

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Juenemann called a regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission to order on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 6:03 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of Ennis City Hall, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Dr. Weir.

Mayor Juenemann led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present to wit:

Angie Juenemann	Mayor	
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6	
Rowdy Pruitt	Commission Member, Ward 1	
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2	
Scott Hejny	Commission Member, Ward 3	
Lola Searcy	Commission Member, Ward 4	arrived at 6:33 P.M.
Bill Honza	Commission Member, Ward 5	

WORK SESSION/BRIEFING

• **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. City Manager Scott Dixon reported regarding increased mosquito spraying due to positive tests; increased public information on mosquito prevention; library presentation on August 23rd for the Summer Reading Program; economic development for Ennis on the rise; SAFER grant award for Fire Department; walking trail completed; and City courts moved to City Hall.

• **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Employee Health Insurance – City Manager Scott Dixon informed the Commission that the Stop/Loss quote had been received and that a meeting with Frost is scheduled for tomorrow. A plan will be in place by October 1.
- b. Budget – Mr. Dixon informed the commission that they will be seeing a new format for the presentation of the budget. A schedule for budget approval was also presented.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

No updates

CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- David Hopkins, 1302 Mount Vernon, spoke regarding the excellent service provided by the staff of the City's sanitation services and against privatizing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Juenemann read the Consent Agenda Items to be considered into the record. Consent Item 2C was removed for Individual Consideration.

1C. Approval of the July 18, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes.

3C. Approval of a Resolution awarding a contract for Phase I improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hejny, to approve items 1C and 3C of the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Conduct a public hearing and a first reading of an Ordinance to consider changing the existing zoning classification from R-10 Residential District to A3 High Density Residential District on a 6.77-acre tract of land in the Thomas Haven Survey, abstract number 489, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas.

Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. Todd Winter with Engineering Concepts addressed the Commission regarding the request; has been approved by Planning and Zoning Commission. With no further comment from the public, Mayor Juenemann closed the public hearing.

5. Conduct a public hearing and second reading to approve "Project Serenity", authorize the EEDC to acquire property necessary to implement the Downtown Master Plan, approve the use of funds appropriated in the EDC FY16 Budget "Land Acquisition (Project Firebird)", to provide \$570,000 plus closing costs to fund the acquisition of 201 NW Main and authorize the EEDC President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.

Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed.

6. Conduct a public hearing and second reading to consider an Ordinance approving an Economic Development Policy regarding Chapter 311, Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed.

7. Conduct a public hearing and first reading to consider an Ordinance approving the City of Ennis Economic Development Corporation Budget fiscal year 2016 – 2017 Budget. Mayor Juenemann read the item and opened the public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2C. Approval of a Resolution awarding a contract for mowing City owned properties. Mayor Juenemann read the item. City Manager Scott Dixon addressed the Commission stating that the cost for using multiple vendors rather than contracting with one vendor would be minimal and could be an option for the Commission to consider. Commissioner Pruitt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to contract mowing services for city property for an amount not to exceed \$240,000. A vote was cast. 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

8. Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, TX establishing a Comprehensive Policy Statement and conditions under which the Ennis City Commission will consider construction and funding of Public Improvements in a Reinvestment Zone in accordance with Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, Tax Increment Financing; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve an Ordinance establishing a Comprehensive Policy Statement and conditions under which the Ennis City Commission will consider construction and funding of public improvements in a Reinvestment Zone in accordance with Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, Tax Increment Financing. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

9. Discuss and Consider an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, TX authorizing and approving the Ennis Economic Development Corporation FY16-17 Budget.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to approve an Ordinance authorizing and approving the Ennis Economic Development Corporation FY 16-17 Budget. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

10. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas to provide Notice of Intent to create a Tax Reinvestment Zone named “Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 1, Ennis, Texas”; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hejny, to approve a Resolution providing Notice of Intent to create a Tax Reinvestment Zone named “Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Number 1, Ennis, Texas. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

11. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas authorizing the Economic Development Corporation to acquire a certain property necessary to support the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan, approve the use of

funds appropriated in the FY16 EEDC Budget “Land Acquisition (Project Firebird)” to provide \$570,000 plus closing costs to fund the acquisition 201 NW Main, and authorize the EEDC President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve a Resolution authorizing the EEDC to acquire a certain property necessary to support the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan, approve the use of funds appropriated in the FY6 EEDC Budget “Land Acquisition (Project Firebird)” to provide \$570,000 plus closing costs to fund the acquisition of 201 NW Main, and authorize the EEDC President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

12. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas proposing an ad valorem tax rate and declaring dates for public hearings and consideration of an ordinance setting the ad valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Honza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve a Resolution proposing an ad valorem tax rate of no more than \$0.669 per \$100 of net taxable value and declaring dates for public hearings. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

13. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Petty and Associates to create Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 (TIRZ#2); providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Petty and Associates to create Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 (TIRZ #2). A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

14. Discuss and consider directing the City Manager to provide a Notice of Interest to the Texas Department of Transportation of the City’s participation in an airport improvement project to address pavement safety concerns at the Ennis Municipal Airport.

Mayor Juenemann read the item. Commissioner Honza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hejny, to direct the City Manager to provide a Notice of Interest to the Texas Department of Transportation of the City’s participation in an airport improvement project to address pavement safety concerns at the Ennis Municipal Airport. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

15. Discuss and consider making appointments/reappointments to the City of Ennis Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Juenemann read the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hejny to reappoint Jake Holland, Jeff Low, Joyce Plasek, and Bill Vitovsky to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two-year term to expire August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to reappoint Raymond Caldwell, Jon Paul Honza, Lynda Isbell, and Rowdy Pruitt to the Building Standards Board for a two-year term to expire August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

Commission Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commission Pruitt, to reappoint Chuck Allen, Drew Anderson, Reverend Jasper Hughes, Bradley Tyner, Marty Donet, Becky Herrera, and Joe Fulton to the Board of Adjustments for a two-year term to expire August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to reappoint Elizabeth Fulton, Juliana Gilmore, Ross Massengill, Carol Hightower, and Dennis Zembala to the Historic Landmark Commission for a two-year term to expire August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Juenemann declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MAYOR

