

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of July 25, 2011

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on July 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember Bill Glass, Councilmember J.M. Caldwell Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest and Councilmember Steve Deffibaugh. The following Staff Members were present: City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Chief of Police James Waters, Officer Philip Pannell, City Attorney Bonnie Lee Goldstein, Director of Finance Cathy Crane, Development & Permit Tech Kathy Morris, and Chief Building Official Ladis Barr.

Mayor **Bowers** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

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

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

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced **Citizen Appearance.** Jenny Rosbury, John Rosbury, Cecelia Rafa 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. 1. Discussion and possible approval of minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular meeting. Councilmember **Beauchamp 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: **(2011-069)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a Commissioner to the Texoma Housing Partners Public Housing Board of Commissioners to replace George Singleton". City Secretary, Lesia Thornhill, spoke on this item. Ms. Thornhill advised that Mr. Singleton was no longer able to serve on this Commission and we needed to appoint a replacement as soon as possible. Council was asked to consider this item and bring back some possible candidates as soon as possible.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-070)** "Discussion and possible action regarding a task authorization from Freese & Nichols for the modification of 8th Street culvert". City Engineer, Caleb Thornhill, presented this item before the Council. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve this item.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-071)** "Discussion and possible action to approve a modification to the stipulation made as part of the settlement agreement between the alliance of Oncor cities ("AOC") and ONCOR electric delivery company LLC regarding the company's statement of intent to

change electric rates in all cities exercising original jurisdiction”. City Attorney, Bonnie Lee Goldstein discussed this item with the Council. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-072)** “Discussion and possible action regarding the preliminary draft budget for fiscal year 2011-2012”. Financial Advisor, Eddie Peacock, reviewed the budget with the Council and went over the proposed schedule for adoption of a final approved budget. No action was required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-073)** “Discussion and possible action regarding a stipulation, agreed settlement and consent order with the Railroad Commission of Texas for damage prevention Docket No. 01589”. Ms. Goldstein asked this item be discussed in Executive Session before action being taken. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the settlement**. Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**. **Action was taken after executive session**.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-074)** “An order of the City of Princeton City Council amending Order No. 2011-05-09 with regard to the abatement of the substandard and dangerous structures located at 975 W. Princeton Drive, Princeton, Texas 75407 a/k/a 901 Quail Lane, Princeton, Texas 75407 legal description: Lot 4, 1.8541 acres, Princeton Village (three single story structures commonly known collectively as the Flea Market)”. Ms. Goldstein asked this item be discussed in Executive Session before action being taken. Councilmember

Beauchamp made a motion to approve. Councilmember Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Action was taken after executive session.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under Items for individual consideration: **(2011-075)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Mayor **Bowers** asked that an item be placed on the agenda regarding the last meeting date in August 2011 and the proposed change of one meeting a month. Councilmember **Deffibaugh** asked for an update on Code Enforcement. Councilmember **Glass** asked for appointments of Boards and Commission members.

Mayor **Bowers** announced the first item under the Report Agenda: Mayor **Bowers** asked that volunteers complete the application for vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

Mayor **Bowers** announced the Council would adjourn into Executive Session citing the following: Section 551.071 (2) "Texas Government Code" Consultation with City Attorney. A) Culleoka Water Supply Corporation (CWSC) Contract. B) Texas Railroad Commission damage prevention Docket No. 015898 Section 551.071, "Texas Government Code" Pending or Contemplated litigation. A). Joseph Portugal Section 551.074 (a) (1) "Texas Government Code" Personnel. A). Interim Chief of Police, James Waters.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Regular Session at 9:53 p.m.

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

Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to appoint James Waters as Chief of Police for the City of Princeton. Councilmember **Caldwell** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore
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ATTEST:

Lesla Thornhill

Lesla Thornhill, City Secretary

