

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 16, 2015

7:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Frazier, Searcy, and Holley were 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 March 2, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the March 2, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Hackney. Seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mike Montgomery and Sam Ventura spoke as proponents in regards to the proposed upcoming appointment and reappointments to Boards and Commissions scheduled tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING

Second and final public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Thomas for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the annexation of 6.5622 acres requested by David and Lydia Garcia know as 1855 Highway 287, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. No comment was made. Mayor Thomas closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 6.5622 ACRES OF LAND, (ALL PORTIONS OF SAID TRACT NOT CURRENTLY IN CORPORATE LIMITS), WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS.

Commissioner Salik moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt the Ordinance on first reading annexing approximately 6.5622 acres of land located at 1855 Highway 287 as requested by Lydia and David Garcia. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE; PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING GRANT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM VALUES AND AMOUNTS OF GRANTS TO BE CONSIDERED; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING GRANT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Salik moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on first reading the Ordinance establishing a Façade Improvement Grant, providing criteria and amounts of grants to be considered, providing for procedural guidelines for grant application consideration. Commissioner Hackney seconded and the members in attendance voted AYES. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 15-03-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING APPROPRIATION FROM THE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Currently, much of the airport pavement is coming apart creating a hazardous situation for aircrafts due to debris blown into the propellers. Staff would like to use \$50,000 from the Airport Construction fund

to match TXDOT Aviation Funds that are provided annually up to \$50,000 to airports for routine maintenance. Commissioner Salik moved to approve the ordinance on second and final reading amending the FY 2014-2015 Budget to provide appropriations from the Airport Construction Fund for airport improvements and matching the TXDOT Aviation Funds. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2013-2014 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Greer Yeldell, with Yeldell, Wilson & Co., P.C. presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the City Commission. Mr. Yeldell congratulated the City of Ennis on its 27th consecutive year to receive the GFOA Certificate of Excellence of Achievement in Financial Reporting for the year ending 2013. Yeldell, Wilson & Co., P.C. will be submitting for the year 2014 as well. Highlights of the audit were reviewed: Budget verses Actual for General Revenues were over budgeted by \$1.3 million, Expenditures were under budget by \$736,000 basically generating a positive Fund Balance of \$1.9 million over what was budgeted. Unassigned Fund Balance for the General Fund is a little over \$8 million looking at it in relation to the 2015 Budget Expenditure of \$13.5 million the city has about 60 percent or 218 days. That is a really strong fund balance and the commission is to be commended for generating that. Water and Sewer Utility Fund: Total Revenues came in under budget by \$131,000 and Expenditures came in under budget by \$448,000 for roughly \$318,000 better than what was budgeted for the year. City received an Unmodified Opinion which is the best one can get as far as opinions coming from an independent auditor. A letter of internal controls was issued, which is being addressed by management. Mr. Yeldell's appreciation went out to the city staff in assisting in the completion of the audit. (see attachments)

RESOLUTION 15-03-02

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION" (CDSRPC) BE FORMED; AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS; AND PROVIDING OPEN MEETINGS.

Texas Concerned Citizens are recommending the creation of a sub-regional planning commission to coordinate with the developers of a proposed high speed rail passing through Ellis County and portions of the City of Ennis. Commissioner Salik moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 15-03-02 authorizing and approving the "Community Development Sub-Regional Planning Commission". Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Thomas proposed the following for appointment and reappointment to their respective boards or commissions:

Appointment

Historic Landmark Commission
Paul Penfold Term: 8/01/15
Filling unexpired term of M.H. Gentry

Reappointments

Tourism Commission
Brian Ozmy Term: 02/01/2017
Jennifer Wartsbaugh Term: 02/01/2017
Kelly Kovar Term: 02/01/2017

Ennis Arts Commission
Mike Hall Term: 02/01/2017
Joanne Ventura Term: 02/01/2017

Housing Authority
McBeth Spencer Term: 02/01/2017
Raymond Coleman Term: 02/01/2017

Economic Development Corporation
Sam Ventura Term: 02/01/2017
Jess Haupt Term: 02/01/2017
Tom Abram Term: 02/01/2017

Ennis Human Relations Committee
Silvestre Garcia Term: 03/03/2017
Maria Morales Term: 03/03/2017
David Howard Term: 03/03/2017
Brenda Hogue Term: 03/03/2017

Commissioner Salik moved to appoint Paul Penfold to an unexpired term and reappoint the above listed members for a two year term. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 4-AYES, 0 NOES Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Salik commented on the fine job by all. Commissioner Walker reported a water leak on Mockingbird Circle.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

