
Minutes
The City of Princeton
Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2008

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Steven Deffibaugh, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp and Councilmember Ken Bowers. The following Staff Members were present: City Administrator Lee Lawrence, Assistant City Administrator/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary Tabatha Monk, City Attorney Bonnie Goldstein, Finance Director Patty Martinez, Economic Development Coordinator Cathy Dunkel, Permit Tech Kathy Morris, Director of Public Works Jeff Cartwright, Fire Marshall Derek Borg and Chief Barnett. The following Councilmember was absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest.

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

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

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

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. Jennie Rosbury 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. "Discussion and possible approval of the City Council meeting minutes of August 12, 2008", "Discussion and possible

approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Princeton and Collin County regarding a cooperative purchasing agreement emergency medical services, and authorizing the Mayor to sign”, “Discussion and possible approval of an agreement between the City of Princeton and Conway Company CPA’s, PC for auditing services and authorizing the Mayor to sign”. Councilmember **Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-192)** “Discussion and possible approval of recommendations of the Princeton Charter Commission relative to the Home Rule Charter”. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-193)** “Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution calling an election on November 4, 2008, to vote on adoption of a Home Rule Charter”. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-194)** “Public hearing to consider comment on the proposed tax rate of \$0.72839 per \$100 valuation”.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

The following individual opposed the proposed tax rate: Jaqueta Morris, Mark Nicholson, Obie Cartmill.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-195)** “Public hearing to consider comment on a request to change the lot area

requirement for Lot 39, Parkview Heights Subdivision, by changing the minimum lot area from 6,000 square feet to 2,500 square feet”.

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

The following individuals spoke regarding this item: Rod Hinson and Obie Cartmill.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-196)** “Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance changing the lot area requirements for Lot 39, Parkview Heights Subdivision, by changing the minimum lot area from 6,000 square feet to 2,500 square feet”. After a brief discussion Councilmember **Bowers made a motion to deny this ordinance**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-197)** “Public hearing to consider comment on a proposed change to the Princeton Zoning Ordinance to change the lot area requirement in Two Family – TF Zoning District from 6,000 square feet to 3,000 square feet and permitting zero lot lines on one side of a lot”.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

The following individual spoke regarding this item: Rod Hinson and Obie Cartmill.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-198)** “Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance amending the Princeton Zoning Ordinance to change the lot area requirement in Two Family – TF Zoning District from 6,000 square feet to 3,000 square feet and permitting zero lot lines on one side of a lot”. Mayor **Deffibaugh** announced this item was removed from the agenda.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-199)** “Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution accepting petition for annexation of property by the City of Princeton, property being located on CR 447

approximately 1,000 feet south of intersection of CR 447 and CR 398". Mr. Lawrence gave a brief explanation of where this property was and the desire to annex.

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

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-200)** "Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution accepting petition for annexation of property by MNF properties, JV, property being located on the east side of CR 447 near the southeast corner of the intersection approximately 1,000 feet south of intersection of CR 447 and CR 398". Mr. Lawrence, again, gave a brief explanation of this item. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Bowers seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-201)** "Discussion and possible approval of issuance of a Special Event Permit for a circus, to be sponsored by Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce". Mr. Lawrence explained the concerns of the city regarding the possible issuance of this permit. After some discussion Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the permit contingent that the requestor meet all of the requirements of the city and receive a health permit from the County and pass all inspections.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the eleventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-202)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance abandoning north-south alleyway in block bounded by Main, North Sixth, East McKinney, and North Seventh Streets and retaining utility easement". Mr. Lawrence explained one property owner made this request. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to table this request.** Councilmember **Bowers seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the twelfth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-203)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance adopting revised

Personnel Policies Manual for the City of Princeton". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the thirteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-204)** "Discussion and possible approval of the appointment of Chad Larson to the Princeton Parks and Recreation Board, Place 5". Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fourteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-205)** "Discussion and possible approval of amendment to contract with Freese & Nichols, Inc., for design and engineering services for a waterline on Dogwood Avenue and Second Street". Mayor **Deffibaugh** announced this item was removed from the agenda.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fifteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-206)** "Discussion and possible approval of a resolution committing financial support to a study of wastewater treatment needs of North Collin County and South Grayson County". Mr. Lawrence gave a brief explanation regarding this item and made a recommendation that the city participate. Councilmember **Bowers made a motion to approve with a financial commitment of \$6,000.00 maximum**. Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the sixteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-207)** "Presentation and discussion of proposed 2008/2009 budget for fiscal year 2008/2009". Mayor **Deffibaugh** stepped down for this item and Councilmember **Caldwell** took over. There was discussion regarding the Fire Department budget. The City Council would like to reduce the Fire Department budget by approximately \$17,000.00. No action was required on this item and Mayor **Deffibaugh** returned to the bench.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the seventeenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2008-208)** "Discussion and possible approval of purchase of vehicles for Police Department". Councilmember **Bowers made a motion to approve the purchase of two Crown Vic's for the Police Department and for these vehicles to be paid out of an existing bond designated for police cars and street repairs.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda "Mayor". Mayor thanked staff for their hard work.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the second item under the Report Agenda "Council".

Councilmember **Caldwell** commented on the Caldwell Street closing.

Councilmember **Bowers** thanked the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall for their hard work.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the third item under the Report Agenda "Administrator".

Mr. Lawrence gave brief updates on the status of the following projects: Caldwell Street, Four-day work week, and he reminded the City Council of the Special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** announced the Council would be going into Executive Session citing the following: **Section 551.071 (b) "Texas Government Code"** Consultation with City Attorney. **Section 551.071 (a) "Texas Government Code"** Pending or Contemplated litigation. **Section 551.072 "Texas Government Code"** Real Property.

Mayor Deffibaugh adjourned into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Deffibaugh reconvened into Regular Session at 10:05 p.m.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced "Action pertaining to the Executive Session". No action required.

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

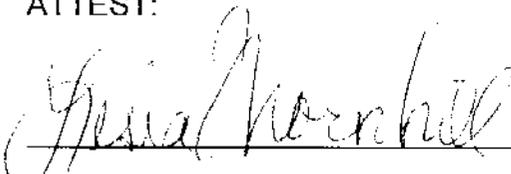
Mayor **Deffibaugh** adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.



Steven Deffibaugh, Mayor

10-14-08
Date

ATTEST:



Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

10/14/08
Date