

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of June 11, 2012

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Deffibaugh, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember Bill Glass, and Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr. The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Director of Finance Cathy Crane, City Attorney Bonnie Lee Goldstein and Chief of Police James Water.

Mayor **Bowers** called the **City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

Mayor **Bowers** called roll, present were Councilmembers **Beauchamp, Deffibaugh, Glass, Caldwell and Mayor Bowers.**

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** to lead the Council and audience in the invocation.

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Beauchamp** to lead the audience in the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced **Citizen Appearance.** No one spoke.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the Consent Agenda: All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. "Discussion and possible approval of

minutes of the May 14, 2012 regular meeting”. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-065)** “Discussion and possible action to submit an application for a grant with the Office of Rural Affairs, Texas Department of Agriculture”. Consultant, Lee Lawrence, presented this item to the Council. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve Staff moving forward with the submittal of the application.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-066)** “Discussion and possible action regarding cell phone service for the City of Princeton”. Mayor Bowers stepped out for this item after signing a Conflict of Interest Form. Assistant City Manager, Lesia Thornhill presented this item. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve changing the wireless service from AT&T to Verizon.** Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.** Mayor **Bowers** returned to the bench.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-067)** “Discussion and possible action regarding the release of the landscape development project on US 380 from the Texas Department of Transportation to the city”. City Manager, Derek Borg, briefed the Council on the letter from TxDot, releasing the project to the city. Council asked that a maintenance program be developed for the continue upkeep of the intersections. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to accept the project based on TxDot releasing it to the city immediately.**

Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Caldwell abstained.** The motion carried 3-1.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-068)** "Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Faith Baptist Church to waive the fees associated with the installation of an irrigation meter for Faith Baptist Church". Pastor Stan Fike discussed this item with the Council. He presented information as to the impact the Church has on the Community. Mayor Bowers expressed his appreciation for everything that the Church has done and is doing for the Community and advised Pastor Fike that he would personally pay for the irrigation meter (\$285.77). Councilmember **Glass made a motion to waive the administrative fees for nonprofit organizations and immediately waiving the administrative fees for Faith Baptist Church.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-069)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Interlocal Agreement for Collin County fire and arson task force". Derek Borg discussed this item. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-070)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the development known as Parkview Heights and the failing infrastructure including the retaining wall associated with the development". Mr. Borg discussed the status of this project. He informed the Council that the development has not been "accepted" by the City Council and there was still an

unfinished “punch list” that need to be addressed and completed before he could recommend acceptance of the project. Council agreed with Mr. Borg and his recommendation that no more permits be approved or given to the Developer until all issues were resolved within the limits and requirements of the ordinances.

Councilmember **Beauchamp** suggested that a time frame be given for Staff to discuss these issues with the Developer and the punch list to be completed. His suggestion was a 30 day time frame. Councilmember **Glass** asked for monthly updates.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-071)** “Discussion and possible action to proceed forward with the appointment of a Home Rule Charter Committee”. Mayor and Councilmembers gave a brief overview of the benefits to going Home Rule for the citizens in the audience. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** made a motion to approve moving forward with developing a Home Rule Charter to put the Charter on the ballot for the November 6, 2012 election. Councilmember **Glass** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-072)** “Discussion and possible action to adopt the General Orders for the Princeton Police Department”. Chief Waters briefed the Council on the update of the General Orders. He briefly reviewed the changes that were made to update the GO’s. He also informed the Council that the GO’s had not been updated in several years.

Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to approve the General Orders. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-073)** “Presentation and discussion regarding a financial update from the City Manager”.

Mr. Borg reviewed the financial statement for the Council. Mayor **Bowers** commended Mr. Borg for the report and asked that a similar update be given every quarter.

Councilmembers **Beauchamp, Glass** and **Caldwell** all commented on what a great job Mr. Borg did and the report was good and very informative. Mayor **Bowers** asked that Staff work together to review all avenues to achieve any and all goals needed for the city.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-074)** "Discussion and possible action to fill a vacancy for City Council Place 1". Mayor **Bowers** advised this item would be taken into Executive Session. No action was taken after Executive Session.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eleventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-075)** "Discussion and possible action to move forward with substandard structure proceeding for 118 E. Princeton Drive (formerly Princeton Tire)". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the twelfth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-076)** "Discussion and possible action regarding a seal to be placed in the Council chamber behind the Council bench". Mr. Borg advised that Staff would bring back approval for changing the official city seal at the next meeting. Councilmember **Glass made a motion to approve the seal to be placed in the chamber**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the thirteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-077)** "Presentation by Chief Waters regarding an update on the dedication

ceremony for the Billy H. Combest Building”. Chief Waters presented a hand out of what the Police Department would like with the dedication of the building in honor of the late Mayor Pro Tempore Billy H. Combest. The ceremony is scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-078)** “Discussion and possible action to fill a vacancy for City Council Place 1”. Councilmember **Caldwell** made a motion to table this item since Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** was not present. Councilmember **Beauchamp** seconded the motion. Councilmember **Glass** opposed. The motion carried 2-1.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under Items for Individual Consideration: **(2012-077)** “Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests”. Councilmember **Beauchamp** asked for an update of the IRS audit. Mayor **Bowers** asked that the city seal, donations made to the Police Department and a plan to help the downtown vendors as well as signage for downtown off of US Highway 380. Councilmember **Glass** asked for the status of the request to TxDot for signage off of US Highway 380 to downtown Princeton area.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Manager updated the Council on the following items: Stage II Water Restrictions, Tocker Grant, Stephanie Bowman certification and force main at College Street lift station. Assistant City Manager, Lesia Thornhill, updated the Council on the Centennial Celebration/July 4th Event scheduled for July 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** announced the Council would adjourn into Executive Session citing the following: **Section 551.071 (2) “Texas Government Code”** Consultation with City

Attorney. **Section 551.074 (a) (1) "Texas Government Code"** Personnel. Fred Fennell, Kimberly Hughes.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Regular Session at 9:14 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced "Action pertaining to Executive Session". No action was required.

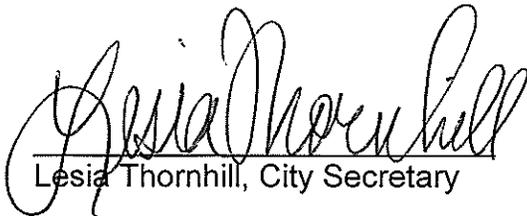
Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember **Caldwell** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.



Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

