

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of July 9, 2012

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Deffibaugh, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, and Councilmember Bill Glass.

The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, City Attorney Bonnie Lee Goldstein, Development and Permitting Kathy Morris and Lieutenant Rob Michnick. Absent was Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr.

Mayor **Bowers** called the **City Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.**

Mayor **Bowers** called roll, present were Councilmembers **Beauchamp, Deffibaugh, Glass, and Mayor Bowers. Absent was Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr.**

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** 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 from the June 11, 2012 regular meeting”. “Discussion and possible action to approve a contract between the City of Princeton and Atlas Enterprises Inc. for the fireworks show in 2013”. “Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution to waive the administrative fees for water meters for non-profit organizations as being in the public interest”. “Discussion and possible approval of an agreement between the City of Princeton and Conway Company CPA's for audit services”. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-078)** “Discussion and possible action to waive any and all fees associated with the PSO using the Community Park/POW Camp for their first annual Football Kickoff Party”. Representative Lamoia Leckner and Arnie Leckner spoke on this item. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve this item provided that the PSO work directly with Staff and provide the required documents as indicated by city policy.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-079)** “Discussion and possible action regarding a Home Rule Charter Commission and the appointment of the following applicants”. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh asked that Bridgette Baker be added to this list of candidates. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the applicants for the Home Rule Charter Commission.** Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-080)** "Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution ordering an election to be held on November 6, 2012 for the purpose of electing three (3) Councilmembers, one for Place 3, one for Place 4 and one for Place 5 to hold office for two years and ordering a special election to be held on November 6, 2012 for the purpose of electing one Councilmember to Place 1 for the unexpired term of one year". City Secretary, Lesia Thornhill, explained this was the Council election only and no for calling the Home Rule Election at this time. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the Resolutions.** Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion.** The motion carried **unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-081)** "Discussion and update regarding the request from the City of Princeton to the Texas Department of Transportation requesting approval to put sign at 4th Street and US 380 intersection to direct people to downtown Princeton". City Manager, Derek Borg, explained the status of the request that was submitted to TxDot and what the city was planning as far as directional signs. No action was required but Council did advise Staff they were going in the right direction and to continue this endeavor.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-082)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the official seal of Princeton that will also be placed in the Council Chamber behind the Council bench". Mr. Borg explained there were two renderings in the packet that were similar to what we were going to have made. Councilmember **Glass made a motion to approve the second rendering as**

the official seal for the City of Princeton. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-083)** "Discussion and possible action to hold a Special meeting on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.". Mr. Borg explained that we have some business that would require a second meeting for the month of July. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the special meeting date of July 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-084)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the development know as Parkview Heights and the failing infrastructure including the retaining wall and College Street associated with the development". Mayor **Bowers** explained this item would be taken into Executive Session for legal advice. Councilmember Glass **made a motion for Legal Counsel to move forward as directed. Councilmember Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-085)** "Discussion and update regarding the Centennial Celebration/July 4th Spectacular event that was held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012". Ms. Thornhill reviewed the preliminary stats for this event. No action required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-086)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department relative to the audit conducted by the Internal Revenue Service". City Attorney, Bonnie Goldstein, presented this item. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh did**

not participate in this discussion as he is an Officer of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department. No action was taken because there was not a quorum with Councilmember **Caldwell** being absent and Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** not able to participate. Attorney was directed to move forward resolving the contract between the City and PFVD and bring this item back on the 23rd agenda.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-087)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the downtown area of the City of Princeton". Mr. Borg presented an option for the business owners and explained it would be up to them to promote their business but the city would work with them in waving fees. No action taken but Council said Staff was going in the right direction.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eleventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2012-088)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Mayor **Bowers** asked that the Attorney look into the time frame for calling an election for the Home Rule Charter and requirements associated.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Manager updated the Council on the following items: Building dedication for the late Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest to be held on July 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Princeton Police Department.

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Regular Session at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced "Action pertaining to Executive Session".

Councilmember **Glass** made a motion for Staff to move forward as directed. Mayor

Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.



Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

