

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2010

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, 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, City Attorney Bonnie Goldstein, Fire Marshal Derek Borg, Director of Finance Cathy Crane, and Police Chief Jeff Barnett.

Mayor **Bowers** called the **City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.**

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Caldwell** to lead the Council and audience in the invocation.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. Jenny Rosbury and Chad Larson 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. a. Discussion and possible approval

of the City Council meeting minutes for January 12, 2010. b. Discussion and approval of a Resolution changing the name of the Princeton Community Library to the Lois Nelson Public Library. c. Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution calling for the 2010 Election to be held on May 8, 2010. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** announced the Council would be going into Executive Session.

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 551.071 (A) "Texas Government Code"** Pending or Contemplated litigation. Mayor **Bowers** announced that the City Attorney would be consulted via telephone in Executive Session.

Mayor **Bowers adjourned into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.**

Mayor **Bowers reconvened into Regular Session at 8:40 p.m.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced "Action pertaining to the Executive Session". Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to retain the services of Julie Fort with Strasburger & Price.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-014)** "Discussion and possible action to change the regular City Council meeting date from May 11, 2010 to May 18, 2010 or schedule a special council meeting on May 18, 2010". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to schedule a special meeting on May 18, 2010 at 10:00 for the purpose of canvassing the election results.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-015)** "Discussion and possible authorization for staff to solicit bids for improvements to

Wilson Drive and Dalton Drive". City Administrator, Lee Lawrence, discussed proposed improvements to Wilson & Dalton Drive. Council asked that a small section of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be included in these improvements. Monies will be paid out of bond funds for street improvements. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-016)** "a. Discussion and possible approval of amendments to Ordinance 2006-06-13 establishing policy and procedures for appointments and eligibility requirements for city boards and commissions. b. Discussion and possible approval of amendments to Chapter 50, Section 50-37(a) (1) of the Princeton Code of Ordinances, relating to appointments and eligibility requirements for membership on the Princeton Parks and Recreation Board. c. Discussion and possible approval of amendments to Section 32.1.1 of Ordinance 2009-06-09 providing for organization and appointments to the Princeton Planning and Zoning Commission". Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve item 2010-016 a with the deletion of term limits**. Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve item 2010-016 b**.

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

Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve item 2010-016 c**.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-017)** "Discussion regarding the quarterly financial report for the city". Mr. Lawrence presented the quarterly financial report to the Council. Mr. Lawrence emphasized the seriousness of the city's finances. He explained the Reserves would not be used if the Enterprise Fund turns around by August 2010, if not we would need to use the Reserve Funds. No action required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-018)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance revising Ordinance No. 2009-05-26-02 (Comprehensive Fee Schedule) as it relates to park and recreation fees". Mayor Bowers asked Chad Larson, Parks Board Member, to approach and speak on behalf of the Parks Board. Council asked staff to bring some comparisons from other cities with the approximate same population as Princeton and they would like someone from PYSA present to express their opinion regarding this item. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to table this item.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-019)** "Discussion and possible approval of the Facilities Utilization Agreement between the PYSA and the City of Princeton". Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to table this item.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-020)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Mayor **Bowers** asked for a status/update regarding Princeton 860.

Mayor **Bowers** 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 and Monte Carlo). Status of the elevated storage tank, (waiting on survey of property, design work in process). Groundbreaking ceremony for the additions to the Central Fire Station on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 12:30.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-021)** "Discussion and possible action regarding Utility Construction Services of Texas, Inc.". No action required.

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

  
Ken Bowers, Mayor 2/9/10  
Date

ATTEST:

  
Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary 2/9/10  
Date

