

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 16, 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, Frazier, Hackney, Walker and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, ED Coordinator Nelson, and Chief Aycock. Commissioner Searcy was not in attendance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Economic Development Coordinator Nelson stated that the changes in the Economic Development Agreement between the City and Dakota Drilling were made after approval of the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement. First change was a typographical error correcting the acreage from approximately fifteen to seventeen on Page 1, Section I, 1, (A.). Second change was located on Page 2, Section I, 1 (D.) “Dakota shall cause the retention of a least sixty (60) jobs to serve the Facility within twelve (12) months after the date the Facility is officially opened for business (such date being called the “Opening Date”). The term “jobs” shall mean full-time employment or contract-labor positions that are employed by an entity that occupies the Property” was replaced with “Dakota shall cause the addition of at least fifteen (15) jobs to serve the Facility within twelve (12) months after the date the Facility is officially opened for business (such date being called the “Opening Date”). The term “jobs” shall mean full-time employment or contract-labor positions that are employed by an entity that occupies the Property. The Mayor stated that the original sentences of the document as presented to the City Commission shall be reinstated and the correcting sentences shall be removed for his execution.

The RFP is due on February 24th on the Main Street Downtown Master Plan.

The Ennis Economic Development Corporation has designated a total of \$35,000.00 for the Facade Improvement Grant program. Each project is a 50/50 match funded partially by the owner of the property and Ennis Economic Development Corporation for a total project amount of \$15,000. The applications will be submitted to the Main Street Board for review and approval, to the Historic Landmark Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness, to the Economic Development Board for review and to the City Commission for final approval.

Applications have been received for Historic Preservation Grants for the property located at 208 W. Knox Street in the amount of \$13,046 and the property located at 117 N. Dallas Street in the amount of \$15, 290.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A Sub-Regional Planning Commission has been proposed to review planning of projects in the North Texas area with NCTCOG. Marty Hiles, Ken Cope and Morris Dixon presented a powerpoint entitled “Texas Concerned Citizens Protecting Our Communities”. Specifically regarding opposition of the proposed high speed rail from Houston to Dallas.

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Director of Finance Welch reviewed with the City Commission the quarter financial statements presented at the last meeting. Commissioner Holley requested a monthly update on finances. Director Welch proposed providing to the Commission the monthly reports that are provided to the departments. Commissioner Holley requested a more concise version listing each fund’s monthly revenue and expenditures.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:50 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

