

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on December 15, 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, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, ED Coordinator Nelson, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, and News Media.

Commissioner Searcy was not in attendance.

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

Minutes of the December 1, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the December 1, 2014, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Hackney. Seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 14-12-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, 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 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS, TAX REIMBURSEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 14-12-03 amends the current historic downtown revitalization incentive program

establishing percentages for city grant funding, adds language compatible with state and federal tax credit programs, retains sunset clause, cost overruns would not be considered, bundling applications would not be allowed, each property will be evaluated on its own merit, removes language about tax reimbursement being increased value of the property, effective date of January 1, 2015, with expiration date of December 31, 2015, the original occupancy language was put back in the ordinance and any grant or agreement approved before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by prior law and ordinance. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 14-12-03 on second and final reading this the 15th day of December 2014. Commissioner Salik seconded and members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

ORDINANCE 14-12-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT AND PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES; PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING INCENTIVE APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING INCENTIVE APPLICATIONS; ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 14-12-04 will approve and establish policy on Chapter 380 Agreement Incentives for Retail Commercial Development. Chapter 380 Agreements will be subject to Commission approval. Commissioner Salik moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopted on second and final reading this the 15th day of December, 2014. Commissioner Frazier seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 14-12-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE 2015 CHEVROLET TAHOE POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,777 FROM RELIABLE CHEVROLET; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of three 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe police package vehicles in the total amount of \$89,777.00 purchased under the State of Texas contract, which is competitively bid. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 14-12-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE RIGHT OF WAY FUNDS BETWEEN

THE CITY OF ENNIS AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 287; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass and Approve the resolution authorizing an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to contribute Right of Way funds by the City of Ennis for the expansion of U.S. Highway 287. The city's obligation is estimated to be \$524,783.79 for funding of property acquisition and utility relocation that are not currently in the right-of-way. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Ann. §551.074 (Texas Open Meetings Act-“Personnel Matters”) – appointment of a Municipal Court Judge.

The City Commission adjourned into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. on the 15th day of December, 2014, to discuss the appointment of a Municipal Court Judge.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

The City Commission reconvened into Open Session at 7:22 p.m. on the 15th day of December, 2014.

The Mayor announced no action will be taken. The Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police will continue discussion with potential candidates for the municipal judgeship. A report back as we move forward and progress will be made to the Commission.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Each member in attendance extended their sentiments for a Happy Holiday for all and Mayor Thomas said “GO LIONS”.

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

ATTEST:

Matt Walker, Mayor Pro-tem

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

