

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 15, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on June 15, 2015, 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, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Chief Erisman, Chief Aycock, Captain Anthony, Director of Finance Welch and ED Coordinator Nelson.

Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Frazier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

ROLL CALL to determine the presence of a quorum: City Secretary Batchler called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 1, 2015 workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members in attendance voting AYE. Minutes of the June 1, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley. Seconded by Commissioner Hackney with all members present voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Meg Sullivan, Fran McCarthy, Dennis Zembala, and Sandi Anderson spoke as proponents regarding the Downtown Master Plan and the engagement of MESA Planning.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE PERMITTING BED AND BREAKFAST FACILITIES

Current Ordinance does not permit a "lodging/boarding house" within a residential zoning district. The goal of the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance is to clearly define Bed and Breakfasts and attempt to reduce any impact on adjacent residential properties. Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing for comment at 7:14 p.m. Sam Ventura and Sandi Anderson spoke as proponent regarding the amendment to the current Zoning Ordinance defining Bed and Breakfast.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 14 OF THE CITY OF ENNIS ZONING ORDINANCE, ADDING SECTION 14500 PERMITTING BED AND BREAKFAST FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt the ordinance on the first reading. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERMITTING REQUESTS FOR VARIANCES TO THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL NEAR CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, OR HOSPITALS, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance provides for the sale of alcohol within 300 feet of a school, church, or hospital on the condition of holding a Food and Beverage Permit issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Any establishment that intends to sell primarily alcoholic beverages is required to seek a variance. The change is limited to the area within the National Register Historic Downtown District. Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt on second and final reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-06-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MESA PLANNING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter an agreement with MESA Planning in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 for the development of the Downtown Master Plan. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-06-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH

AMERISEAL OF OHIO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,244 FOR TERMINAL APRON REHABILITATION AT THE ENNIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Funding will be provided from the Airport Construction Fund in the amount of \$50,000 to be matched by the TxDOT Aviation Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant Fund. Commissioner Holley moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the agreement with Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc. to perform the rehabilitation on the terminal apron at the Ennis Municipal Airport. Commissioner Frazier seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-06-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A .0486 ACRE TRACT OF LAND TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF WIDENING US HIGHWAY 287 BYPASS; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The City is required to participate in the acquisition of right-of way for the proposed widening of US Highway 287 Bypass. City owned property may be transferred in lieu of cash payment. The Ennis Economic Development Corporation is also transferring property for a total value of approximately \$130,000 for all parcels. The total cost of participation for the City is approximately \$600,000 based on current appraisals. This amount will be reduced by the amount of the transferred property and the remaining \$470,000 cost will be paid to TxDOT over several years. Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Hackney seconded. All members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint John Sullivan and Charlotte Watson to the Main Street Board; along with Mike French to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint John Sullivan and Charlotte Watson to the Main Street Board. Commissioner Walker seconded. Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Frazier, Commissioner Walker voted AYE. Commissioner Hackney and Commissioner Holley voted NO. 3-AYES, 2-NOES Measure failed.

Commissioner Holley moved to appoint Mike French to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Frazier seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUND TABLE

Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hackney, Walker, and Holley expressed their sentiments and appreciation to Commissioner Frazier for her service to the community. Stating that they enjoyed serving with her and she will be greatly missed. Commissioner Frazier said that it had been good serving on the commission and that she loves Ennis. She moved here forty-three years ago.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

