

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, November 2, 2015
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission was called to order on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

Mayor Thomas asked Mayor Pro-tem Matt Walker to give the invocation.

1. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-tem Walker

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas

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 rolled with a quorum present to wit:

Russell Thomas	Mayor
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6
Jeremie Salik	Commission Member, Ward 1
Ken Hackney	Commission Member, Ward 3
Brian Holley	Commission Member, Ward 5

The following Commissioner Members were absent:

Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2
Lola Searcy	Commission Member, Ward 4

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	Chauncy Williams
Chief Building Insp	Mark Richardson

1. Citizens Requests for Public Hearing

Mayor Russell 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.

There were no speakers during the Citizens’ Request for Public Hearing period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Thomas called on Mayor Pro-tem Walker. Mayor Pro-tem Walker moved to remove Consent Agenda Item 7C from the Consent Agenda to be acted on as an Item for Individual Consideration. Commission member Hackney seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (5) voted in favor of the motion, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent. Mayor Thomas declared that Consent Agenda Item 7C would be acted on as an Item for Individual Consideration.

Mayor Thomas read the remaining Consent Agenda Items to be considered into the record.

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

5C. Consider an Ordinance on the First Reading to designate Industrial Tax Abatement District #56 (Reinvestment Zone) Sterilite Corporation, Ennis, Texas, and authorize a Tax Abatement Agreement.

6C. Consider an Ordinance on the First Reading to adopt the current Texas Board of Health Rules on “Food Services Sanitation”.

7C. [REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT] Consider an Ordinance on the First Reading to establish a Comprehensive Policy Statement and Program for Economic Development Incentives in the form of a Historic Preservation Grant Program.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker move to approve the Consent Agenda Items with the corrections on the October 19, 2015 meeting minutes correcting item 14 by changing the word Resolution to Item as corrected by the Interim City Secretary and approve Agenda Item 5C on today’s agenda by indicating that this is the second and final reading of an Ordinance designating Industrial Tax Abatement District #56 (Reinvestment Zone) Sterilite Corporation, Ennis, Texas, and authorize a Tax Abatement Agreement and remove Agenda Item 7C from the Consent Agenda. Commission

Member Hackney seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (5) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent. Mayor Thomas declared the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. A Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas from “R-7” Single Family District to “d” Duplex District.

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. Commission Member Salik moved to close the public hearing. Commission Member Hackney seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (5) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent. Mayor Thomas declared the Public Hearing closed.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

7C. Consider an Ordinance on the First Reading to establish a Comprehensive Policy Statement and Program for Economic Development Incentives in the form of a Historic Preservation Grant Program.

Mayor Thomas stated that action being contemplated by the City may have an effect on a business entity or real property in which he had an interest; therefore he would not be participating or voting on this item. Mayor Thomas gave the Interim City Secretary his Affidavit Providing Notice of Potential Conflict of Interest and left the room. 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 Salik moved to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance. Commission Member Holley 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, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent, Mayor Thomas abstain. Mayor Pro-tem Walker declared the Ordinance passed on the First Reading.

9. Consider a Resolution of votes cast to elect Directors for the Ellis Appraisal District for the years 2016-2017.

Mayor Thomas read the item into the record. Mayor Thomas called for a discussion on the item. There being no discussion, Mayor Thomas called for nominations. Commission Member Holley nominated C. T. “Tom” Abram to the Ellis County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mayor Pro-tem Walker seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations on the floor, Mayor Thomas called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand to nominate C. T. “Tom” Abrams as the City of Ennis’ nomination to the Board of Directors for the Ellis Appraisal

District. All members present (5) voted in favor of the nomination by raising their right hand, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent. Mayor Thomas declared that the Commission cast their vote for one candidate.

10. Consider a Resolution awarding the acquisition of one (1) street sweeper to TYMCO, Incorporated

Mayor Thomas read the item into the record. Mayor Thomas called for a discussion on the item. There being no discussion, Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Walker moved to approve the resolution. Commission Member Hackney seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (5) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent. Mayor Thomas declared the item was approved.

11. Consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions

Theresa Snodgrass, Historic Landmark Commission (201 N. Gaines)

Elizabeth Fulton, Historic Landmark Commission (805 N. Dallas)

Joe Fulton, Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals (805 N. Dallas)

Mayor Thomas read the item into the record. Mayor Thomas called for a discussion on the Board Appointments. There being no discussion, Mayor Thomas called for a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Walker moved to appoint Theresa Snodgrass and Elizabeth Fulton to the Historic Landmark Commission and Joe Fulton to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals Board. Commission Member Holley seconded the motion. Mayor Thomas called for all members present to vote by raising their right hand. All members present (5) voted in favor of the motion by raising their right hand, Commission Members Hernandez and Searcy were absent. Mayor Thomas declared the Board Appointments were approved.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTS

12. 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 Holley spoke about his concerns regarding the list of street that he had requested from the Interim City Manager that Freese & Nichols would use for street repair in the City of Ennis 2016 Street Bond Program Candidate Projects. Interim City Manager Hatchel gave each Commissioner a copy of the list that Freese & Nichols was using to prepare the streets in Ennis. Commissioner Holley thanked Marty Nelson, Economic Development Director for his presentation on the revitalization of downtown (Main Street Project).

Mayor Pro-tem Walker thanked Marty Nelson, Economic Development Director for his presentation the revitalization of downtown (Main Street Project). He thanked Chauncy Williams, Director of Health Services and his staff for taking care of a problem in Ward 3. Mayor Pro-tem Walker thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting.

Commission Member Hackney thanked Interim City Manager Hatchel and staff for the possibility of putting sand in some of the volley ball courts.

Commission Member Salik spoke about the drainage problems located at 807 and 805 Country Club.

Mayor Thomas thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY SECRETARY