PONDER.**

### REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

#### ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

Mayor Matthew Poole  
Council Member Ginger Deussen  
Council Member Tracy Lynch  
Council Member Brandy Couch  
Mayor Pro-Tem Nick McGregor  
Council Member Lael McWilliams

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Poole led both.

**OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT** (Please limit to 5 minutes per person and if you wish to speak on a particular agenda item, please list the agenda item next to your name).

*This is a time for the public to address the Town Council on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Town Council from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.*

No one signed up to speak.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Council Member Lynch, Seconded by Council Member Couch.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

1. Approval of the April 10, 2023 Town Council minutes.
2. Acceptance of the April 2023 Financial Statement.

## **ORAL STAFF REPORTS**

Sheri Clearman - Asked the Council Members to contact her via email to let her know what dates between May 9 and May 17 would be convenient to canvass the votes.

Gary Morris - Reported to the Council that the waterline bore project was running behind. He also reported that the well generators were in and soon to be installed.

Alexandria Mills - Reported slow month, with only five new members. Summer Reading Program is about to begin and will run through August.

Scott Caster - Reported that the PD will be interviewing candidates for the open Officer position and Reserve Officer position later this week.

Andrew Economedes - Slower month so far. According to Texas Forest Service we are still in drought. Local high school boys are new on the FD. Progress on ESD. He showed the map and would like for the Council Members to contact the County Commissioner and County Judge to show support. Denton is saying that they don't want their ETJ in the ESD. Please ask the County to vote for that to be in the ESD. Gives everyone the option to vote on the ESD. Public Hearing will be posted soon and we need to spread the word and if it passes it will go on the November election ballot.

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

3. Recognition of Officer A. Conover by Chief Caster.

Scott Caster recognized Amy Conover. Ask him for his speech.

He is pushing his officers to be the best. That is a true success for any department.

Amy stated that she is not going anywhere. She is trying to make herself better because this Town is growing. She loves this little Town. She appreciates the opportunity.

4. Conduct a public hearing to hear comment on a variance request from the owners of 212 Clairmont Dr., Ponder, TX. The variance requested is to move from 300' setback to 200' setback in order to build a patio cover.

Motion to open the public hearing made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Lynch.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

Ryan Dugger asked if this was a Town ordinance. Sheri Clearman replied that it was.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Lynch.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

5. Consider and act on approval of a variance request to move a gas well setback from 300' to 200' in order to build a patio cover at 212 Clairmont Dr., Ponder, TX.

Motion to approve the variance made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member Couch.

Voting Yea: Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

Voting Nay: Council Member Deussen

Motion passed with 4 yea, 1 nay and 0 abstentions.

6. Consider and act on approval of an agreement between the Town of Ponder and Denton County for Dispatch services.

Motion to approve the agreement made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

7. Consider and act on approval of a Minor Plat for 112 W. James Street, Ponder, TX , Martha's Taco Shop.

Motion to approve the plat without Engineer's comments made by Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Seconded by Council Member McWilliams.

Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor stated that he believes the engineer comments were not clear and he was not prepared to approve with conditions because of this.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

8. Consider and act on approval of a ROW lease agreement, to manage work in the Town of Ponder right-of-way.

Motion to table this item made by Council Member Couch, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

- 9. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the Planning & Zoning Board.

Sher Clearman reported to the Council that P&Z members are not showing up at meetings and are not responding to email regarding such.

Mayor Poole suggested that the Council adopt new attendance requirements for the P&Z. He also asked that the Council look over the P&Z ordinance.

Council Member McWilliams suggested that we have a sign made requesting volunteers for our board vacancies.

Sheri Clearman stated that members must live inside the Town limits.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

PZ Discussion.

**ADJOURN**

The Town Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development)

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm made by Council Member Lynch, Seconded by Council Member Deussen.

Voting Yea: Council Member Deussen, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Couch, Mayor Pro-Tem McGregor, Council Member McWilliams

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Matthew Poole, Mayor**

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**Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_