

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 17, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 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, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, Interim City Manager Hatchel, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, ED Coordinator Nelson, City Secretary Batchler, and News Media.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Salik

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

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 14-03-05

ORDINANCE 14-03-05 DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL CITY ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS PLACE 1 AND PLACE 5 ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER PLACE 1 AND PLACE 5; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Secretary certified to the City Commission that the candidate for Mayor, Russell R. Thomas, candidate for Commissioner Place 1, Jeremie Salik, and candidate for Commissioner Place 3, Brian Holley are unopposed. Under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the City Commission to declare the candidates elected to office and to cancel the election. Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on first reading Ordinance 14-03-05 declaring the candidates for Mayor, Commissioner Place 1 and Place 5

elected and the May 10, 2014 election for these positions canceled. Commissioner Haupt seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

SECOND READING

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.

The City Manager stated that no changes to Ordinance 14-03-02 had been made since the first reading. Commissioner Salik moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on Second and Final Reading of 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, establishing a permit fee for Farmers Market vendors, allowing food samples, providing food safety training. Commissioner Walker seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2013 HISTORIC REINVESTMENT TAX REFUNDS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 89-04-06 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 94-02-01.

The ED Coordinator recommended the reimbursement of City taxes paid of \$19,433.00 to offset eligible reinvestment expenses of 70,272.00 to maintain the condition of the thirty-nine (39) historic properties in the 2013 Historic Reinvestment Tax Refund Program. Commissioner Walker moved to approve the 2013 Historic Reinvestment Tax Refunds. Commissioner Salik seconded the motion and the members in attendance voted AYE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION – FINAL APPROVAL -101 S. DALLAS

Commissioner Salik moved to grant final approval and disbursement of funds on the Historic Preservation Grant for 101 S. Dallas Street. Commissioner Haupt seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION – FINAL APPROVAL – 207 W. ENNIS AVENUE.

Commissioner Haupt moved to grant final approval and disbursement of funds on the Historic Preservation Grant for 207 W. Ennis Avenue. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance vote AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

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

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

The Commissioners extended a welcome to City Manager Ewing and a thank you to Interim City Manager Hatchel.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

