

**Minutes**

**The City of Princeton**

**City Council Meeting of September 11, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in Regular Session on September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 2000 E. Princeton Dr. Princeton, Texas 75407.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Brianna Chacón, Mayor Pro Tempore Steven Deffibaugh, Councilmember Marlo Obera, Councilmember David Kleiber, Councilmember Bryan Washington, and Councilmember Ryan Gerfers.

The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, City Secretary Amber Anderson, Deputy City Manager Shawn Fort, City Attorney Grant Lowry, Interim Police Chief Waters, Detective Rizzo, Officer Scott, and Director of Finance Carron Prigmore.

Mayor **Chacón** called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor **Chacón** called roll, present were Councilmembers: **Kleiber, Obera, Washington and Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh.**

Mayor **Chacón** announced place 4 being fulfilled by Councilmember Ryan Gerfers  
**Moment of Silence.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced Public Appearance: The following is a list of speakers that spoke in order under Public Appearance: Terry Gilmore, Preston Callaway, Garrett Phennel, and Dorinda Powell.

Mayor **Chacón** announced Mayors Comments: Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, Mayor may report on Items of Community Interest, including:

(1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming Town Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety. No action will be taken on any Item of Community Interest. In addition to the foregoing, Mayor will address the following subject matters: **None.**

Mayor **Chacón** 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. Items on the **Consent Agenda:** **FP20232393 - Southridge Phase 1:** Discussion and possible action regarding a request from GRBK Edgewood, LLC for final plat approval for a property being a 57.31 acre tract of land situated in the Thomas A. Rhodes Survey, Abstract No. 741, City of Princeton, Collin County, Texas. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**. Councilmember **Washington** seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried **5-0.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-201 Oath of Office:** Administer the official City of Princeton, Texas, Oath of Office for newly appointed Council Member Place 4. **No Action.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-202 Public Hearing (FY 2023-2024 Budget):** Public hearing regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the City of Princeton.

**Mayor Chacón opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.**

**Mayor Chacón closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.**

Mayor Chacón then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-203 Ordinance 2023-09-11-16 (FY2024 Budget)**: Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2023-09-11-16, adopting the FY2024 Operating Budget for the City of Princeton and Exhibit A. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made the motion to approve**. Councilmember **Washington seconded motion to approve**. The motion carried **5-0**.

Mayor Chacón then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-204 Public Hearing (Proposed Tax Rate)**: Public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed tax rate of \$0.440226 for the City of Princeton fiscal year 2023-2024.

**Mayor Chacón opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.**

**Mayor Chacón closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.**

Mayor Chacón then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-205 Ordinance 2023-09-11-15 (Proposed Tax Rate)**: Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2022-09-12, adopting the City of Princeton tax rate of \$0.440226 for fiscal year 2023-2024. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made the motion to approve**. Councilmember **Washington seconded motion to approve**. The motion carried **5-0**.

Mayor Chacón then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-206 Ordinance 2023-09-11-17 (Ratifying Budget and Tax Rate)**: Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 2023-09-11-17, ratifying the fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate for the City of Princeton. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a**

**motion to approve. Councilmember Obera seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-207 FD Equipment Donations: Discussion and possible action regarding a request for the Fire Department to receive equipment donations from the IAFF 5155 Princeton Firefighters Association. Councilmember Washington made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **2023-208 Resolution No. 2023-09-11-R04 (Dogwood Pump Station Upgrades): Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution of the City of Princeton, Texas, establishing the allocation of funds for the construction of the Dogwood Pump Station - Pump Capacity Upgrades & Tanks Rehabilitation; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the documents required for construction. Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh made a motion to approve. Councilmember Washington seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the Report Agenda: City Manager: **Derek Borg** spoke on the following items:

- 1) Next City Council Meeting, Monday, September 25, 2023, @ 6:30 PM .
- 2) Meal on Wheels-Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Steven and Judy Deffibaugh Community Center.

3) CPR/AED and Fire Safety Education Training-Classes are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ the Steven and Judy Deffibaugh Community Center.

4) Senior citizen exercise program will be held on Monday/Wednesday/Fridays at 10am located at Steven and Judy Deffibaugh Community Center.

5) Pet Care Event, Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 8am-10am located at the Princeton Municipal Center.

6) September is Library Card sign up month.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the City Council reports: Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may report on Items of Community Interest, including: (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming Town Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety. No action will be taken on any Item of Community Interest.

Mayor **Chacón** would like to congratulate Councilmember Washington for being a great leader in our community.

Councilmember **Washington** would like to congratulate Chris Solano and Joe Vega of the Princeton Fire Department, for participating in "Guns and Hoses" a boxing match for the Gns and Hoses foundation, a charity that gives back to families of first responders that die in the line of duty.

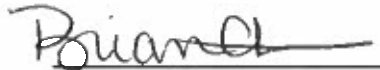
Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** would like to congratulate the firefighters. Would also like to invite everyone to the New Hope Community Church will be celebrating 100 years on Sunay, October 1<sup>st</sup> and will have catered meals at noon, everyone's invited.

Mayor **Chacón** asked for a motion of adjournment of the meeting.

Councilmember **Washington** made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember

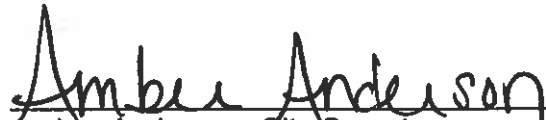
**Obera** seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Brianna Chacon, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amber Anderson, City Secretary