

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF PRINCETON
REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
Of July 16, 2009**

The Princeton Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 306 Main Street, on July 16, 2009, at 6:30pm. The following Commissioners were present: Chairman Closs, Commissioner Wade, Commissioner Kirkham and Commissioner Goulet and Alternate Commission Rosbury. The following Commissioner was absent: Co-Chairman Goerlich. The following Staff was present: Lee Lawrence, City Administrator and Kathy Morris, Planning Technician.

Chairman **Closs** presided and called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Chairman **Closs** led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Commissioners Roll Call**:
“Commissioners Roll Call” **All Commissioners present except: Co-Chairman Goerlich.**”

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Consent Agenda: (D)**
“Discussion and possible approval of the Regular Planning and Zoning meeting minutes of May 21, 2009.” **Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the May 21, 2009 minutes. Chairman Closs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (June 18, 2009 P&Z Meeting was cancelled)**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Action Taken on the Planning and Zoning Items by the City Council:**

- 1) Zoning Ordinance—approved 6/9/09 meeting

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Public Hearing—Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance: (F)** “First Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2009-06-09) to include Solar Panels (Section 24.11) and Small Wind Energy Systems (Turbines) (Section 24.12).” **Public Hearing opened at 6:37pm. No one spoke in favor or against the item. Public Hearing closed at 6:38pm.**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Discussion—Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance: (G)** “Discussion and possible approval and recommendation to the City Council regarding an amendment to the comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2009-06-09) to include Solar Panels (Section 24.11) and Small Wind Energy Systems (Turbines) (Section 24.12).” Alternate Commissioner Rosbury informed the Commissioners of information on a small roof mounted solar unit that is newly available. Kathy Morris reviewed the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Lee Lawrence informed the Commissioners of an email that C-Chairman Goerlich had sent stating his suggestions for change to the amendments. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve and recommend to the City Council the Amended Comprehensive

Zoning Ordinance with the noted revisions: 24.1.2 d. change to 8 ft.; add 24.11.4 Pole-mounted solar panels a., b. c. d. e; proposed Ordinance Section 4 (8) adding “or to the tip of the tower, whichever is greater”. Commissioner Rosbury seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Public Hearing—Sign Ordinance:** **(H)** “First Public Hearing regarding the revised Princeton Sign Ordinance No. 2000-05-21 (Section 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Princeton, Texas).” **Public Hearing opened at 7:27pm. No one spoke in favor or against the item. Public Hearing closed at 7:28pm.**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Discussion—Sign Ordinance: (I)** “Discussion and possible approval and recommendation to the City Council regarding the revised Sign Ordinance No. 2000-05-21 (Section 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Princeton, Texas).” **Lee Lawrence gave an explanation of the background of the need for a new sign ordinance and the City Council directive to the Staff to develop a new sign ordinance. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to Table this item until the next meeting and have a Workshop for discussing the sign ordinance. Commissioner Goulet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Update report of the Economic Development Corporation by Liaison Goulet: (J)** **Commissioner Goulet stated the last meeting had been canceled, therefore, she didn’t have anything to report.**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Status report of current developmental projects by Kathy Morris and Lee Lawrence: (K)** **Lee Lawrence gave an update on:**

- 1) **FM 982 water/sewer line---will start next week and be completed in 6 to 8 weeks.**
- 2) **Street construction—2nd Street is getting a new sewer line between Jefferson Street and Brown Street. 2nd Street road reconstruction from McKinney to Princeton Drive will begin immediately upon completion of the sewer line.**
- 3) **Main St. and McKinney Streets road reconstruction will begin following the completion of 2nd Street.**
- 4) **Caldwell Street is currently being reconstructed with funds and coordination from Princeton School District.**
- 5) **Monte Carlo road construction—3/4’s of the right-of-way has been secured from the property owners. The two south lanes will be the only lanes constructed at this time.**
- 6) **Community Park will have a new paved parking lot and entry during the fall. A new concession/rest room building will begin construction soon.**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Discussion of Future Agenda Items:** **(L)** **1) Small Town Planning Workshop—pamphlets were supplied to the Commissioners and they were encouraged to attend the August 15th session.**

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Discussion of Future Agenda Items:**
(M) No items were brought forward.

Chairman **Closs** announced the item under **Adjournment:** (N)
Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Goulet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.