

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of September 12, 2011

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember Bill Glass, Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr and Councilmember Steve Deffibaugh. The following Staff Members were present: Interim City Manager Derek Borg, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, and Chief of Police James Waters, Finance Director Cathy Crane.

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

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Caldwell** 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.** The following citizens spoke: Shana Cox, Dean Page, Cecelia Rafa, Kevin Long, Tiffany Long, Stephanie Davis and Dawn Swaim. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to cut off citizen appearance. Motion died for lack of second.** Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to continue citizen appearance.** Councilmember **Glass seconded the**

motion. Councilmember **Caldwell** and Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** **opposed.** The **motion carried 3-2.**

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 August 29, 2011 special meeting. 2. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract between the City of Princeton and Atlas Enterprises, Inc. for the annual July 4th Extravaganza in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilmember **Beauchamp** **made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** **seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-093)** "A Proclamation proclaiming the 28th Annual National Night Out, as Tuesday, October 4, 2011". Mayor **Bowers** read the Proclamation for the record. Councilmember **Deffibaugh** **made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Caldwell** **seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-094)** "Public hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget for the City of Princeton".

Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

The following individuals spoke regarding this item: Cecelia Rafa and Tiffany Long.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-095)** "Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance certifying the tax roll for 2011/2012". 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: **(2011-096)** "Discussion and possible action to approve a voluntary annexation petition from E-Z Mart Stores, Inc. located at 725 W. Princeton Drive, Princeton, Texas 75407". Interim City Manager, Derek Borg explained this was the application process for the voluntary annexation and once approval was given we would start the process to annex the additional property for this business. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the application for voluntary annexation.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-097)** "Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution to waive enumerated development fees for the Princeton Independent School District". Mr. Borg explained this was being brought back as a Resolution based on approval from the previous Council meeting to waive the fees for the PISD. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the Resolution.** Councilmember **Glass seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-098)** "Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance abandoning alleys and easements depicted on the preliminary plat of the Scott Wilson Addition". Mr. Borg briefed the Council on this item. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve.**

Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-099)** "Discussion and possible action to approve a Utility/Water easement from the Princeton Independent School District". Councilmember **Glass made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-100)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012". There was brief discussion on this item. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve the budget.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-101)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting the Tax Rate of .728394 for Fiscal Year 2011/2012". Mr. Borg explained the proposed rate was the same as this year. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the tax rate.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-102)** "Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting an updated organizational chart". Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eleventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-103)** “Discussion and possible action regarding the Sign Ordinance relative to Pole Signs as requested by Councilmember Deffibaugh”. After a lengthy discussion and different suggestions there was no action taken on this item.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the twelfth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-104)** “Discussion and possible action regarding the Animal Control and Animal Shelter services contracted with Collin County”. Chief Waters gave a presentation on this item as it was requested from Councilmember Deffibaugh at the last meeting. No action taken.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the thirteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-105)** “Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting the new updated annexation map for the City of Princeton”. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to table this item.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourteenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2011-106)** “Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution to change the uniform election date for City Council general elections”. City Secretary, Lesia Thornhill, City Attorney, Bonnie Goldstein and Mayor Bowers discussed this item. It was explained how SB 100 changed the May General Election dates for most Texas Cities. Changing the General Election to November would “hold over” the Councilmembers terms from May to November of each year. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to change to the November election date.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under Items for individual consideration: **(2011-107)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". No items were requested.

Mayor **Bowers** announced the first item under the Report Agenda: Interim City Manager updated the Council on the following items: Monte Carlo project, Elevated Water Tower and Flea Market.

City Council Reports about items of Community interest regarding which no action will be taken: Mayor **Bowers** reminded everyone of National Night out on October 4, 2011.

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) DOJ Submission 2011-1978 Section

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Regular Session at 8:46 p.m.

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

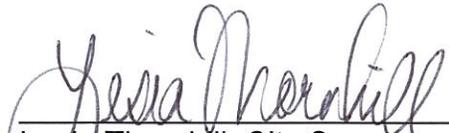
No action.

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.


~~Ken Bowers, Mayor~~
Steve Deffibaugh, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

