

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP  
DECEMBER 15, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on December 15, 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, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, ED Coordinator Nelson, and Director of Finance Welch. Commissioner Searcy was not in attendance.

ENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ELECTRONIC SIGN

Steve Sullins with XMark Signs presented information on a proposed electronic sign to be placed at the Library. There will be no cost to the city. XMark will sell electronic ads to fund the sign. The proposed size of the sign is 6 ft. by 14 ft., 85 square feet. The sign rotation is at 8 second intervals. The city will provide community service announcements along with the seven other ad rotations. Mr. Sullins will return with a contract at a future meeting.

HOMESTEAD TAX FREEZE 65 AND OVER AND DISABLED

City Manager Ewings presented information regarding Homestead Tax Freeze for 65 and over and disabled. During the 2003 Legislative Session a homestead tax freeze for 65 and over and disabled was passed as a local option for cities and counties. At the time of application with the appraisal district if qualified the value on a home owned by an individual 65 and over and or disabled will be frozen and the tax can never be increased as long as the applicant owns the property. Mr. Ewings will present further information at a future meeting.

PROPOSED TAX INCENTIVES FOR POLYGLASS USA

ED Coordinator Nelson provided information on a proposed tax abatement agreement between the city and Polyglass USA on a \$10 million dollar development, looking for 10-15 acres, 60 proposed jobs, and a 75 percent 5 to 7 year tax abatement was discussed.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:48 p.m.

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

