

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 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, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, ED Coordinator Nelson, Chief Building Official Richardson, Director of Utilities Bolen, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, Fire Chief Aycock 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

Minutes of the October 6, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the October 6, 2014, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 14-10-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2400-2406 NORTH PRESTON FROM "LI", "IPD", AND "R7" TO "M2" HEAVY MANUFACTURING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The owner has requested a zoning change for tract or parcel of land situated in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of the Claiborne Garrett Survey Abstract 383, and also being Tract One, Two, Four, Five, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten and Tract One of Tract Six conveyed to Fallen Family Partnership by deed recorded in Volume 2485 Page 512 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County, Texas and being known as (5.7469 Acres) 2400-2406 North Preston

St. and Tract Two of Tract Six conveyed to Fallen Family Partnership by deed recorded in Volume 2485 Page 512 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County, Texas and being known as (11.009 Acres) 2400 North Preston St. Requested by Steve Fallen and Represented by Steve Fallen on behalf of the Fallen Family Partnership. There have been no changes since the first reading. Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 14-10-01 on second and final reading amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance changing the parcels zoning to “M-2” Heavy Manufacturing District. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

#### ORDINANCE 14-10-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600 LAKE BARDWELL DRIVE FROM “INPD” TO “A2PD”; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The property owner has requested rezoning of a tract or parcel of land out of the Mary Langford Survey, Abstract No. 638, Ellis County Texas and being a part of the Covenant Addition, an Addition of the City of Ennis, Ellis County Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in Cabinet E, Page 40, Map Records, Ellis County, Texas and being known as (2.2797 Acres) 1600 Lake Bardwell Dr. Requested by Timber Oaks LLC. There are no changes since the first reading. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 14-10-02 amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to change the parcel to “A-2-PD” Dwelling District (Medium Density Multi-Family Planned Development). Commissioner Frazier seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION 14-10-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, CREATING A CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chief Aycock presented the recommendations of the committee appointed to renegotiate the Ennis Volunteer Fire Department contract with the city. It has been determined that the Ennis Volunteer Fire Department’s focus be changed from that of directly responding for fire or accident scenes and the contract with the EVFD be ended. A civilian organization will be created to assist in multiple areas, including disaster response and other types of emergency situation. Commissioner Frazier moved to end the contract with the EVFD and create a Citizens Public Safety Organization. Commissioner Holley seconded and the commission members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0 NOES Measure carried.

#### RESOLUTION 14-10-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2015 CHEVY TAHOE SSV COMMAND VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,014.80 FOR THE ENNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A UTILITY TRUCK AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,744.55 FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The resolution authorizes the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe SSV fire command vehicle from Reliable Chevrolet through Texas Smart Buy Program in the amount of \$60,014.80, a utility truck from Silsbee Ford through the HGAC Buy program in the amount of \$52,002.50 for lift station maintenance, and a Bobcat Compact Excavator in the amount of \$50,742.50 from Clark Equipment Company through HGACBuy program.

Commissioner Hackney moved to approve the resolution authorizing the purchases and Commissioner Frazier seconded. Commission members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 14-10-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXIS CONSTRUCTION, L.P. FOR REPAIR OF GROUND STORAGE TANKS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

During a recent inspection by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, standing water was identified on top of the ground storage tanks at the water treatment plant. This is a violation of water quality rules. The city is required to repair the tanks to be in compliance. The repairs total \$48,260. Unspent bond funds and a reduction in spending in other areas will accommodate the cost in this year's budget. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the resolution authorizing the contract for repairs. Commissioner Hackney seconded and the commission members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 14-10-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING CONCEPTS AND DESIGNS, L.P., FOR THE DESIGN OF UTILITY RELOCATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WIDENING OF U.S. HIGHWAY 287; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

As a part of the widening of U.S. 287, the City of Ennis must relocate its utilities to accommodate the new construction. The proposed cost of the design is \$155,000. If the issuance of bonds to fund the estimated \$1,500,000 project becomes necessary, the design cost

may be reimbursed when the bonds are sold. Commissioner Frazier moved to pass and approve the resolution authorizing the agreement with Engineering Concepts and Designs, L.P. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members of the commission in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

No action taken on this agenda item.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Holley commended the City Manager and his staff for prompt service to a citizen in Ward 5. The city was out there the next day to take care of the problem as a short term solution looking for a long term solution.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

