

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission was called to order on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

Mayor Thomas introduced and welcomed Interim City Manager, John Hatchel and Interim City Secretary Shirley Acy-King to the Commissioners and the Public audience.

1. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Dr. William McKinzie

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Thomas asked the Interim City Secretary to call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum. Interim City Secretary Acy-King called the rolled with a quorum present, to wit:

Russell Thomas	Mayor
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6
Jeremie Salik	Commissioner, Ward 1
Ken Hackney	Commissioner, Ward 3
Lola Searcy	Commissioner, Ward 4
Brian Holley	Commissioner, Ward 5

The following Commissioner was absent when the meeting was called to order:

Marco Hernandez	Commissioner, Ward 2
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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
Chief of Police	John Erisman
ED Director	Marty Nelson
Director of Health Services	Chauncy Williams

4. Approval of Minutes

A. City Commission Workshop of September 21, 2015

Mayor Thomas called for discussion of the item. There being no discussion on the item, Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Commissioner Holley moved to approve the Workshop minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Searcy seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Mayor Thomas declared the item approved, Commissioner Hernandez absent.

B. City Commission Meeting of September 21, 2015

Mayor Thomas called for discussion of the item. There being no discussion on the item, Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Commissioner Walker moved to approve the City Commission regular meeting minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Holley seconded the motion. With all members present voting in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Mayor Thomas declared the item approved, Commissioner Hernandez absent.

5. Citizens Requests for Public Hearing

Mayor Thomas 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 persons spoke during the Citizens' Input period:

Roydean Luksa, 709 Anthony Dr., spoke regarding property located at 701 Anthony Dr. that needed mowing and the drainage ditch needed to be cleaned out.

Lynn Moore, 1803 Yorkstown Dr., spoke generally.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Thomas read the Consent Items to be considered:

A. Consider a Resolution approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 401 Rushing St. to Timothy McDaniel in the amount of \$10,000.

B. Consider a Resolution approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 1007 S. Preston to Kerri J. Duncan in the amount of \$900.

C. Consider a Resolution approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 1009 S. Preston to Kerri J. Duncan in the amount of \$900.

D. Consider a Resolution approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 1010 S. Preston to Kerri J. Duncan in the amount of \$1,500.

E. Consider a Resolution approving the sale of tax foreclosure property know as Lot 6 in Subdivision No. 9, Division 24 of the Original Town of Ennis, also known as S. Smith St. to Kerri J. Duncan in the amount of \$900.

F. Consider a Resolution appointing a Local Rabies Control Authority.

G. Consider a Resolution approving the purchase of utility and street materials for FY 2015-16.

Commissioner Holley moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-G, as presented Commissioner Searcy seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (6) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Commissioner Hernandez was absent. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

7. First Reading

A. A Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance designating Industrial Tax Abatement District #54 (Reinvestment Zone) Leggett & Platt, Ennis, Texas, and authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement.

Mayor Thomas 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 Thomas called for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Salik moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hackney seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (6) voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Hernandez was absent. Mayor Thomas declared the public hearing closed.

B. 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.

Mayor Thomas read the item into the record and stated that the item had been pulled from action at the request of Interim City Manager Hatchel until the October 19, 2015 regular meeting. There being no opposition to the item being held, Mayor Thomas moved to the next item.

8. Requests from City Commission and Round Table

Mayor Thomas read the item into the record. The following Commissioner's spoke:

Commissioner Holley stated that a private donor had donated money to the Animal Control Division of Health to enable them to put heat and air in their truck. He congratulated Chauncey Williams, Director of Health Services and his staff for the work that they do for the City of Ennis. Commissioner Holley welcomed Interim City Manager Hatchel back and welcomed Interim City Secretary Acy-King to the City of Ennis.

Commissioner Searcy welcomed Interim City Manager Hatchel back and acknowledged that her streets in her ward still needed repairing. She welcomed Interim City Secretary Acy-King to the City of Ennis.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker welcomed Interim City Manager Hatchel and Interim City Secretary Acy-King to the City of Ennis.

Commissioner Hackney thanked the community for coming out and welcomed Interim City Manager Hatchel and Interim City Secretary Acy-King to the City of Ennis.

Commissioner Salik welcomed Interim City Manager Hatchel and Interim City Secretary Acy-King to the City of Ennis and thanked the citizens for coming out.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY SECRETARY