

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

JANUARY 21, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on January 21, 2014, 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, Haupt, Walker, Searcy and Holley, Interim City Manager Hatchel, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Health Services Chauncy Williams, Director of Economic Development Marty Nelson, News Media and Members of Greater Ennis Development Alliance.

Bramlet Beard of the Greater Ennis Development Alliance gave the presentation regarding Ennis Historic Downtown Revitalization to share with the city commission the alliance's ideas, hopes and dreams of rehabilitating the downtown tornado buildings to include Ennis Public Theatre, restaurants and shops, and loft living to bring the downtown alive. They addressed how the atmosphere could become friendlier for visiting downtown by providing larger walkways, moving to only one lane of traffic on Ennis Avenue from Main Street to McKinney Ave.

The proposed Farmer's Market was discussed.

The Alliance requested the city commission consider the hiring of a Downtown Merchants Employee with Main Street experience to become the Main Street Director. The Downtown Merchants Employee would work with the downtown merchants to apply to the State of Texas to become a Main Street City.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

