

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Walker called a regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission to order on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 6:04 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 Commissioner Bill Honza

Mayor Pro Tem Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present to wit:

Angie Juenemann	Mayor	absent
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6	
Rowdy Pruitt	Commission Member, Ward 1	
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2	absent
Scott Hejny	Commission Member, Ward 3	
Lola Searcy	Commission Member, Ward 4	arrived at 6:15 p.m.
Bill Honza	Commission Member, Ward 5	

PRESENTATIONS

- West Nile Virus/Mosquito – City Manager Scott Dixon reported to the Commission on the continued spraying for mosquitos in response to the rise in positive West Nile Virus samples in Ennis. Ellis County also reported 1 case of the Zika Virus.
- Library Presentation – Mr. Dixon presented photos and statistics supporting the success of the Ennis Public Library Summer Reading Program for 2016. Students read a combined 273,105 minutes during the 8-week program, which was recognized as one of the top library summer reading programs in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.
- FY Budget and Employee Health Insurance – City Manager Dixon briefed the Commission on employee health insurance and benefits stating that the top three issues are caring for the employee, providing a good health care plan, and offering market pay.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- Commissioner Pruitt stated that the Citizens Against the High Speed Rail will meet at the Ennis Public Library on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

- Commissioner Hejny reported for the Main Street Board stating that the Hotel Motel Tax collections were a record high for the 2nd quarter of 2016; he also stated that the Charter Review Committee had completed their study of the Charter and that the election was scheduled.

CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- David Cox, 1304 Williamsburg, spoke regarding the Disc Golf and thanked staff and the Commission for doing a good job on get the course ready for play.
- Jerold Nichols, 3010 Troon Rd, spoke regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission and informed the Commission that long time Board member Joyce Plasek had resigned. Mr. Nichols made a recommendation to the Commission to appoint Lynda Isbell to replace Ms. Plasek.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the Consent Agenda Items to be considered into the record.

1C. Approval of the August 15, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve item 1C of the Consent Agenda. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Conduct a Public Hearing and a second reading of an Ordinance to consider changing the existing zoning classification from R-10 Residential District to A-3 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 Pro Tem Walker read the item and opened the public hearing. With no comment from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Walker closed the public hearing.

3. Conduct a Public Hearing and a first reading of an Ordinance for the City of Ennis FY 2016-2017 Proposed Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item and opened the public hearing. With no comment from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Walker closed the public hearing.

4. Conduct a second public hearing and a first reading on the City of Ennis FY16/17 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item and opened the public hearing. With no comment from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Walker closed the public hearing.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Zoning, and the Zoning map to change the existing zoning classification from

R-10 Residential District to A-3 High Density Residential District, Exhibit A, on 6.377 acre tract of land in the Thomas Haven Survey, abstract no. 489 City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of a called 16.681 acre tract of land (Tract III) described in deed to Olsen Ellsworth/Brown Properties, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commission Pruitt, to approve the Ordinance changing the existing zoning classification from R-10 Residential District to A-3 High Density Residential District, Exhibit A, on 6.377 acre tract of land in the Thomas Haven Survey. A vote was cast, 5 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

6. Discuss and consider approving a preliminary plat for III Cardinals edition.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. The Commission was reminded that this was preliminary and that current drainage issues were being addressed. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to approve the preliminary plat for III Cardinals edition. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

7. Consider appointments to the Crime Control Prevention District Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. No action was taken

8. Consider appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. Commissioner Honza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruitt, to appoint Lynda Isbell to the Planning and Zoning Commission to a term expiring on August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

9. Consider appointments/reappointments to the Ennis Arts Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to appoint LaSandra Smith to a term expiring February 1, 2017 and to reappoint Michelle Beard, Shawn Davis, Nora Puckett and Jina Armstrong to the Arts Commission for terms expiring February 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against.

10. Consider appointments/reappointments to the Museum Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to reappoint Neal Blackstone, Darrell Hooper, Jim Grant, Dwain Culpepper, and Robert Sanders to the Museum Board for terms expiring August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

11. Consider appointments/reappointments to the Parks Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the item. Commissioner Hejny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Honza, to reappoint Walter Beasley, Michael Sibley, and Greg Vineyard to the Park Board for terms expiring August 1, 2018. A vote was cast, 6 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Juenemann declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MAYOR