

**ENNIS CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juenemann called a meeting of the Ennis City Commission to order on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 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, Ward 6	arrived 6:45
Rowdy Pruitt	Commission Member, Ward 1	
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2	absent
Scott Hejny	Commission Member, Ward 3	
Shirley Watson	Commission Member, Ward 4	
Bill Honza	Commission Member, Ward 5	

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Scott Dixon offered the Invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Juenemann

COMMISSIONER UPDATES – no updates

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Cindy Pechal, 200 W. Knox St #100 – Kindred Soule Marketplace owner. Ms. Pechal spoke regarding the downtown improvements and her dissatisfaction with the communication between city staff and local business owners.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Scott Dixon introduced Stephen Barnes, Finance Director for the City of Ennis to the City Commission.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Dixon gave an update on the downtown infrastructure project stating that the city hopes for a fall 2019 completion; Commissioner Watson announced that she was having a Town Hall meeting on September 15th at 10am at the Ennis Housing Authority, at which a project update can be given. Other updates included underground storm water controls; broadband connectivity issues; movie night in the parks; new runway at airport; fire station #3 completion by end of year; 1% increase in employee health insurance; city hall remodels; and technology transparency.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the August 7, 2018 City Commission Meeting Minutes.**
2. **Approval of the August 8, 2018 City Commission Special Meeting Minutes.**
3. **Approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Engagement with Yeldell, Wilson, Wood & Reeve P.C. for auditing services for fiscal year 2017/2018 for the City of Ennis.**
4. **Authorize the City Manager to submit a consent and ballot form on behalf of the City of Ennis in support of proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc (ERCOT).**

Mayor Juenemann read the consent agenda items. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve the consent agenda as read. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Conduct a Public Hearing for the City of Ennis FY19 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate.** Mayor Juenemann read the item. City Manager Dixon informed the Commission and public in attendance that staff would be proposing no changes to the current ad valorem tax rate of .71. Mayor Juenemann opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6. **Discuss a non-zoning text amendment removing the mid-block pedestrian/bicyclist access requirement from Article IX – Subdivision Regulations of the Ennis Unified Development Ordinance.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Discussion only, will present an Ordinance for the Commission's approval at the September 4th meeting. No action necessary.

7. **Discussion regarding the submission of a National Register of Historic Places application made by Fran McCarthy for inclusion in the Ennis Commercial Historic District.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. City Manager Dixon informed the Commission that the Historic Landmark Commission met to discuss the application, which will include the post office, ISD building, Bank of America building, and the business forms building. No action necessary.

8. **Discussion regarding a Street Sales Tax Video.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. A discussion ensued regarding creating a video to provide information to the public regarding the street sales tax. Support from the Commission was given to staff. No action necessary.

9. **Discuss and consider a Resolution declaring two police pursuit vehicles as surplus property and approving the donation of the vehicles to the Ennis Independent School District.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watson, to approve the resolution as stated. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

10. **Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the Parks Director to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant.**

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to approve a resolution authorizing the Parks Director to apply for the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Juenemann recessed the Commission into Closed Executive Session at 7:23 P.M.

- a. Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development negotiations.
- b. Section 551.071(a) – seek advice from the City Attorney regarding pending litigation
 - City of Ennis vs. Donna Marie Hocker, et al.
Cause No. 18-C-3017, Ennis County Court at Law No. 1

RECONVENE

Mayor Juenemann reconvened the Commission into Open Session at 8:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Pro Tem Walker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MAYOR

