

**TOWN OF PONDER, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 23-04**

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF AN ELECTION OF THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND A MAYOR FOR FULL TERMS.

WHEREAS, an election was held in the Town of Ponder, Texas on May 6, 2023 for the purpose of the election of three Council members and a Mayor for full terms; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and investigated all matters pertaining to this election, including the ordering, notices, election officers, holding and returns thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby canvasses the returns of this election, at which there was submitted to all resident, qualified electors of the Town for their action thereupon, the election of three Council members and a Mayor for full terms; and

WHEREAS, the Town has diligently inquired into the poll lists and the official election returns which were duly and lawfully made to this Board by the judges and clerks holding and conducting the election; the poll lists and the official election returns showing separately the votes cast in the election; and

WHEREAS, from these returns, this Board hereby finds that the following votes were cast in the election by voters who were resident, qualified electors of the Town; and

WHEREAS, each of the candidates in said election received the following votes:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
<u>City Council Position 2</u>	
Seth Luther	37
John Estes	58
<u>City Council Position 4</u>	
Nick McGregor	87
<u>City Council Position 5</u>	
Lael McWilliams	85
<u>Mayor</u>	
John Bassler	71
Matthew Poole	31

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PONDER THAT:

Section One

The Board officially finds, determines and declares that the election was duly and properly ordered, that proper legal notice of such election was duly given in the English and Spanish language, the proper election officers were duly appointed prior to the election, that the

election was duly and legally held, that all resident, qualified electors of the Town were permitted to vote at the election, and due returns of the results of the election had been made and delivered, and that the Town of Ponder had duly canvassed such returns, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States of America.

Section Two

The following persons are therefore elected as Town Council members of the Town of Ponder for a term of two (2) years:

John Estes
Nick McGregor

Section Two

The following person is therefore elected as Town Council member of the Town of Ponder for a term of one (1) year:

Lael McWilliams

Section Four

The following person is therefore elected as Mayor of the Town of Ponder for a term of two (2) years:

John Bassler

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th day of May, 2023

Matthew Poole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary