

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 17, 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, Haupt, Walker, and Searcy, Interim City Manager Hatchel, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, Chief Aycock, Fire Marshal Howell, Captain Cochran, Chief Building Official Richardson, Inspector Wall, City Secretary Batchler, Charles Ewings and News Media.

Commissioner Holley 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 February 3, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the February 3, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the February 6, 2014, special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the February 10, 2014, special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE.

SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

SECOND READING OF 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

Interim City Manager Hatchel stated that there have been no changes since the last meeting. 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.

Commissioner Salik moved to approve Ordinance No. 14.02.01 granting the abandonment of the alley to Scot L. and Cynthia B. Ramsey. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on first reading February 3, 2014, and second reading February 17, 2014.

SECOND 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 approve Ordinance No. 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 Haupt seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on first reading February 3, 2014, and second reading February 17, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC FACILITIES USE PERMIT 2014 BLUEBONNET TRAILS FESTIVAL

The Ennis Garden Club has submitted application for a Public Facilities Use Permit for 2014 Bluebonnet Trails Festival street closure for the period of April 11, 2014 –April 13, 2014. The Festival to be held 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 12th and April 13th. Street closures: NW Main St. (from W. Ennis Ave. to W. Baylor Street) West Knox Street (from NW Main to Mc Kinney Street), and N. Dallas Street (from W. Ennis Avenue to West Baylor Street) Closure of all alleys, sidewalks on NW Main (W. Ennis Avenue to W. Baylor Street and on W. Knox Street) and all parking spaces on NW Main (from W. Ennis Avenue to W. Baylor) and North Pierce Park, and sidewalk and parking spaces on N. Dallas Street. (from W. Ennis Avenue to W. Baylor Street). Closure of North Pierce Park. Street closures would begin Friday, April 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and end Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Additionally the Ennis

Garden Club request street closures on Saturday, April 12, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for W. Baylor (from NE Main at underpass to NW Main) and NW Main (between W. Baylor Street and Belknap Street). Liability insurance naming the City of Ennis has been provided.

Commissioner Haupt moved to grant the Public Facilities Use Permit to the Ennis Garden Club as requested. Commissioner Salik seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

PUBLIC FACILITIES USE PERMIT 2014 POLKAFEST WALK/RUN

The Ennis Rotary Club has submitted application for a Public Facilities Use Permit for the date May 24, 2014, for the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the 2014 Polkafest Walk/Run. The Rotary Club has submitted the liability insurance naming the City the insured. The requested route is attached.

Commissioner Walker moved to grant the Public Facilities Use Permit to the Ennis Rotary Club. Commissioner Salik seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-07 DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES OF CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, CONTRACT NUMBER 713227. The resolution authorizes the appointment of the Mayor, City Secretary, and City Manager as signatories and authorized to execute documents for requesting funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture/CDBG Grant. The grant award was \$150,873.00 as reimbursement for debris removal following the Ennis Tornado. Receipt of funds will reimburse the budget for expenses incurred during the removal project.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass and Approve Resolution No. 14-02-07 and Commissioner Salik seconded. All members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-08 BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS AUTHORIZING MAYOR RUSSELL THOMAS ON BEHALF OF THE ENNIS CITY COMMISSION TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS AND CHARLES R. EWINGS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER.

Commissioner Salik moved to Pass and Approve Resolution No. 14-02-07 authorizing the Mayor to execute an employment agreement with Charles R. Ewings for the position of City Manager. Commissioner Haupt seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

Charles R. Ewing addressed the Commission and thanked them.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Searcy asked Chief Erisman to monitor the traffic on Crisp Pike Road. Commissioner Walker thanked everyone for their hard work and the preparation that was done in the search for a city manager. We are glad that you (Mr. Ewings) are here. We look forward to working with you. Commissioner Haupt said we look forward to working with you (Mr. Ewings) and moving forward. Commissioners Frazier and Salik and Mayor Thomas echoed all that had been said expressing a thank you for all the dedicated hard work that went into the process of searching for a city manager.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

