

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission was called to order on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker asked Commission Member Lola Searcy to give the invocation.

1. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commission Member Searcy

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-tem Walker

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-tem Walker asked the Interim City Secretary to call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum. Interim City Secretary Acy-King called the roll with a quorum present to wit:

Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2
Ken Hackney	Commission Member, Ward 3
Lola Searcy	Commission Member, Ward 4

The following Commissioner Members were absent:

Russell Thomas	Mayor
Jeremie Salik	Commission Member, Ward 1
Brian Holley	Commission Member, Ward 5

The following Staff members were present when the meeting was called to order:

Interim City Manager	John Hatchel
Interim City Secretary	Shirley Acy-King
City Attorney	Richard Wilson
Captain of Police	David Anthony
ED Director	Marty Nelson
Finance Director	Joel Welch
Fire Chief	Jeff Aycock

The following Staff Member was absent:

Chief of Police John Erisman

1. Citizens Requests for Public Hearing

Mayor Pro-tem Walker made a statement that “presentations by citizens, with or without prior notification, shall be limited to three minutes, allowing discretion in the chair to reasonably extend those limits.”

The following person(s) spoke during the Citizens’ Request for Public Hearing period.

Lawrence Honza, 2100 Yorkstown, spoke regarding the need of repair of curve on Yorkstown.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the Consent Items to be considered:

2C. Approval of the City Commission Workshop Minutes of October 19, 2015.

3C. Approval of the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2015.

4C. Consider an Ordinance designating Industrial Tax Abatement District #54 (Reinvestment Zone) Leggett & Platt, Ennis, Texas, and authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement.

5C. Consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the City of Ennis Code of Ordinances establishing certain requirements for ambulances and emergency medical services.

6C. Consider an Ordinance on the first reading to amend the EEDC FY 15-16 Budget to provide \$250,000 for an Economic Development Agreement with Project Firebird (Sterilite Corporation).

7C. A Resolution approving a Lease Agreement with American Medical Response for the leasing of properties located at 206 South Dallas Street (Central Station) and 901 Martin Luther King Blvd (Station 2).

Commission Member Hackney moved to approve 2C through 5C , 7C and 6C on the first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Commission Member Searcy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (4) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Mayor Thomas, Commission Members Salik and Holley were absent. Mayor Pro-tem Walker declared the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. A Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance designating Industrial Tax Abatement District #56 (Reinvestment Zone) Sterilite Corporation, Ennis, Texas, and authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the item into the record and called for anyone in the audience that would like to address the Commission on the item. No one appeared to address the Commission. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for a motion to close the public hearing. Commission Member Searcy moved to close the public hearing. Commission Member Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (4) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Mayor Thomas, Commission Members Salik and Holley were absent. Mayor Pro-tem Walker declared the Public Hearing closed.

9. A Public Hearing to consider an ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the item into the record and stated that the Public Hearing would be held on November 2, 2015 due to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board did not meet for lack of a quorum. Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the next item.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

10. Consider a Resolution adopting the Ellis County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, October 2015.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the item into the record. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for a discussion on the item. There being no discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for a motion. Commission Member Hackney moved to approve the resolution. Commission Member Searcy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (4) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Mayor Thomas, Commission Members Salik and Holley were absent. Mayor Pro-tem Walker declared the item was approved.

11. Consider a Resolution accepting an agreement between Texas Department of Agriculture and the City of Ennis for the Community Development Funds and authorizing the Mayor of Ennis to execute all related documents.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the item into the record. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for a discussion on the item. There being no discussion, Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for a motion. Commission Member Hernandez moved to approve the resolution. Commission Member Hackney seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Walker called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (4) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Mayor Thomas, Commission Members Salik and Holley were absent. Mayor Pro-tem Walker declared the item was approved.

12. Consider a Resolution authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Engineering Concepts and design, L.P. for engineering services for Project Firebird (Sterilite Corporation in the amount of \$50,000).

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13. Consider a Resolution authorizing the EEDC to sell/transfer certain parcels of land to the Texas Department of Transportation as part of the Highway 287 By-Pass Expansion Project.

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14. Consider approval of Public Facilities Use Permits for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade of Lights (12/3/15) and Ennis Main Streets Events (12/5/15 and 12/12/15).

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COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTS

15. Requests from City Commission Members and Round Table

Mayor Pro-tem Walker read the item into the record. The following Commission Members spoke:

Commission Member Hernandez welcomed Interim City Manager Hatchel and Interim City Secretary Acy-King to the City of Ennis. He thanked the citizens for coming out.

Commission Member Hackney asked that the Crime Control and Prevention District Board meet at 5:45 p.m. on November 2, 2015. He thanked the citizens for coming out.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker and Commission Member Searcy both thanked the citizens for coming out.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Pro-tem Walker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY SECRETARY