

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2010

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr and Councilmember Steven Deffibaugh. The following Staff Members were present: City Administrator Lee Lawrence, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Development/Permitting Technician Kathy Morris, Fire Marshal Derek Borg, Director of Public Works Jeff Cartwright, City Engineer Kevin Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Childers and Police Chief Jeff Barnett. The following Councilmember was absent: Mayor Ken Bowers.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** called roll, present were Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest**, Councilmembers **Beauchamp**, **Wheeler**, **Caldwell** and **Deffibaugh**. Absent was Mayor Bowers.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then asked Councilmember **Wheeler** to lead the Council and audience in the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then asked Councilmember **Beauchamp** to lead the audience in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. Hildago Ellis with the US Census Bureau spoke briefly regarding the need for Census workers. Dana Huffman introduced herself to the Council and Staff.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** 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. a. Discussion and possible approval of the City Council meeting minutes for December 8, 2009. b. Discussion and approval of an ordinance adopting the organizational chart for the City of Princeton. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** announced the Council would be taking some agenda items out of order.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-013)** "Discussion and possible action regarding North Second Street reconstruction project, including signage". Marty Murphy with JRJ Paving Inc. updated the Council on the status of the project. City Engineer, Kevin Johnson, was available for any questions the Council might have. Tin horns have been replaced and the cement stabilization would be laid this week, weather permitting, if not it should be done Monday. No action required.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-007)** "Discussion and possible action regarding local street improvements, including West College Avenue". City Engineer presented this item and included the proposed improvements to West College Avenue as a change order from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project in the amount of approximately \$58,000.00. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the change order for the West College Street improvements in the approximate amount of \$58,000.00.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-001)** "Discussion and possible action regarding naming the Princeton Community Library as the Lois Nelson Public Library". Councilmember Deffibaugh spoke regarding this item and was able to provide some history related to this item. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the fourth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-002)** "Presentation by Code Enforcement Officer, Bryant Childers, regarding procedures for code enforcement and quarterly update". Code Enforcement Officer, Bryant Childers, updated the Council with regards to projects he is working on to clean up the city. No action was required.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the fifth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-003)** "Presentation by Fire Chief, Mike Woody, regarding the quarterly update for the PVFD". Chief Woody was unavailable due to a training class. Lt. Ben Hart presented the quarterly report to Council. No action required.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the sixth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-004)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance adopting the annexation map for the City of Princeton". City Administrator, Lee Lawrence, briefed the Council of the changes/updates to the proposed annexation map. Mr. Lawrence stated that Assistant City Administrator, Lesia Thornhill, and Development/Permit Technician, Kathy Morris, had been working on this project along with the City Engineer for several months. Councilmember Beauchamp inquired about the status of Harper Elementary being annexed. Mr. Lawrence stated that he was working with Mr. Anthony on this annexation but recommended approval of map as is. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the ordinance and annexation map**. Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the seventh item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-005)** "Discussion and possible direction given to staff regarding Appointments and Eligibility for membership on Boards & Commissions". Council gave Staff direction to make requested changes as recommended by Mr. Lawrence. No action required.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the eighth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-006)** "Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution regarding the TxDOT Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program application". City Administrator explained that there was approximately \$67.5 million dollars set aside for this program and that approximately 23% of the applicants would be awarded the monies. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to move forward with the program.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the ninth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-008)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Councilmember **Beauchamp** asked that the truck route ordinance be enforced and the signs be posted correctly.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Administrator.

Mr. Lawrence briefed the Council on the following: Status report-infrastructure projects (2<sup>nd</sup> Street, FM 982, and Monte Carlo). Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Assistant to Fire Fighters Grant, Mr. Lawrence turned this discussion over to the Fire Marshal, Derek Borg.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** announced the Council would adjourn into Executive Session citing the following: **Section 551.071 (2) "Texas Government Code"** Consultation with City Attorney. **Section 551.072 "Texas Government Code"** Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. **Section 551.071 (A) "Texas**

**Government Code**” Pending or Contemplated litigation. **Section 551.074 (a) (1)**  
“**Texas Government Code**” Personnel. Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** announced  
that the City Attorney would be consulted via telephone in Executive Session.  
Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest adjourned into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.**  
Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest reconvened into Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced “Action pertaining to the Executive  
Session”. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the appointment of**  
**Dana Huffman as the Alternate Judge for the Municipal Court.** Councilmember  
**Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the tenth item on the Regular  
Agenda: **(2010-009)** “Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution determining the  
public necessity to acquire property for the governmental purpose of securing right-of-  
way for a future thoroughfare”. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to**  
**approve the Resolution if negotiations not successful.** Councilmember  
**Beauchamp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the eleventh item on the Regular  
Agenda: **(2010-010)** “Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution determining the  
public necessity to acquire property for the governmental purpose of securing right-of-  
way for a future thoroughfare”. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve**  
**the Resolution if negotiations not successful.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded**  
**the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the twelfth item on the Regular  
Agenda: **(2010-011)** “Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution determining the  
public necessity to acquire property for the governmental purpose of securing an  
easement for future utility lines”. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to**  
**approve the Resolution if negotiations not successful.** Councilmember **Wheeler**  
**seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

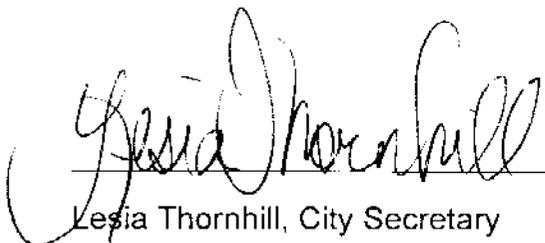
Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the thirteenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-012)** "Discussion and possible action regarding Utility Construction Services of Texas, Inc.". No action required.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.**

  
Ken Bowers, Mayor 1/26/10  
Date

ATTEST:

  
Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary 1/26/10  
Date

