

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2014

7:30 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on November 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 Frazier, Hackney, Walker, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, ED Coordinator Nelson, Chief Building Official Richardson, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, Director of Utilities Bolen, Superintendent of Streets Knight, Attorney Robert Hager, and News Media.

Commissioner Salik was not in attendance.

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

Minutes of the November 3, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley and seconded by Commissioner Searcy with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the November 3, 2014, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE 14-11-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A MAIN STREET BOARD; ESTABLISHING THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD; THE JURISDICTIONAL AREA OF THE BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt on first reading Ordinance 14-11-05 establishing a Main Street Board in accordance with the requirements of the Main Street City Program. The City of Ennis was recently named a Texas Main Street City for 2015 and the structure for the board is based on best practices recommended by the Texas Historical

Commission. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6 AYES, 0 NOES Measure carried.

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 14-11-01

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING ZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5600 LAKEVIEW ROAD FROM AGRICULTURE ZONING DISTRICT TO "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

A tract or parcel of land situated in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of the Ascencion Gonzaba Survey, Abstract 381, and being that tract of land conveyed to Steve L. Santos by deed recorded in Volume 2656, Page 754 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County and also being tract 38 of Researched Investment, LTD, a subdivision in Ellis County as recorded in Cabinet A Slide 656 of the Map Records of Ellis County, Texas and being known as (1.9729 Acres) 5600 Lakeview Rd. Requested by Steven L. Santos, P & Z Case 14.09.02. Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt Ordinance 14-11-01 on second and final reading reclassifying the property from Agriculture Zoning to "R-1" Single Family District. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES

ORDINANCE 14-11-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT AND PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING INCENTIVE APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM VALUES AND AMOUNTS OF INCENTIVES TO BE CONSIDERED; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING INCENTIVE APPLICATIONS; ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt Ordinance 14-11-02 on second and final reading with a correction to the ordinance under "SECTION 3: That said guidelines and criteria shall be effective for two (2) years from the date stated in Section 7; and that this Ordinance shall expire on the second anniversary of its effective date unless extended as provided herein; and this Ordinance may only be amended or repealed by a vote of three - fourths of the City Commission. E.5. Upon approval and execution of a tax abatement agreement by the City of Ennis, a copy of the agreement shall be provided to Ellis County. This shall serve as notice to Ellis County for consideration of a separate county tax abatement agreement for the project in accordance with Ellis County policies."

Commissioner Frazier seconded with all members in attendance voting AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 14-11-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ENNIS, ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND TELLUS TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD A SOLID WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY IN THE ENNIS INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass and Approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended agreement with Tellus Technology regarding the new location of the project in the Ennis Industrial Park. The remainder of the agreement is not changed significantly outside of the reduced infrastructure costs due to the availability of utilities at the new site. The additional acreage provided to Tellus Technology for future use is protected so that it will revert back to the Economic Development Corporation if no project is added or expanded on the additional property. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6 AYES, 0 NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 14-11-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, APPOINTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE ENNIS CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT; SETTING TERMS FOR EACH DIRECTOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Hackney moved to amend the resolution appointing the Board of Directors to the Ennis Crime Control and Prevention District by appointing the City Commission as the permanent Board Members. Commissioner Holley seconded. The vote was 4 AYES to amend the resolution naming the City Commission members as the Permanent Board and 2 NOES. 4 AYES, 2 NOES Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 14-11-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STW, INC. FOR LICENSING, INSTALLING AND SUPPORTING APPLICATION SOFTWARE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

One time initial cost is \$138,178, annual cost \$25,471, projected FY15 cost \$101,034, projected

FY16 cost \$54,516, projected FY17 cost \$25,471, projected FY18 cost \$25,471, projected FY19 cost \$25,471 for a five year total of \$231,962 for the licensing, installing and supporting of application software by STW, Inc. The budget for FY 2015 provides funds in the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund is sufficient to address the FY15 projected costs. The Economic Development Corporation will also be asked to participate in the conversion project. Commissioner Walker moved to Pass and Approve the resolution authorizing entering into the contract with STW, Inc. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6 AYES and NOES Measure carried.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 14-11-09

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER IN TO A CONTRACT WITH AMERESCO, INC., TO PROVIDE AN ENERGY AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Ameresco, Inc. to conduct an energy audit on facilities and water meters was Removed from the Table by motion made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Frazier. All members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES. An amended agreement has been proposed reducing the scope of the energy audit to be conducted by Ameresco, Inc. on ~~facilities and~~ water meters. Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass and Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter in to a contract with Ameresco, Inc. Commissioner Searcy seconded and the vote was 5 AYES and 1 NO. Measure carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There was no action taken.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Holley issued “Cudos” to the City Manager and City Staff regarding a neighborhood issue that was resolved quickly. Commissioner Searcy inquired regarding the delay in completion of the 2014 Street Project. Superintendent of Streets Knight stated the cold temperatures have delay the construction. Commissioner Walker inquired regarding the unpaved gap in the street construction at Park Street near the tennis courts and the handicap ramps on the side walks on Mockingbird. Superintendent of Streets Knight stated that the gap will be addressed with the right grading due to the presence of a sewer line and the handicap ramps were constructed by Pavecon pursuant to ADA regulations.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

