

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 2015, 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, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, Chief Aycock and ED Coordinator Nelson, Attorney Hager, and Building Inspector Wall.

Commissioner Searcy was not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Frazier

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 February 2, 2015, 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 February 2, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley. Seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Don Hellstern postponed his appearance to discuss recycling program.

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 15-02-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (ZONE) NO. 54 (DAKOTA DRILLING) WITHIN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (REINVESTMENT ZONE); AUTHORIZING A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DAKOTA DRILLING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

Commissioner Holley moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 15-02-05 on second and final reading of the Ordinance designating an Industrial Tax Abatement District No. 54 and its boundaries and authorizing a tax abatement agreement with Dakota Drilling. Commissioner Salik seconded and the vote was 4-NOES, 2-NON-VOTES. 0-AYES, 5-NOES 1-NON-VOTE Measure failed.

ORDINANCE 15-02-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (ZONE) NO. 55 (ENNIS STEEL) WITHIN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TAX ABATEMENT DISTRICT (REINVESTMENT ZONE); AUTHORIZING A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENNIS STEEL; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

Commissioner Walker moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 15-02-06 establishing Industrial Tax Abatement District No. 55 and its boundaries, and authorizing a tax abatement agreement with Ennis Steel. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-02-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CURRENT EMERGENCY AMBULANCE CONTRACT WITH EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER TO CAREFLITE; ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT TERMINATION DATE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

East Texas Medical Ambulance Service notified the City that it would no longer provide ambulance service to the City. ETMC recommended assigning the existing contract to CareFlite for the remaining term of the contract. Commissioner Hackney moved to adopt Resolution 15-02-07 authorizing assignment of the current emergency ambulance contract to CareFlite. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6 AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 43.0561 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SETTING DATES TO HOLD TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 6.5622 ACRES OF LAND BEING PART OF THE WILLIAM MCKINNEY SURVEY ABSTRACT 686, AND BEING

PART OF THE 13.3729 ACRE CONVEYED TO VICTORY IN HIM MINISTRIES AND KNOWN AS 1855 HIGHWAY 287, ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commissioner Salik moved to approve Resolution 15-02-08 establishing public hearing dates to consider the annexation of 6.5622 acres known as 1855 Highway 287, Ennis, Texas. Commissioner Holley seconded and members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS AUTHORIZING A GENERAL (REGULAR) MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE CITY COMMISSIONER PLACE TWO (2), ONE CITY COMMISSIONER PLACE FOUR (4), ONE CITY COMMISSIONER PLACE SIX (6) (MAYOR PRO-TEM), AND ONE CITY MARSHAL BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; DESIGNATING VOTING PLACES; AUTHORIZING THE JOINT ELECTION WITH THE ENNIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BY JOINT USE OF POLLING PLACES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ELLIS COUNTY FOR CERTAIN ELECTION SERVICES, SECURING ELECTION OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; APPOINTING BRUCE SHERBET EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; ESTABLISHING THE EXTENDED VOTING HOURS IN THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Salik moved to approve Resolution 15-02-09 authorizing the General Election on May 9, 2015, a contract with Ellis County for certain election services, establishing polling places, and various requirements for the election. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,046 UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AT 208 WEST KNOX STREET.

Commissioner Holley moved to approve Resolution 15-02-10 authorizing a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$13,046.00 for the property located at 208 W. Knox St. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-02-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,290 UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AT 117 NORTH DALLAS STREET.

Commissioner Salik moved to approve Resolution 15-02-11 authorizing a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$15,290.00 for the property located at 117 N. Dallas St. Commissioner Frazier seconded and the members present voted AYE. 6-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 expressed his gratitude to the public in attendance. Commissioner Walker thanked the utility department for taking care of the leak in Oak Creek. Commissioner Holley commended Mr. Nelson and staff for working with the Historic Preservation Grant applications. This is exactly what we had envisioned happening. It is an extremely positive sign. The City Manager and ED Coordinator deserve the credit for spearheading the program.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

