

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Haupt, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Howerton, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, and the News Media. Commissioner Frazier was not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Searcy

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 November 18, 2013, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy, seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the November 18, 2013 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the November 25, 2013 special workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE.

BID AWARDS

“E 14-03” TWO (2) ¾ TON CREW CAB PICK-UP TRUCKS. Three (3) bids were received as follows: Ennis Ford Unit Price Bid \$22,354.82, Total Bid Two Units \$44,709.64, Delivery Time 90 Days, No Exceptions. Caldwell Country Unit Price Bid \$22,355.00, Total Bid Two Units \$44,710.00, Delivery Time 90 Days, No Exceptions. Sam Pack Ford Unit Price Bid \$22,492.00, Total Bid Two Units \$44,984.00, Delivery Time 100 Days, No Exceptions. City Staff recommended award to the low qualified bidder Ennis Ford in the amount of \$44,709.64. Commissioner Searcy moved to award the bid to Ennis Ford in the amount of \$44,709.64 and Commissioner Haupt seconded with all members in attendance voting AYE.

“E 14-04” ONE BACKHOE, 24 INCH BUCKET AND “E 14-05” ONE ZERO TURN RADIUS MOWER. City Staff recommended the aforementioned equipment be purchased through BuyBoard a Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. The following bids were

received: “E 14-04” Backhoe, 24 Inch Bucket purchase cost \$79,900.00 and “E 14-05” Zero Turn Radius Mower purchase cost \$8,856.21. Commissioner Salik moved to purchase the backhoe and mower through Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing and Commissioner Holley seconded with all members in attendance voting AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:03 Mayor Thomas opened the public hearings on Ordinance 13-12-01 and Ordinance 13-12-02.

ORDINANCE 13-12-01 AMENDING CHAPTER 8.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENNIS BY ADDING SUBSECTION (d) FOLLOWING SUBSECTION 8.5-7 (c)(3) TO PROVIDE A SEVEN (7) YEAR, ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT CITY TAX REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS HAVING A DOCUMENTED VALUE WHICH EXCEEDS \$15,000.00 AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION. Mayor Thomas asked for public comment on Ordinance 13-12-01 and there was none.

ORDINANCE 13-12-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 8.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENNIS BY ADDING SECTION 8.5-13 FOLLOWING SECTION 8.5-12 TO PROVIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS HAVING A DOCUMENTED VALUE WHICH EXCEEDS \$15,000.00 AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISHING APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES, ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISH COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR RECAPTURE BY THE CITY OF ENNIS IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION. Mayor Thomas asked for public comment and the following citizens spoke as proponents of Ordinance 13-12-02 providing for historic preservation grants for major historic preservation projects as cited in the Ordinance: Amanda Moreno, Jim Lake, Dr. John Sullivan, Carl Sellers, Angie Juenemann, Brice Anderson, Jim Templin, Jim Grant, and Sandy Anderson.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO 13-12-01 AMENDING CHAPTER 8.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENNIS BY ADDING SUBSECTION (d) FOLLOWING SUBSECTION 8.5-7 (c) (3) TO PROVIDE A SEVEN (7) YEAR, ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT CITY TAX REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS HAVING A DOCUMENTED VALUE WHICH EXCEEDS \$15,000.00 AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

DISTRICT, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION;
caption of which follows:

ORDINANCE 13-12-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, BY ADDING SUBSECTION (d) FOLLOWING SUBSECTION 8.5-7 (c)(3) TO PROVIDE A SEVEN (7) YEAR, ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT CITY TAX REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS HAVING A DOCUMENTED VALUE WHICH EXCEEDS \$15,000.00 AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

Commissioner Haupt moved to Pass, Adopt and Approve on First Reading Ordinance 13-12-01. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 13-12-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 8.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENNIS BY ADDING SECTION 8.5-13 FOLLOWING SECTION 8.5-12 TO PROVIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS HAVING A DOCUMENTED VALUE WHICH EXCEEDS \$15,000.00 AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISHING APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES, ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR RECAPTURE BY THE CITY OF ENNIS IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, caption of which follows:

ORDINANCE 13-12-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, BY ADDING SECTION 8.5-13 FOLLOWING SECTION 8.5-12 TO PROVIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS HAVING A DOCUMENTED VALUE WHICH EXCEEDS \$15,000.00 AND WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR RECAPTURE BY THE CITY OF ENNIS IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

Commissioner Haupt moved to Pass, Adopt, and Approve with a correction to final paragraph on page 2 of Ordinance 13-12-02, place comma after the word collapse. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

Commissioner Searcy moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. and Commissioner Walker seconded with all members in attendance voting AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 13-12-03 RECOGNIZING CITY MANAGER FOR 32 ½ YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Thomas presented Resolution 13-12-03 to outgoing City Manager Steve Howerton recognizing Mr. Howerton's thirty-two and one-half (32 ½) years of dedicated service to the City and Citizens of Ennis, Texas; commending Mr. Howerton for his service and memorializing certain accomplishments. Under Steve Howerton's leadership, the City of Ennis has induced the recruitment of 28 industries and the expansion of 23 industries, all in combination creating capital investment of more than \$660 million and more than 3,540 new jobs. Steve Howerton has managed the City of Ennis with extraordinary vision, leadership and skill and in so doing has dramatically improved the quality of life for all Citizens in our community with tangible achievements such as job creation, tax base expansion, numerous projects improving the recreational, educational, literary and cultural facilities and programs available to Citizens, and significant public works improvements that have ensured the health, safety and well-being of all our Citizens. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 13-12-03 and Commissioner Walker seconded with all members in attendance voting AYE.

CHARGE OFF OF DELINQUENT UTILITY AND AMBULANCE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Commissioner Haupt moved to charge off \$14,674.80 in delinquent utility accounts and turn collection of the delinquent accounts over to the City Attorney. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. (no ambulance accounts were charged off at this time)

OLD BUSINESS

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

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, and Haupt thanked Mr. Howerton for his years of dedicated service to the City. Commissioner Walker congratulated Mr. Howerton on his forthcoming retirement. Commissioner Searcy said "Thank you so much for all that you have done for us." Commissioner Holley expressed his heartfelt congratulations and thanked Mr. Howerton for his years of service.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

