

**ENNIS CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juenemann called a meeting of the Ennis City Commission to order on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers of Ennis City Hall, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present to wit:

Angie Juenemann	Mayor
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, At Large
Rowdy Pruitt	Commission Member, Ward 1
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2
Scott Hejny	Commission Member, Ward 3
Shirley Watson	Commission Member, Ward 4
Bill Honza	Commission Member, Ward 5

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Ben Nibarger offered the Invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Juenemann

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Hernandez recognized citizen Chris McDonald for his efforts in organizing the "Take A Kid Fishing" event; Commissioner Watson invited everyone to attend "What To Do When You Are Stopped" on May 11th at 10:00 AM in the Chamber of Commerce building.; Mayor Juenemann thanked the Way, Truth, and Life Church for their participation in the Great American Clean Up sponsored by Keep America Beautiful; City Manager Scott Dixon announced that the Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled for the new Police Fire Facility had been cancelled due to rain and would be rescheduled for a later date.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Monte Richardson, 2909 Tenison, spoke regarding slow internet speeds and lack of access in the City of Ennis.

Joe Mincevich, 1404 Lake Bardwell Drive, spoke regarding the building code restrictions on an accessory building to store supplies.

PRESENTATIONS

- City Manager Dixon gave a presentation on proposed 5G small cell nodes reporting that current carriers are not expanding networks or bringing cable to new developments; small cell nodes will ready 400 ft; high speed internet; 4G cell phone technology integration; smart city initiatives; higher speed than 4G; internet solution for downtown; sensors on Bigbelly trashcans double as 5G antennae; and a separate initiative to require developers to install duct banks for bringing fiber to homes.
- City Manager Dixon gave an update on current Legislation to include HB 2 and HB3, and HB 2439.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the minutes for the April 16, 2019 City Commission Regular Meeting.**

Mayor Juenemann read the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Honza made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to approve consent agenda item as presented. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. **Conduct a Public Hearing and first reading to consider an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to fund Project Benoit, a specialty metal fabrication company to be located in the Southgate 460 Industrial Park.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. City Manager Dixon presented a slideshow for Project Benoit. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

3. **Conduct a Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance adopting a Comprehensive Policy Statement and Program for Economic Development Incentives (Tax Abatements) to encourage businesses and companies to locate or expand in Ennis.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

4. **Conduct a Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance amending the Economic Development Corporation budget to provide \$250,000 to fund Project Snoopy.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. **Discuss and consider a Resolution nominating a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Ellis Appraisal District Board for the year 2019.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Pruitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve a resolution nominating Robert Kyle Wilson to fill a vacancy on the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

6. **Discuss and consider a Resolution approving a bid award recommendation from Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for the Public Safety Facility sanitary sewer extension and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Circle H Contractors, LP in a sum not to exceed \$225,855.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve a resolution awarding a bid to Circle H Contractors LP, for a sanitary sewer extension in an amount not to exceed 225,885. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

7. **Discuss and consider a Resolution selecting a Grant Writer/Administrator in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watson, to approve a resolution selecting Traylor and Associates as Grant Writer/Administrator in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

8. Discuss and consider a Resolution selecting an Engineer in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve a resolution selecting Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. as engineer in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Capital Fund. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

9. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Underground Refuse Systems for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. City Attorney Brenda McDonald advised the Commission that the best course of action at this time would be to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract to bring to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Pruitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Underground Refuse Systems in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 and to bring the contract back to the Commission for approval. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

10. Discuss and consider Applications for Reappointment submitted by City of Ennis Board and Commission members with terms expiring July 31, 2019, and declare vacancies for unfilled positions.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt to declare one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission, one vacancy on the Historic Landmark Commission, two vacancies on the Library Board, and one vacancy on the Railroad Museum Board. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

11. Ennis City Commission photos to be taken at Minnie McDowell Park.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Mayor Juenemann recessed the Commission at 7:05 PM in order to take Commission photos, and reconvened the meeting at 8:02 PM.

[Mayor Juenemann recessed the Commission into closed Executive Session at 8:03 PM.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Commission will recess into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code:

12. Section 551.087 – Economic Development Negotiations

- **Project Snoopy**
- **Project Benoit**

Section 551.071 – Consultation with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

- **Executive Session**

13. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

[Mayor Juenemann reconvened the Commission into Open Session at 8:30 PM.]

No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Juenemann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Angela Wade
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Angel Juenemann
MAYOR

