

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

JANUARY 20, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Hackney, Walker, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, ED Coordinator Nelson, Chief Aycock and Captain Anthony. Commissioner Frazier was not in attendance.

PURCHASING POLICY

An overview of the Draft Purchasing and Asset Management Manual was presented by Director of Finance Welch. Director Welch explained the establishment of the purchasing policy, standard of conduct, no personal purchases or use of city property, surplus property, credit card policy, P-cards, vendors on Federal Excluded Parties List, purchase limits, Historically Underutilized Businesses, and competitive bidding. The manual will be presented for consideration at a future Commission meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ED Coordinator Nelson presented an update of current projects. Tellus: 40 million dollar project, 30 jobs, TCEQ permitting in progress, and sale of bonds should take place in February. Dakota Drilling: \$700,000 dollar capital investment, 66 2/3%, 7 year tax abatement. Ennis Steel: capital investment 8.2 million dollars, 25 jobs, 75%, 7 year tax abatement. Westgate: 3 million dollar investment, economic development grant of \$250,000 approved by EEDC, and proposed 5 year business plan. Historic Reinvestment Grants: 101 S. Dallas St. is complete, final funding requested., applications have been received on 207 W. Ennis Ave., 107 S. Dallas St., 218 W. Ennis Ave., 213 W. Ennis Ave, and 108 W. Ennis Ave. for a potential of total grant funding of \$643,755 from the city and \$2,164,108.66 private funds.

AGENDA ITEMS, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

SAFER GRANT Fire Chief Aycock presented the request to apply for a SAFER Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount to \$900,000. If awarded the grant will fund up to three firefighter positions for a period of two years and then the City would be responsible for the cost beginning in FY 2017-2018.

CHANGE ORDER #2 PAVECON, INC. City Manager Ewings explained that with approval of change order #2 of non expended funds in the amount of \$443,553.67 from the original project, additional street improvements under the 2014 Street Bond Program are possible.

APPOINTMENTS With the resignation of a Zoning Board of Adjustment member, the Mayor proposed to appoint Bradley Tyner to fill the unexpired term.

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

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

