

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. on August 17, 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 Hernandez, Hackney, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Chief Erisman, Chief Aycock, Director of Finance Welch, Economic Development Coordinator Nelson, and Chief Building Inspector Richardson.

Mayor Thomas was not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Searcy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Pro-tem Walker.

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 August 3, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members in attendance voting AYE. Minutes of the August 3, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy. Seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Richard Bell spoke in reference to the proposed special use permit for a Bed and Breakfast to be located at 400 W. Denton. Mr. Bell urged the City Commission to add more restrictive requirements to the ordinance approving the Special Use Permit to include requiring the owner to reside at the location.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Walker opened the Public Hearing regarding a proposed FY 2015-2016 Property Tax Rate. David Pagan spoke regarding the FY 15-16 budget identifying two problems. Numbers at summary level do not agree with the detailed level. The budget does not show the amount of debt service due to be paid from taxes. Mr. Pagan suggested corrections to the proposed budget and recalculation of the proposed debt service rate. At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Walker closed the Public Hearing.

At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Walker opened the Public Hearing regarding the approval of application for Texas Capital Fund Grant for Project Firebird. If approved the grant would provide \$750,000 to assist with water service, sewer service, and road improvements. Traylor and Associates were present to answer questions. Comments were requested and there were none. At 7:39 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Walker closed the Public Hearing.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 15-08-12

ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A BED & BREAKFAST FACILITY IN THE EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 400 W. DENTON ST. ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. REQUESTED BY SAM AND JOANNE VENTURA. P&Z CASE 15.07.01

Commissioner Hackney moved to approve the ordinance on the second and final reading granting the special use permit for a Bed and Breakfast Facility. Commissioner Salik seconded. Commissioners Salik, Hernandez, Hackney and Holley voted AYE. Mayor Pro-tem Walker did not vote constituting a Non-Vote. 4-AYES, 0-NO Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-08-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GARY TRAYLOR AND ASSOCIATES FOR TEXAS CAPITAL FUND GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.

Commissioner Salik moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 15-08-12 authorizing an agreement in the amount of \$75,000 for Gary Traylor and Associated to administer a Texas Capital Fund Grant application for Project Firebird. Commissioner Hernandez seconded. All members in attendance voted AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

PUBLIC FACILITIES USE PERMIT

The Chamber of Commerce has requested a public facilities use permit for the 2015 Autumn Days Fall Festival for October 16th – 17th, 2015. Commissioner Salik moved to grant the permit. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance vote AYE. 6-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

CITY COMMISSION REQUEST AND ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Hackney expressed his appreciation to staff for the information regarding the budget. He suggested that next year we start earlier and possibly devote a Saturday for a workshop at another venue so that we would have enough work room to accommodate the documents. Commissioner Searcy said we need to communicate better to avoid the embarrassing situations. We need to work together to get things ironed out. Commissioner Holley said this is what it is all about. He thanked the citizens for their comments. This is what it takes to run a government. He thanked everyone that participated. He thanked Mrs. Ventura and said that her house as she stated is truly the “City’s House”. Mayor Pro-tem Walker reminded all to keep Commissioner Frazier’s family and Mayor Thomas’ daughter in their prayers.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

Matthew K. Walker, Mayor Pro-tem

