

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Special City Council Meeting of September 24, 2012

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in Special Session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Deffibaugh, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr. and Councilmember Bill Glass. The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary Tabatha Monk, Director of Finance Cathy Crane and Lieutenant Michnick.

Mayor **Bowers called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.**

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Caldwell** 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**. Mayor informed Council and audience that since there were "public comment" items on the agenda prior to each agenda item the Citizens would be able to speak under that forum instead of Citizens Appearance.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-127) Public comment on the approved budget for fiscal year 2012/2013**". Councilmember **Deffibaugh spoke up and addressed the Mayor and said he was making a global**

motion to removed agenda items 127, 128, 129, 130, 131 & 132 as these items had already been addressed discussed and voted on at a previous meeting.

Councilmember Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Beauchamp then made a motion to move agenda items 133 & 135 to the top of the agenda stating that Councilmember Caldwell need to leave as soon as possible as his wife was in the hospital and going to be having surgery at any minute. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-133)** "Discussion and possible approval to ratify the tax rate for fiscal year 2012/2013 of .756932 valuations". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve item 2012-133. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. Councilmember Caldwell opposed. The motion carried 3-1.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-134)** "Public comment regarding the proposed tax rate of .756932". Tiffany Long and Kevin Long spoke against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-135)** "Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance setting and adopting a tax levy for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 of .756932 valuations". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. Councilmember Caldwell opposed. The motion carried 3-1. Councilmember Caldwell left the meeting after the adoption of the Tax Rate Ordinance.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-127)** “Public comment on the approved budget for fiscal year 2012/2013”. Mrs. Jones, Tiffany Long, Kevin Long, Bruce Beauchamp, Steve Deffibaugh and Ken Bowers spoke on this item.

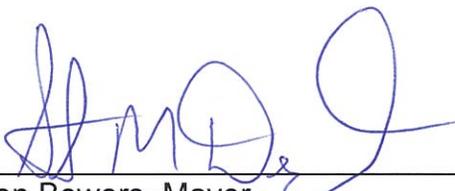
Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-129)** “Public comment on the approved water rate increase”. Donald Lee & Tiffany Long spoke on this item.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Special Agenda: **(2012-131)** “Public comment on the approved wastewater rate increase”. Tiffany Long spoke on this item.

Mayor **Bowers** said he would like to see more money put into the budget for street repair. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** thank everyone for coming out and Staff’s work.

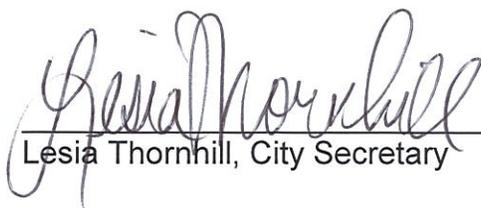
Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to adjourn**. Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.



~~Ken Bowers, Mayor~~
Steven Deffibaugh, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary