

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 2, 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, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, Chief Erisman, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, and ED Coordinator Nelson. Commissioner Searcy was not present.

Ennis Economic Development Coordinator Mary Nelson presented the proposed land acquisition transaction between the Ennis Economic Development Corporation and Fallen Family LTD. for a 43 acre tract of land on Oak Grove Road and the amendment to the FY 2013-2014 EDC budget in the amount of \$700,000 to fund the acquisition and assist in the up-coming “Lights of Ennis” display at Christmas 2014. \$690,000 will fund the land acquisition and \$10,000 will assist the “Lights of Ennis”.

Nelson explained that the city is working to retain over 90 jobs provided by Dakota Drilling along with a proposed expansion by Dakota. The EDC has approved the referenced purchase of property to provide a site for their expansion. This will also provide additional property for other industrial developments of the future. Since this land acquisition may close prior to September 30, 2014, a budget amendment is required. The proposed ordinance will approve the project and amend the current year budget to accommodate land acquisition for the Dakota Drilling and the funds needed for the “Lights of Ennis”.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 7:05 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

