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Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of October 12, 2010

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The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 12, 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 Steve Deffibaugh. The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Joseph Portugal, City Administrator Lee Lawrence, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, City Attorney Bonnie Goldstein, Interim Library Director/Parks Coordinator Cathy Dunkel, and Chief Jeff Barnett.

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

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Wheeler** 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**. Jenny Rosbury and Tiffany Long 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 minutes from September 28, 2010 City Council meeting. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-228)** "Presentation, discussion and approval of an Ordinance regarding the Rate Review Mechanism (RRM)". Atmos representative, Merriam Raphael, spoke to Council regarding this item. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the Resolution.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-229)** "Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance regarding outside of city water rates and restoring outside of city water rates and providing for a credit for payment made by outside of city customers in excess of the rates". Mayor asked that a copy of the letter being mailed to customers outside the city limits be given to all Councilmembers and himself. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-230)** "Discussion and possible action to approve an ordinance regarding cost changes to bulk rate water customers". Staff asked this item be pulled from the agenda.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2010-231)** "First public hearing regarding a voluntary annexation from Durrie L. Caldwell and Leland Ray Caldwell for property being more particularly described as follows: 40.13 acres comprised of 3 tracts of land. (being a survey of a 31.240 acre tract of land situated in the Hardin Wright Survey, Abstract No. 957, Block 8, Tract 427; as recorded in Volume 2536, Page 437; being a survey of a .2391 acre tract of land situated in the

Hardin Wright Survey, Abstract No. 957, Block 8, Tract 242 as recorded in Volume 478, Page 507; being a survey of a 8.652 acre tract of land situated in the Hardin Wright Survey Abstract No. 957, Block 8, Tract 424 as recorded in Volume 1993, page 689 of Deed Records of Collin County, Texas. Being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: 40.13 acres of land)".

Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

No one spoke for or against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-232)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the Rules of Order for the Princeton City Council". Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to table this item.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-233)** "Discussion and possible action regarding future meeting dates in November and December 2010". Mr. Lawrence explained that the history has been to have only one meeting in November and December. Staff would as that the meeting in November be changed to November 16, 2010 in order to accommodate the annexation schedule for the public hearing that was held earlier in the meeting tonight. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the meeting dates of November 16, 2010 and December 14, 2010.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** The **motion unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item on the Regular Agenda **(2010-234)** "Update by Chief Barnett regarding the 2010 National Night Out". Chief Barnett briefed the Council and audience on the success of National Night Out.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-235)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance providing for a non-substantive title change from City Administrator to City Manager in all city ordinances,

codes, job descriptions, personnel policies and official city documents and authorizing the Mayor to sign". City Attorney, Bonnie Goldstein, explained that this was acceptable and in accordance with the Local Government Code. City Manager, Joseph Portugal, assured Council the he understood what the ordinance and the Local Gov't Code said and would follow it accordingly. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-236)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting a revised organizational chart relative to City Administration". This item was held until after Executive Session. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve changes accordingly**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. Councilmember **Beauchamp opposed**. The **motion carried 4-1**.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-237)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Councilmember **Wheeler** asked for an update on 412 E. Jefferson. Councilmember **Beauchamp** asked IESI be contacted regarding trash cans being left in the road after pick-up, wanted specific names as who was required to complete NIMS training, dirt pile on US Hwy. 380.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Administrator.

Mr. Lawrence updated Council on the NTMWD with regards to their budget, rate increase, rebate, and the East Fork Interceptor. He also advised Council that IESI had been contacted regarding the trash cans being left in the roadway and IESI assured they would handle it.

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 551.074 (a) (1) "Texas Government Code"** Personnel.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Regular Session at 9:27 p.m.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eleventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2010-238) "Assistant City Administrator"**. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to eliminate the position**. Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion**. Councilmember **Beauchamp opposed**. The motion carried **4-1**.

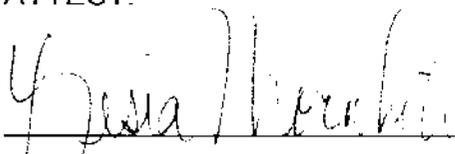
Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to adjourn**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. The motion carried **unanimously**.

Mayor **Bowers adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.**

  
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Ken Bowers, Mayor

11/26/10  
Date

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Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

11/26/10  
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