

ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem called to order the Workshop Meeting of the Ennis City Commission on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:25 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119. 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 Commission 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 workshop 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
Chief of Fire	Jeff Aycock
ED Director	Marty Nelson
Finance Director	Joel Welch

The following Staff Member was absent:

Chief of Police	John Erisman
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Mayor Pro-tem Walker asked Interim City Manager Hatchel to brief the Commissioners on the agenda items.

Interim City Manager Hatchel asked Marty Nelson, Economic Development Director, to give an overview of the items on the Consent Agenda that involved the Economic Development Projects.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Mr. Nelson informed the Commission that the Tax Abatement Agreement with Leggett & Platt would be in two (2) phases. Phase one (1), \$10,000,500 of new manufacturing equipment would be installed and they anticipate 60 new jobs would be created in 2015-2016. Phase two (2), \$4-5 million dollar new 100,000 square feet addition will be added to the existing building, to be constructed in 2016-2017 including \$4,000,000 of new equipment. Mr. Nelson further stated that the Tax Abatement Review Committee (TARC) recommended approval of a 5 year, 75% abatement with Leggett & Platt. The Ordinance would designate Industrial Tax Abatement District 54 (Reinvestment Zone).

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.

Interim City Manager Hatchel asked Chief Aycock to brief the Commission on this item. Chief Aycock informed the Commission that amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the City of Ennis Code of Ordinances would bring the Ennis Fire Department into compliance with State Law. The contract with American Medical Response (AMR) would establish a regulated ambulance service system, which would provide clinical quality of care, with reasonable, reliable response time standards, and with the goal of furnishing the best possible chance of survival, without disability or preventable complication, to each ambulance patient. In addition it would allow AMR to be the City's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) provider effective January 3, 2016. He further stated that the selection process involved a joint request for proposal (RFP) with Ellis County, the City of Red Oak, and the City of Waxahachie. Chief Aycock expressed his belief as well as the entire Ennis Fire Department that the AMR model would help to improve the system's value while increasing the community's confidence in EMS service delivery.

6C. Consider and 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).

Mr. Nelson informed the Commission that this Ordinance would amend the Economic Development Budget by appropriating \$250,000 for Project Firebird (Sterilite Corporation) for costs associated with the construction and installation of water, sewer, drainage and road improvements. Mr. Nelson stated that there would be a cost of \$17,000,000 for new equipment and a creation of 40 new jobs.

7C. A Resolution approving a Lease Agreement with American Medical Response for the leasing of properties located at 2016 South Dallas Street (Central Station) and 901 Martin Luther King Blvd (Station 2).

Chief Aycock informed the Commission that this Lease Agreement would house staff of AMR at 2016 South Dallas Street (Central Station) and 901 Martin Luther King Blvd (Station 2).

After Mr. Nelson and Chef Aycock had completed their briefing, Interim City Manager Hatchel recommended approval of all items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 6C which is being approved on first reading and will be on the November 2, 2015 agenda for second reading and final approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Interim City Manager Hatchel requested that the Commission not take action on this item until the next regular meeting of the Commission (November 2, 2015) due to a quorum was not present of the Crime Control and Prevention District members.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

Interim City Manager Hatchel informed the Commission that a record vote is needed to adopt the Ellis County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, October 2015.

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.

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).

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.

Interim City Manager Hatchel informed the Commission that the purpose of this resolution was to authorize the Economic Development Corporation to sell/transfer four small parcels of land to the Texas Department of Transportation as part of the Highway 287 by-pass expansion project. By transferring the property to TX DOT, the City would receive a constructive credit of

approximately \$121,139.45 that would reduce the amount owed by the City for the cost of the project.

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).

Interim City Manager Hatchel requested that the Commission approve all items for individual consideration.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Thomas declared the workshop meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

INTERIM CITY SECRETARY