

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 5, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-tem Walker, Commissioners Frazier, Hackney, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, and News Media.

Mayor Thomas and Commissioner Salik were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Hackney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Pro-tem Walker

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 15, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Hackney and seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the December 15, 2014, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier. Seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE 15-01-01

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC POWER FRANCHISE TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERM OF SAID FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCES TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS PREDECESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

City Manager Ewings stated that the current agreement with Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC expires February 2015. The general terms of the agreement remain the same and the agreement is a

standard franchise utilized by most cities. Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass the Ordinance approving the agreement on first reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

ORDINANCE 15-01-02

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ABANDONING CERTAIN UNIMPROVED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY SITUATED IN THE T.M. ROWE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 890, IN THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING 1.509 ACRES.

Ennis Steel is requesting abandonment of unimproved right-of-way that crosses a portion of the company's property to enable future site improvements. The city will retain an easement for drainage or utility services for adjacent properties. Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass on first reading and Commissioner Hackney seconded with all members in attendance voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-01-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE "HOME FOR THE BRAVE" PROJECT BY AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CUSTOMARY BUILDING FEES INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING IN ENNIS, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Home for the Brave is in the process of building a home for veteran Cody Jones honoring him for his service to our County. The non-profit organization has requested a waiver of building fees of approximately \$1,500.00. When complete the home will be transferred to Corporal Jones at no cost. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass and Approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-01-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

The resolution will authorize an application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Review Committee for consideration of a grant to fund improvements at the waste

water treatment plant to install an automatic bar screen improving plant efficiency and safety. The total project cost of \$330,000 may be funded with \$275,000 of the project being grant funded with a \$55,000 local match. Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass and Approve the Resolution authorizing submission of the grant application. Commissioner Searcy seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A 2015 FREIGHTLINER SANITATION VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,740 FROM HOUSTON FREIGHTLINER, INC.

As a budgeted purchase, the sanitation vehicle will include two rear tippers and one front commercial tipper that will add operational efficiencies. The vehicle will be purchased under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council in the amount of \$167,740. Commissioner Searcy moved to Pass and Approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase. Commissioner Holley seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

No action was taken.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Hackney requested a workshop on proposed long term capital outlay. Commissioner Holley requested review of each department in order for the Commission to become more knowledgeable regarding each departments specific duties. Commissioner Holley requested a monthly report as to where we are with the budget. City Manager is to provide a report quarterly with the installation of the new software. Mayor Pro-tem provided the dates and times of the Ennis Comprehensive Plan Visioning Schedule and the Ennis Lions Championship Parade scheduled for downtown, Saturday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matt Walker, Mayor Pro-tem

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

