

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2014, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, Interim City Manager Hatchel, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Health Services Williams, Director of Economic Development Nelson, Fire Marshal Howell, Fire Chief Aycock, Chief Building Official Richardson, Police Lieutenant Anthony, and News Media.

Commissioner Haupt was not present.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Walker

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 January 21, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy, seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the January 21, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the January 22, 2014, special 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 January 23, 2014, special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley and seconded by Commissioner Searcy with all members present voting AYE.

ISO FIRE RATING PRESENTATION

Texas State Fire Marshal Jessie Williams presented to Mayor Thomas a plaque designating the City of Ennis' Official ISO/PPC rating of Class 2.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:09 Mayor Thomas opened the public hearings.

ORDINANCE 14-02-01 OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER AN ABANDONMENT PLAT FOR AN UNIMPROVED EAST-WEST ALLEY, APPROXIMATELY 338 FEET LONG BY 15 FEET WIDE AND APPROXIMATELY 0.1156 ACRES IN SIZE AND IN THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, A PART OF THE H. H. SWISHER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 955, AND BEING AN ALLEY IN SPENCER LOTS, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN CABINET A, SLIDE 216, OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF ELLIS COUNTY AND ALSO BEING PART OF THAT 8.89 ACRE TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO SCOT RAMSEY, 1200 NESUDA ROAD. REQUESTED BY SCOT L. & CYNTHIA B. RAMSEY. REPRESENTED BY SCOT L. & CYNTHIA B. RAMSEY OF 1200 NESUDA ROAD. P&Z CASE #14.01.01

Chief Building Official Richardson presented Scot L. and Cynthia B. Ramsey's request for the abandonment of the alley. Six notices were mailed out. One (1) was returned with "FOR" votes prior to the deadline. There were Zero (0) "Against" votes filed and Zero (0) "Against & Legal Protest" filed before the deadline. After required public hearing notices were placed in the newspaper, the Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 27, 2014, and approved the alley abandonment. Mayor Thomas requested public comment. Scot L. Ramsey comments were in favor of the abandonment.

ORDINANCE 14-02-02 AUTHORIZING A GENERAL REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS NUMBER ONE (1), THREE (3) AND FIVE (5) BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; DESIGNATING THE VOTING PLACES, AUTHORIZING THE JOINT USE OF THE DESIGNATED VOTING PLACES WITH THE ENNIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT; APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION, ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR ELECTION WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; ESTABLISHING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE; ESTABLISHING THE EXTENDING VOTING HOURS IN THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor requested public comment on the Ordinance authorizing the May 10<sup>th</sup> regular election and there was none.

At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Salik moved to close the public hearings. Commissioner Frazier seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

#### FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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Commissioner Holley moved to approve Ordinance 14.02.01 granting the abandonment of the alley to Scot L. and Cynthia B. Ramsey. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on first reading.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 14-02-02 AUTHORIZING A GENERAL REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2014 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS NUMBER ONE (1), THREE (3) AND FIVE (5) BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; DESIGNATING THE VOTING PLACES, AUTHORIZING THE JOINT USE OF THE DESIGNATED VOTING PLACES WITH THE ENNIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT; APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF SAID ELECTION, ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR ELECTION WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; ESTABLISHING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE; ESTABLISHING THE EXTENDING VOTING HOURS IN THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Frazier moved to PASS, APPROVE AND ADOPT on first reading Ordinance 14-02-02 authorizing the general regular election to be held May 10, 2014 to elect a Mayor and Commissioners to Place 1, Place 3, and Place 5. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

#### NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 14.02.03 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS LENDING ITS SUPPORT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FARMERS MARKET IN THE ENNIS DOWNTOWN AREA.

Commissioner Salik moved to adopt Resolution 14.02.03 lending support to the establishment of a Farmers Market in the Ennis Downtown Area. Commissioner Walker seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

MINUTE ENTRY BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS APPROVING THE FARMERS MARKET GUIDELINES

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the City of Ennis Farmers Market Guidelines dated January 2014 outlining policies, procedures and permits. Commissioner Searcy seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED AT A DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE SALE HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2013, IN CAUSE NO. 19,318-TX, ENNIS ISD VS. CYNTHIA D. JONES, 408 E. LOGGINS ST., ENNIS, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEED OF SALE.

(Nextlots, Now LLC resale bid of \$1,350.00. Taxes due city \$1,557.66. City's portion of bid amount is \$168.99 resulting in a tax loss of \$1,388.67.) Objective is to place property back on tax role.

Commissioner Salik moved to approve Resolution 14.02.04 accepting the resale bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign the deed of sale. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED AT A DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE SALE HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010, IN CAUSE NO. 17,303-TX, ENNIS ISD VS. JILES BROWN, 1207 N. KAUFMAN, ENNIS, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEED OF SALE.

(Nextlots, Now LLC bid \$2,000.00. Taxes due city \$1121.80. City's portion of the bid is \$199.29 for a tax loss of \$1,044.11.) Objective is to place property back on tax role.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve Resolution 14.02.05 accepting the resale bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign the deed of sale. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION 14-02-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED AT A DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE SALE HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2013, IN CAUSE NO. 18,584-TX, ENNIS ISD VS. ANNIE LEE WATSON, W. MILAM ST., ENNIS, TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEED OF SALE.

(Nextlots, Now LLC bid \$2,500.00. Taxes due city \$1393.32. City's portion of the bid is \$349.21 for a tax loss of \$1,044.11.) Objective is to place property back on tax role.

Commissioner Salik moved to approve Resolution 14.02.06 accepting the resale bid and authorizing the Mayor to sign the deed of sale. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION – 213 N. DALLAS Ellis County Newspapers for 213 North Dallas Street, Ennis, Texas. Repair work including replacing 35 feet of concrete block wall and asbestos survey. Project Cost: \$16,000 Grant Requested: \$800 (5%) Staff recommended preliminary approval.

Commissioner Salik moved to grant preliminary approval for the grant on the property located at 213 N. Dallas Street. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION – 207 W. ENNIS AVENUE MW Emporium, LLC, 207 West. Ennis Avenue., Ennis, Texas. Project is a complete renovation of the property. (May 2013 Tornado Damage) Project Cost: \$125,075 Grant Requested: \$37,522.50 (30%) Staff recommended preliminary approval.

Commissioner Salik move to grant preliminary approval for the grant on the property located at 207 W. Ennis Avenue. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION – 101 S. DALLAS MW Emporium, LLC, 101 South Dallas Street, Ennis, Texas. Project is a complete renovation of the property. (May 2013 Tornado

Damage) Project Cost: \$421,189 Grant Requested: \$126,356.70 (30%) Staff recommended preliminary approval.

Commissioner Searcy moved to grant preliminary approval of the grant on the property located at 101 South Dallas Street. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

### OLD BUSINESS

### APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Thomas presented proposed Arts Commission appointments as requested by the Director of Tourism Rokas as follow:

#### ARTS COMMISSION

Fran Anderson  
Janet Rose  
Mike Hall  
Shawn Davis  
Angie Juenemann

Commissioner Holley moved to appoint the members as requested and Commissioner Salik seconded. All members in attendance voted AYE.

### REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Searcy said she is very excited about the Farmers Market, all the Historic Preservation Projects and everything going on downtown. Commissioner Walker thanked Chief Aycock and Fire Marshal Howell for their hard work in lowering the City's ISO Rating. Commissioner Salik thanked everyone for their attendance. Mayor Thomas stated he enjoyed the presentations from the staff and said it was a great addition to the city commission meetings.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

