

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of February 24, 2009

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on February 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Steven Deffibaugh, Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember J.M. Caldwell Sr. and Councilmember Ken Bowers. The following Staff Members were present: City Administrator Lee Lawrence, Assist. City Administrator/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Public Works Director Jeff Cartwright, City Engineer Kevin Johnson, Det. James Waters and Police Chief Jeff Barnett.

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

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

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

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

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. Brent Kay spoke.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** 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 of February 10, 2009. b. Discussion and possible

approval to ratify a contract between the City of Princeton and Collin County Elections for the purpose of conducting the general election to be held on May 9, 2009.

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

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-024)** "Presentation by United Engineering Group of the proposed development of 860 acres on the northwest corner of Monte Carlo Boulevard and Longneck Road". City Administrator Lee Lawrence and Brian Lentz of UEG presented this item. No action was required.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-025)** "Discussion and possible action regarding Monte Carlo Boulevard improvements project, including design/engineering, project schedule, and right-of-way acquisition". Caleb Thornhill of Freese & Nichols gave a short presentation of the proposed improvements to Monte Carlo Boulevard with the assistance of City Engineer Kevin Johnson and City Administrator Lee Lawrence. Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest made a motion to approve the acquisition of necessary right-of-way for the full width of Monte Carlo Boulevard.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** Councilmember **Bowers opposed.** Councilmember **Caldwell abstained.** The **motion carried 3-1.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-026)** "Discussion and possible approval of Sparr Surveys to conduct survey work and develop documents relating to acquisition of right-of-way for Monte Carlo Boulevard project". Mr. Lawrence advised this would be the company that would assist in the acquisitions of the right-of-way on Monte Carlo Boulevard. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** Councilmember **Bowers opposed.** Councilmember **Caldwell abstained.** The **motion carried 3-1.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-027)** "Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the proposed street improvements within the City of Princeton". Mr. Lawrence and Kevin Johnson reviewed the list of proposed streets in need of repair within the city. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to allow Staff to move forward with the street repairs as presented to Council and to provide estimates of concrete vs. asphalt.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-028)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance regarding the use of cell phones while driving in school zones". Mr. Lawrence explained this item was being brought back for consideration after direction from Council. Councilmember **Bowers made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-029)** "Discussion of the proposed amendments to the City of Princeton's Zoning Ordinance 98-001". Mr. Lawrence reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance and provided the Council with a complete copy of the ordinance with the changes in red. Council asked that Planning and Zoning Commission be present at the March 24, 2009 meeting. No action was required on this item.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-030)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Mayor **Deffibaugh asked for an update on the weather radios.** Councilmember **Wheeler asked for an update on the Code Enforcement Department.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Administrator Mr. Lawrence gave status reports on the following: Eastern Collin College, Transportation legislation, financial report/update and website.

