

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of August 8, 2011

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember Bill Glass, and Councilmember J.M. Caldwell Sr. 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, Planning & Development Tech Kathy Morris, Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Childers, Fire Marshal Derek Borg and Chief Building Official Ladis Barr. The following Councilmembers were absent: Mayor Ken Bowers and Councilmember Steve Deffibaugh.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** called the **City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then asked Councilmember Beauchamp lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. Jenny Rosbury, Tiffany Long, Scot Johnson, Kevin Long, Stephanie Davis, Stephanie Broome, Richard Purcella, Dwayne Fisher, Daniel Huddelston, Dawn Swaim and Durrey Caldwell spoke.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** 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 25, 2011 regular meeting. 2. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement between the City of Princeton and Conway Company CPAs PC for audit service to be performed for year ending September 30, 2011. 3. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement between the City of Princeton and J. Stower & Co., LLC for the purpose of conducting a water rate study. 4. Discussion and possible action to approve Stage 2 Water Conservation measures as implemented by North Texas Municipal Water District. Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** announced that item #3 would be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda**. Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-076)** "Swearing in of new Police Chief, James Waters". City Secretary, Lesia Thornhill, swore in James Waters as the new Police Chief for the City of Princeton.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-077)** "Discussion and possible action to approve the appointments and reappointments to all Boards & Commissions within the City of Princeton. A. Planning & Zoning Commission. B. Community Development Corporation. C. Parks & Recreation". Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to appoint the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember **Glass** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember **Caldwell** made a motion to appoint the Community Development Corporation members. Councilmember **Beauchamp** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to appoint the members of the Parks & Recreation Board. Councilmember **Caldwell** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-078)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a Commissioner to the Texoma Housing Partners Public Housing Board of Commissioners to replace George Singleton". No action taken on this item as the City is still waiting on applications for this position.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-079)** "Discussion and possible action to cancel the regular Council meeting of August 22, 2011 and hold a special Council meeting on August 29, 2011". Councilmember **Caldwell** made a motion to approve. Councilmember **Beauchamp** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-080)** "Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution designating the second Monday of each month as the official City Council meeting date". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-081)** "Discussion and possible action to waive any and all permit fees relative to the Princeton ISD". Chief Building Official, Ladis Barr, spoke on behalf of this item. Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest made a motion to waive all fees for the PISD**. **Motion died for a lack of a second**. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to have Staff review the fees and bring back suggestions for waiving/cutting cost to the PISD**. Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion**. Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest opposed**. **The motion carried 3-1**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-082)** "Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving a settlement between Atmos Energy Corps Mid-Tex Division and Atmos Texas Municipalities resulting in no change in base rates and approving Tariffs". City Attorney, Bonnie Goldstein, discussed this item with the Council. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-083)** "Presentation and discussion regarding an update from the Code Enforcement Officer, Bryant Childers, relative to status of enforcement within the City of

Princeton". Mr. Childers presented his stats to the Council for local Code Enforcement. No action was required.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-084)** "Discussion and possible action relative to amending the Sign Ordinance #2009-09-08-02; Section BF, pole signs". Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to change the ordinance to allow a 35' tall pole sign with a 99 square foot sign within the city limits of Princeton in Commercial areas only.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** Councilmembers **Beauchamp and Glass opposed.** The motion died as it was a tie and **Mayor Bowers was absent to break the tie.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** announced the first item under Items for Individual Consideration: "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Councilmember **Beauchamp asked for a monthly update of Planning & Development as well as the Forrest Grove drainage issue that was presented under Citizen Appearance.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: "City Council reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken". No items were discussed.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** 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) DOJ Submission 2011-1978. Section 551.071, "Texas Government Code"

Pending or Contemplated litigation. A). Joseph Portugal. Section 551.074 (a) (1)

"Texas Government Code" Personnel. A). Interim/Acting City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** adjourned into Executive Session at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** reconvened into Regular Session at 9:46 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** then announced "Action pertaining to the Executive Session". Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to appoint **Derek Borg** as **Interim City Manager and bring back Ordinance/Resolution for Assistant City Manager/City Secretary at the next meeting to be held on August 29, 2011.**

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

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

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.


Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

