

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 4, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2013, in the City Commission Chamber of the Ennis City Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Frazier, Taylor, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Howerton, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, and City Secretary Batchler.

Commissioners Salik and Haupt were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Frazier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

ROLL CALL to determine the presence of a quorum: The City Secretary called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTES of the February 18, 2013, workshop were approved on a motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the February 18, 2013, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Searcy and seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.0781 ACRES (ALL PORTIONS OF SAID TRACT NOT CURRENTLY IN CORPORATE LIMITS) OF LAND IN PART OF THE R.R. JACKSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO 550, RECORDED IN VOLUME 991, PAGE 177 OF THE DEED OF RECORDS OF ELLIS COUNTY, AND KNOWN AS 196 LANEVIEW ROAD, ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. P&Z CASE #13.01.01. At 7:01p.m., the Mayor opened the fourth public hearing. The City Manager stated that this is the fourth in a series of four public hearings on the annexation. The public hearing notices have been published. The first hearing was held on February 4, 2013, and the second was held on February 18, 2013 by the City Commission. The third public hearing was held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 25, 2013 and the final is being held tonight, March 4, 2013 by the City Commission. The City of Ennis has provided an annexation service plan, notified property owners and published notices as required by state law. The property owner request annexation in order to receive water service from the City of Ennis. Staff recommends annexation.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 13-03-01 PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.0781 ACRES OF LAND (LOCATED AT 196 LANEVIEW ROAD); caption of which is as follows:

ORDINANCE 13-03-01

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.0781 ACRES OF LAND (LOCATED AT 196 LANEVIEW ROAD), AS DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT "A" HEREAFTER ATTACHED, (ALL PORTIONS OF SAID TRACT NOT CURRENTLY IN CORPORATE LIMITS), WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS.

Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt the ordinance granting the annexation on the first of two readings, seconded by Commissioner Frazier. Taken under public comment and having none, Mayor Thomas requested the vote. Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Frazier, Taylor, Searcy, and Holley voted AYE. The ordinance passed on the first reading.

At 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Searcy moved to close the public hearing and Commissioner Taylor seconded. All members present voted AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

CHARGE OFF OF DELINQUENT UTILITY AND AMBULANCE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. City Manager Howerton recommended that \$11,491.31 in delinquent utility accounts be charged off and turned over for collection by the City Attorney. There were no ambulance accounts to be considered. Commissioner Frazier moved to charge off the delinquent utility accounts for collection by the Office of the City Attorney. Commissioner Holley seconded and the members present voted AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: The was no action taken.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE: Commission Searcy commented about the excessive speed used by drivers on Crisp Pike Road. She stated that she

had observed police officers in the area and that things were better, however, there remains a speeding problem in the area.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

