

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of September 22, 2014

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Deffibaugh, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember Bill Glass, and Councilmember John-Mark Caldwell. The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/PIO Tabatha Monk, Finance Director Cathy Crane, Chief of Police James Waters and Sergeant Clint Jenkins.

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

Mayor **Bowers** called roll, present were Councilmembers **Bill Glass, John-Mark Caldwell, Rick Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Deffibaugh and Mayor Ken Bowers**. Mayor noted **Councilmember Beauchamp was absent but present in our hearts**.

Mayor **Bowers** asked Pastor Chad Rowell of First Baptist Church to lead the Mayor, Council and audience in the invocation.

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember Caldwell 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 action to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014, Special City Council Meeting". Councilmember **Wheeler 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: **(2014-171)** "Remembrance of Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp from Staff, and the City Council". Staff and City Council spoke in remembrance of Councilmember **Bruce Beauchamp.** No action required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2014-172)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance to adopt the tax rate for fiscal year 2014-2015". Councilmember **Glass made the following motion, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.721800 which is effectively a 6.9% increase in the tax rate.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item on the Regular Agenda **(2014-173)** "Public hearing regarding the adoption of the amended budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 for the City of Princeton".

Mayor **Bowers opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.**

No one spoke.

Mayor **Bowers closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2014-174)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance to amend the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the City of Princeton". Mayor Pro Tempore

**Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Councilmember Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2014-175)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the maintenance and operation of the old water towers". No action taken.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2014-176)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Economic Development Agreement between the City of Princeton, Princeton Economic Development Agreement and AERO LAMH, LLC". Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the agreement. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2014-177)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the replacement of a water line along Woody Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street". Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the replacement. Councilmember Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2014-178)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the meeting dates for the next City Council meetings. Special meeting on September 29, 2014 and Regular meeting October 20, 2014 at regular times, 7:00 p.m.". Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the next meeting dates of September 29, 2014 and October 27,**

2014 at the regular meeting time of 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bowers then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: (2014-179) "Possible action to approve request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Mayor Bowers asked for Proclamation on the next agenda recognizing National Night Out and Fire Prevention Week. Mayor Bowers also asked that an item be placed on the agenda to name the North/South Thoroughfare Beauchamp Boulevard.

Mayor Bowers then announced the Report Agenda: City Manager: No discussion.

Mayor Bowers then announced City Council reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken. Mayor Bowers thanked Staff, Police and Fire for everything they did regarding the services held for Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh announced National Night Out at the Community Park/POW Camp on October 7 and National Fire Prevention Week, October 6-10 with an Open House to be held at the Fire Department on October 11. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bowers adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

  
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Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lesja Thornhill, City Secretary

