

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016
6:01 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomas called a regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission to order on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present to wit:

Russell Thomas	Mayor	
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6	
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
Brian Holley	Commission Member, Ward 5	

WORK SESSION/BRIEFING

Presentations

- City Manager Scott Dixon introduced Parks director Paul Liska. A Parks update was presented to the Commission to include programs, maintenance, equipment, and sustainability. Citizen input was requested.
- Thurston Simonson and Jason Patak of McKinstry Municipal Solutions gave an overview of the evaluation process.
- City Manager Scott Dixon updated the Commission on the City Hall reconfiguration to include adding Municipal Court to City Hall.
- City Manager Dixon updated the Commission on the completion of a Records Destruction. Over 460 boxes were destroyed.
- An update on the Minnie McDowell Park was given which included costs for a pocket park.
- TX DOT update was given
- Union Pacific update
- Public Improvements District update
- Zoning updates

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Thomas read a proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Members of the Freedom Connections and Forsaken Horsemen groups were present to accept the proclamation.

CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Rusty Grayson, 572 Novy Road – spoke against approving the variance for Finn MacCools
- David Lindauer, 167 Isan Rd – spoke in favor of approving the SUP and variance for Finn MacCools; expressed concerns over trash pick-up requirement
- Buck Marshall, 702 Williamsburg – spoke against approving the SUP and variance for Finn MacCools
- Fran McCarthy, 1208 W. Magnolia Avenue – owner of Finn MacCools, spoke regarding relationship with citizens, in favor of SUP and variance
- Buck Marshall, 702 Williamsburg – offered information regarding the Rhea Marshall concert and video, 101 SW Main

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1C. Approval of the April 04, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 2C. Approval of a Resolution that constitutes notice of the City’s intent to proceed with an inquiry into the transmission and distribution rate charges charged by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.**
- 3C. Approval of 2015 Historic Landmark Tax Exemption applications.**

Commissioner Holley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4. Public Hearing/First Read of an Ordinance to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance from “T” Transitional district to “M2-PD” Heavy Planned Development Manufacturing District for 13.5851 acres of land at 4100 S. I45 for a Leggett & Platt expansion.**

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed

- 5. Public Hearing/Second Read of an Ordinance to designate Tax Abatement District #57 (Reinvestment Zone) Leggett & Platt II, and authorize a Tax Abatement Agreement.**

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance to designate Tax Abatement District #57 (Reinvestment Zone) Leggett & Platt II, and authorize a Tax Abatement Agreement.

Commissioner Hackney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holley, to approve an Ordinance designating Tax Abatement District #57 Leggett & Platt II, and authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

7. Second Read and consideration of approval of an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance from “R-5” Residential District to “C-PD” Commercial Planned Development District so that owner David R. Grayson can develop the land in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holley, to approve an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance from “r-5” Residential District to “C-PD” Commercial Planned Development District. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

8. Second Read and consideration of approval of an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance from “T” Transitional District to “R-1” Residential District so that owner Dane Knott can build a single family home.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hackney, to approve an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance from “T” Transitional District to “R-1” Residential District. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

9. Second read and consideration of an Ordinance approving an application for a Private Club Specific Use Permit at 207 W. Ennis Avenue.

City Manager Dixon updated the Commission on additional regulations placed on the SUP by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Finn MacCool’s manager Robert Holt agreed to the terms of the regulations. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to approve an application for a Private Club Specific Use Permit at 207. Ennis Avenue. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

10. Second read and consideration of an Ordinance approving a Variance to the distance requirement for the sale of alcohol near churches, schools, or hospitals as provided for in Ordinance No. 15.06.04.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to approve a Variance to the distance requirement for the sale of alcohol near churches, schools, or hospitals. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

11. Discuss and consider the appointment of a Commission member to the Parks Board.

Item was postponed until after the General Election.

12. Discuss and consider a Resolution approving the acquisition of Right of Way (ROW) to support Project Firebird (Sterlite). The ROW acquisition is required for the construction of an industrial road to the new development site. The acquisition will be funded using previously appropriated funds in the EEDC FY 15-16 Budget "Property Acquisition (Project Firebird)" and authorize the President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.

Commissioner Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to approve the acquisition of Right of Way (ROW) to support Project Firebird (Sterlite). A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

13. Discuss and consider approval of a Public Facilities Use Permit for a Street Closure submitted by Ennis ISD for May 14, 2016.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holley, to approve a Public Facilities Use Permit for a street closure submitted by Ennis ISD for May 14, 2016. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

14. Discuss and consider award of a Construction Contract for Texas Capital Fund #7215152 for Infrastructure Sewer and Water Improvements.

Commissioner Hackney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to award a construction contract for Texas Capital Fund #7215152 for Infrastructure Sewer and Water Improvements to Dowager Utility Construction Ltd. In the amount of \$397,195. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT


With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MAYOR