

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 3, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 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 Frazier, Haupt, Walker, and Holley, Interim City Manager Hatchel, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, Lieutenant David Anthony, Economic Development Director Nelson, Director of Health Services Williams, City Secretary Batchler, and News Media.

Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Holley

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 17, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the February 17, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 84-11-01 AND ORDINANCE NO. 00-1-3 BY ADOPTING THE DEFINITION OF A FARMERS MARKET, BY EXTENDING THE DURATION OF A TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT, ESTABLISHING A PERMIT FEE FOR FARMERS MARKET VENDORS, ALLOWING FOOD SAMPLES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS IN HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, PROVIDING FOR FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM, AND, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Prior to opening of the public hearing, Director of Economic Development Nelson and Director of Health Services Williams gave a brief overview of Ordinance 14-03-02 amending the existing ordinances regarding food establishments. With the recent creation of a Farmers Market program and legislative changes that have occurred, staff recommended amending the existing ordinances.

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing and requested comment. There was none. Commissioner Frazier moved to close the public hearing and Commissioner Haupt seconded. All members in attendance voted AYE.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 14-03-01

AN ORDINANCE CONSIDERING ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$6,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF “CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2014”; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO SAID CERTIFICATES; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

Mark McLiney with Southwest Securities Group presented the bid information. There were seven bidders. Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc., Red Bank with a TIC of 3.032519 was awarded the bid.

Commissioner Haupt moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 14-03-01 on first reading in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 1201, Section 1201.002(3) and Section 1201.028 (Single meeting of Governing Body sufficient. Notwithstanding any other law, including a provision in a municipal charter, a public security authorization action taken at a meeting of the governing body of an issuer are effective immediately and a subsequent meeting is not required.) regarding the issuance of \$6,000,000 in Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014 to fund the 2014 Street Bond Program. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

ORDINANCE 14-03-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 84-11-01 AND ORDINANCE NO. 00-1-3 BY ADOPTING THE DEFINITION OF A FARMERS MARKET, BY EXTENDING THE DURATION OF A TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT, ESTABLISHING A PERMIT FEE FOR FARMERS MARKET VENDORS, ALLOWING FOOD SAMPLES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS IN HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, PROVIDING FOR FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAM, AND, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Walker moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on First Reading Ordinance 14-03-02 amending Ordinances 84-11-01 and 00-1-3, adopting the definition of a Farmers Market, extending the

duration of a temporary food establishment permit, establish a permit fee for Farmers Market vendors, allowing food samples, providing food safety training. Commissioner Frazier seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 14-03-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING MAYOR RUSSELL THOMAS, ON BEHALF OF THE ENNIS CITY COMMISSION, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000, WITH DENNIS M. ZEMBALA, PhD, TO DEVELOP THE DATA AND COMPLETE A 2015 TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S TEXAS MAIN STREET APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt Resolution 14-03-03 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Dennis M. Zembala to file the 2015 Texas Historical Commission's Texas Main Street application on behalf of the City of Ennis. Commissioner Haupt seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION 14-03-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CREDIT FOR CITY PROPERTY TAXES PAID BY LIFE POINT HOSPITALS, INC. (THE ENNIS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER) FOR YEAR 2013.

Commissioner Haupt moved to adopt Resolution 14-03-04 authorizing approval and payment of the Community Involvement Credit to Life Point Hospitals, Inc. (The Ennis Regional Medical Center) in the amount of \$56,564.77 for the tax year 2013. Commissioner Frazier seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS AND THE ENNIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ELECTION FACILITIES.

Commissioner Holley moved to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with the Ennis Independent School District to share polling places during Election Day May 10, 2014. Commissioner Walker seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION – FINAL APPROVAL -213 N. DALLAS

Commissioner Walker moved to grant the final approval on the Historic Preservation Grant on 213 N. Dallas Street. Commissioner Haupt seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

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

Commissioner Frazier moved to charge off \$11,332.68 in delinquent utilities accounts for the period ending 3-1-14 and turn over to the City Attorney for collection. Commissioner Haupt seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Holley extended to the Director of Economic Development Nelson and the Director of Health Services Williams accolades for their outstanding work in preparing for the Farmers Market. Commissioner Walker thanked the EFD, EPD and city employees for their work during the ice storm. Commissioner Haupt inquired about the containers for recycling. Interim City Manager stated that there are plans to expand the opportunity to recycle by offering sign up and bag pick up at the library.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

