

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JULY 6, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on July 6, 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, Hernandez, Hackney, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Captain Anthony, Director of Finance Welch, Main Street Director McCarty, and Chief Building Inspector Richardson.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Searcy

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 15, 2015 workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Hackney and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members in attendance voting AYE. Minutes of the June 15, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy. Seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the June 22, 2015, special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

No comment was made.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE EXPANDING RESIDENTIAL USES IN CENTRAL AREA ZONING DISTRICTS

Current Ordinance does not permit property owners in the downtown Central Area Zoning District to have residential uses on the ground floor if the property faces the street. Staff recommends amending the zoning ordinance to permit residential uses on the ground floor in the rear 50% of the buildings with commercial use in the front 50% of the structures. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing and requested comment. There was none. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 85-6-8, ARTICLE XII COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REGULATION, SECTION 12-100 RESIDENTIAL USES EXPANDING RESIDENTIAL USES IN CA (CENTRAL AREA) ZONING DISTRICT. First reading occurred and no action was taken.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-1 AND ADDING SECTION 16-7 OF THE CITY OF ENNIS CODE OF ORDINANCE ADDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES AND PERMITTING SIDEWALK CAFES BY ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT. First reading occurred and no action was taken.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 15-07-01

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 Walker moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-07-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A DEED CORRECTION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE ENNIS INDUSTRIAL RAIL PARK THAT IS IDENTIFIED IN THE ELLIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS PID #254034 1.5959 ACRES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Economic Development Corporation is considering a contract to sell acreage in the industrial park to Polyguard, Inc. Title review discovered a portion of the property had been transferred from JTEKT, Inc. to the City of Ennis in error. The resolution corrects the deed error transferring the parcel in question to the Economic Development Corporation. Once corrected a contract for sale to Polyguard, Inc. can be executed. Commissioner Salik moved to pass and approve the resolution. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance vote AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-07-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS AND RAYMOND (BILL) OLSEN FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR THE EXTENSION OF A 6 INCH FORCE MAIN ALONG KNIGHTHURST ROAD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Bill Olsen is developing the Gateway 460 industrial area located at US 287 Bypass and I-45. A force main to provide sanitary sewer service to the property is being constructed expanding service from National Drive along Knighthurst Street just south of the bypass. The new force main will be available for use by other property owners. Mr. Olsen is requesting a pro-rata reimbursement agreement so that if any other property owner wishes to connect they will pay their pro-rata share of the expense to Mr. Olsen. The basis is on a per foot cost once the line is completed. Commissioner Salik moved to pass and approve the resolution. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-07-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2015; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Resolution 15-07-04 is providing for the initial Notice of Intent to issue \$10,000,000 in combination bonds for street, sidewalk, and utility improvements. \$6,000,000 will be funded by the general fund and the remaining \$4,000,000 will be funded by the utility fund. Utility portion will fund the relocation of the water line in the US 287 Bypass project and expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Searcy move to pass and approve the resolution. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members present voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

CHANGE ORDER PAVECON

Staff proposes approval of a change order of \$178,000 to permit Pavecon to chip seal designated streets before the end of the fiscal year utilizing proceeds from the street maintenance sales tax received in June. Commissioner Hackney moved to approve the change order. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members present voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Holley moved to appoint Charlotte Watson to the Main Street Board. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

Commissioner Salik moved to appoint Misty Culpepper to the Main Street Board. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Holley commended city staff and the Texas Motorplex for the excellent Freedom Fest Event bringing a feeling of community that has not been felt in a long time. Commissioner Searcy stated that the event was very enjoyable. Commissioner Walker concurred. Commissioner Hackney said thank you to all the citizens involved in the Relay for Life Event. \$7200 in donations was collected by Taco Bell putting the donations \$16,000 over goal bringing the total to \$101,437 in total donation. Commissioner Salik welcomed newly elected Commissioner Hernandez. Commissioner Hernandez said it was good to be there.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

