

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of September 8, 2009

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr and Councilmember Steven Deffibaugh. The following Staff Members were present: City Administrator Lee Lawrence, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Director of Public Works Jeff Cartwright, Finance Director Cathy Crane, Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Childers, and Police Chief Jeff Barnett.

Mayor **Bowers** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Wheeler** to lead the Council and audience in the invocation.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. No one 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. a. Discussion and possible approval of the City Council meeting minutes for August 25, 2009. b. Discussion and approval of

an Interlocal Agreement between Collin County and the City of Princeton concerning the construction of Monte Carlo Blvd. Improvements". Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-196)** "Discussion and approval of a Proclamation recognizing Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2009". Mayor Bowers read the proclamation for the record. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the proclamation.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-197)** "Discussion and possible action regarding drainage at and near Dogwood Pump Station". Jeff Payne with Freese & Nichols gave a detailed presentation of the drainage prior to Dogwood improvements and after the improvements. City Engineer, Kevin Johnson, also discussed the Dogwood improvements and the drainage. City Administrator, Lee Lawrence, briefly discussed this item with Council. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to take no action regarding this item based on presentation by Freese & Nichols and comments from Staff.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** than announced the third item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-198)** "Discussion and possible approval to adopt the fiscal year 2010 budget for the City of Princeton". Mr. Lee Lawrence reviewed the recommended changes, promotional increase in Police Department for two Sergeants and two Corporals, County run money for Fire Department being broken down to allow 10% to be used for miscellaneous expenses. After a very lengthy discussion regarding possible cost of living increases for Staff, Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest made a motion to approve the changes and to give the Police Department a 3% increase and approve the budget.** After more discussion, **motion died for a lack of a second.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh made**

a motion to approve the budget with the proposed changes and to bring quarterly reports regarding status of sales tax collection for consideration of 3% cost of living increase for employees in the future. Councilmember Wheeler seconded the motion. Councilmember Beauchamp opposed the motion. The motion carried 4-1. Councilmember **Beauchamp** stated he was not opposed to the promotion but it was about the dollars.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-199)** "Second public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2010".

Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

No one spoke for or against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-200)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance to adopt the tax rate for fiscal year 2009/2010". Mr. Lawrence explained the city was not increasing taxes.

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

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-201)** "Discussion and possible approval to advertise for bids for Monte Carlo Boulevard improvement project". Kevin Johnson presented this item and anticipates completion within 16 months. Councilmember **Caldwell made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-202)** "Discussion and possible approval to add improvements to West College Avenue, from FM 75 (Longneck Road) to entry to Community Park, to 2009 street improvements project". Mr. Lawrence discussed this item. Council asked Staff to bring back, at the next regular meeting, estimates for 4,6 & 8-inch asphalt. No action was required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-203)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance amending the Sign Ordinance (Ordinance 2000-05-21)". Mr. Lawrence advised Council of the changes to the ordinance as requested. Staff recommended approval. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve this ordinance.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** The motion carried **unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-204)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance regulating solicitation, handbill distribution and ticket scalping; establishing definitions; protecting child solicitors; establishing permit requirements; providing for denial, suspension and revocation of permits and appeals therefrom". Staff recommended approval. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest seconded the motion.** The motion carried **unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-205)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Councilmember **Deffibaugh** asked that sales tax figures be reviewed more often and possibility of implementing a cost of operating vehicle standards as Collin County has done.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Administrator.

Mr. Lawrence briefed the Council on the following: Parking lot at Community Park, Access road at Community Park, South Fourth Street (FM 982) water line, Local street improvement project, EST and water transmission line, North Fourth Street improvements, Development projects.

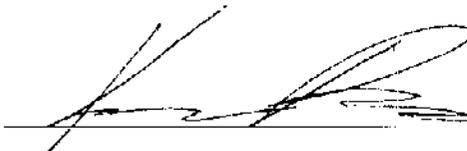
Mayor **Bowers** announced the Council would adjourn into Executive Session citing the following: **Section 551.071 (2) "Texas Government Code"** Consultation with City Attorney. **Section 551.072 "Texas Government Code"** Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Mayor **Bowers** announced Council would not be going into Executive Session.

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

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

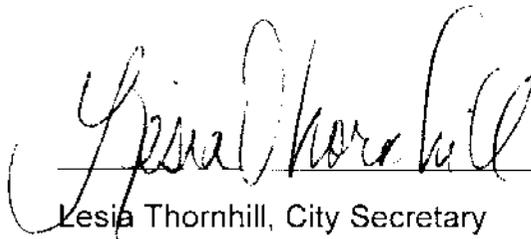


Ken Bowers, Mayor

9/22/09

Date

ATTEST:



Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

9/22/09

Date

