

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 1, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on December 1, 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, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, ED Coordinator Nelson, Director of Finance Welch, and Attorney Robert Hager. Commissioner Salik present at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Searcy was not in attendance.

TEXAS CAPITAL FUND

Gary Traylor of Traylor & Associates presented the development of a Texas Capital Fund Real Estate Development Program Grant Application in support of job creation by TVM Industries. The Texas Capital Fund provides financial assistance to a business that commits to create or retain jobs where at least 51% of the jobs benefit Low to Medium Income individuals with a 36 month completion time provided by State guidelines. The grant application is due by December 22, 2014, and will be for \$750,000 to purchase a building that the City of Ennis will lease back to TVM Industries to open a sale and distribution office in Ennis. Mike Boulding with TVM Industries provided information regarding the type of industry that is being proposed for relocation to Ennis. TVM Industries produces insulation made from milo. Plans are to employ 40 at the proposed Ennis site.

Commissioner Salik present at 6:25 p.m.

The City is proposing to apply for a second grant under the Community Development Block Grant program thru TDHCA for \$350,000 to improve the wastewater treatment plant. The bar screen at the plant is manual and the funds from the grant would be used to install an automatic screening system that would capture more solids.

CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT POLICY FOR RETAIL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

ED Coordinator Nelson presented Retail Commercial Incentives governed by Chapter 380 Texas Local Government Code authorizing municipalities to provide assistance for economic development by providing monies, loans, city personnel, and city services for economic development assistance to retail commercial businesses. Nelson to present an ordinance governing the Chapter 380 Retail Commercial Incentives at tonight's regular meeting.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:45 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

