

ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015  
6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thomas called to order the Workshop Meeting of the Ennis City Commission on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119. 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 workshop meeting was called to order:

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

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

Mayor Thomas asked Interim City Manager Hatchel to brief the Commissioners on the agenda items.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**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.**

Interim City Manager Hatchel informed the Commission that the sale of the tax foreclosure properties (Consent Agenda items A-E) may not bring a substantial amount of money to the City, but it would put the properties back on the tax roll which would make money for the City. He further stated, with the properties being dormant, the City was not receiving an income.

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

Interim City Manager Hatchel informed the Commissioners the importance of complying with Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code Rabies Control Act of 1981; by appointing Chauncy Williams, Director of Health Services as the Local Rabies Control Authority person would comply with Chapter of the code.

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

Interim City Manager Hatchel informed the Commissioners that the City had requested sealed bids for two (2) projects. The first bid was for miscellaneous Utility Department materials consisting of fire hydrants, water meters, screened sandy loam, pea gravel, flexbase, carbon, water pipe, and various chemicals used in the treatment of water and wastewater; which the City received 12 bidders and we recommend awarding the bid to the lowest qualified bidders in the unit price amounts specified in your packet. The second bid was for miscellaneous Street Department materials consisting of hot and cold asphalt mix, concrete, cushion sand, select fill, masonry sand and flexbase; which the City received 5 bidders and we recommend awarding the bid to the lowest qualified bidders in the unity price amounts specified in your packet.

### **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.**

Interim City Manager Hatchel called on Economic Development Director Marty Nelson to give the Commissioners a presentation on the Industrial Tax Abatement District #54 (Reinvestment Zone) Tax Abatement Agreement with Leggett & Platt.

Mr. Nelson informed the Commissioners that the area described, if designated as a reinvestment zone, would contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment and/or will attract major investment in the zone that will be of benefit to the property and contribute to the economic development of the City. He further stated that the improvements sought were feasible and practicable and would be of benefit to the land to be included in the zone and to the City after the expiration of a tax abatement agreement.

**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.**

Interim City Manager Hatchel requested that the Commission not take action on this item until the next regular meeting of the Commission (October 19, 2015) due to staff bringing two additional items before the Commission at that time.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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INTERIM CITY SECRETARY