

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016  
6:02 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thomas called a regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission to order on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Ken Hackney, Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ken Hackney, Jr.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Thomas asked the City Secretary to call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum. City Secretary Angie Wade called the roll with a quorum present to wit:

Russell Thomas	Mayor	
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6	ABSENT
Jeremie Salik	Commission Member, Ward 1	ABSENT
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2	
Ken Hackney	Commission Member, Ward 3	
Lola Searcy	Commission Member, Ward 4	ABSENT (6:55PM)
Brian Holley	Commission Member, Ward 5	

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

City Secretary	Angie Wade
City Attorney	Richard Wilson
Chief of Police	John Erisman
ED Director	Marty Nelson
Chief Building Official	Mark Richardson
Building Inspector	Troy Foreman
Main Street Coordinator	Becky McCarty

**WORK SESSION/BRIEFING**

**Presentations** - Economic Development Director Marty Nelson provided updates regarding:

- Project Leggett and Platt – Phase II; \$4.5 million project; eligible for a 65% 5 year tax abatement
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation – information provided by Francois deKock regarding zoning redesign; implementation of vision; and a professional services contract
- Public Improvement Districts – initiated by property owner or developer additional tax on property goes to a fund which assists with infrastructure costs
- TIRZ Update – Phase II of contract
- Farmers Market Update – given by Becky McCarty; in 3<sup>rd</sup> year; begins April 2, 2016

### **Commissioner Updates**

- Commissioner Hernandez expressed a concern over the condition of the City Parks
- Commissioner Hackney – requested the Commission submit names to him for the Crime Control Prevention District Board
- Commissioner Holley – informed all of the Main Street Board’s support for Items 13 – 15 on the City Commission Agenda
- Mayor Thomas – requested staff add the Crime Control Prevention District Board appointments to the next City Commission Agenda.

### **CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No speakers

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1C. Approval of the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2016.**
- 2C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 903 N. Shawnee Street**
- 3C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 612 W. Linden Street**
- 4C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 900 S. Hall Street**
- 5C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 1907 N. Breckenridge**
- 6C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 1505 Pittsfield Street**

**7C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – E. Decatur Street**

**8C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 704 E. Decatur Street**

**9C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – E. Latimer Street**

**10C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 1210 Daffan**

**11C. Approval of a Resolution approving the sale of certain Real Property acquired at a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale – 1006 W. Brown**

**12C. Approval of an amendment to the City Commission Rules of Procedure Section 3.1, setting 6 PM as the official time for City Commission Regular Meetings.**

Commissioner Holley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hackney, to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 4 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**13. Conduct a first Public Hearing/Reading of an Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance 09-09-04 and various sections of the Zoning Ordinance necessary to allow alcoholic beverage establishments "private clubs" to operate in the National Register Historic Downtown without a food and beverage certificate under the authority of a Specific Use Permit with hours of operation limited to 12:00 A.M. (Monday - Friday) and 1:00 A.M. (Sunday).**

Mayor Thomas read the item and opened the Public Hearing. ED Director Nelson provided a presentation regarding the item. No one spoke. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

**14. Conduct a first Public Hearing/Reading of an Ordinance of the City Commission approving an application for a "PC" Private Club Specific Use Permit at 207 W. Ennis Avenue.**

Mayor Thomas read the item and opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

**15. Conduct a first Public Hearing/Reading of an Ordinance of the City Commission approving a request for a variance to the distance requirements for the sale of alcohol near churches, schools, or hospitals, as provided for in Ordinance 15.06.04, Section 10.31 for 207 W. Ennis Avenue.**

Mayor Thomas read the item and opened the Public Hearing. Buck Marshall, 702 Williamsburg, spoke against the variance request to the distance requirement for the sale of alcohol near churches, schools, or hospitals. Fran McCarthy spoke in favor of the item. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

**16. Conduct a first Public Hearing/Reading of an Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Zoning Ordinance, Section 12-502 (Special Condition for Trailer Parks).**

Mayor Thomas read the item. No one spoke. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

**17. Conduct a first Public Hearing/Reading of an Ordinance of the City Commission approving Project Lionheart, a Type B Economic Development Project, whose purpose is to fund a Downtown Master Plan Phase 2 Contract with MESA + Planning and amending the EEDC FY 2015-2016 budget to provide \$40,000 to fund the project and authorize the EDC President to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the action.**

Mayor Thomas read the item. No one spoke. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

**18. Conduct a second Public Hearing/Reading regarding a Historic Preservation Grant, Type B Economic Development project and Performance Agreement with Katjon Ventures, LLC in an amount of \$15,273.61 to make improvements to the building and property at 120 N. Dallas.**

Mayor Thomas read the item. No one spoke. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**19. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City Commission approving a Type B Economic Development Project and Performance Agreement, by and between the Economic Development Corporation and Katjon Ventures, LLC, to provide a financial incentive of \$15,273.61 for Economic Development purposes located at 120 N. Dallas.**

Mayor Thomas read the item. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hackney. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**20. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City Commission awarding a bid to Ennis Ford for the purchase of three (3) crew cab trucks in the amount of \$74,916.**

Mayor Thomas read the item. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holley. Motion passed, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items for Executive Session

**16. Action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR

