

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

APRIL 7, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on April 7, 2014, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Frazier, Walker, and Searcy, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, Lieutenant Anthony, Chief Aycok, City Secretary Batchler, and ED Coordinator Nelson. Commissioner Salik joined the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Commissioners Haupt and Holley were not in attendance.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Manager Ewings proposed an update of the City of Ennis' Comprehensive Plan stating that a comprehensive plan is a tool for guiding development and projects towards a common community Vision for the Future. The last comprehensive plan was adopted in 2000. The plan typically looks out 20 years to the future. The components to the plan are: Land Use Plan and Development Goals, Transportation Plan, Neighborhood Plan, Parks and Recreation Plan, Downtown/Revitalization Plan, and Economic Development Plan. Components are not limited to those listed. We are looking at a cost of \$100,000.00 divided into a two year budget cycle. Consideration of approval of a consulting firm in May, the planning process would begin this summer with a Comprehensive Planning Committee, surveys and community meetings this summer, plan development in the fall-winter, with completion in early 2015. The plan will provide a road map for the community, City Commission, and staff to aid in unifying projects to ensure they are meeting community goals. Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Ewings to put together for the next meeting a RFP for the hiring of a consulting firm.

MAIN STREET APPLICATION

Dennis Zembala gave an update on the progress of applying the Texas Historic Commission for the 2015 designation of Main Street Cities. Mr. Zembala stated that he had begun complying statistical information on the city. The letter of intent to apply is due in May and the application must be filed with Texas Historic Commission in July.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:21 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

