

**ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

President Montgomery called a regular meeting of the Ennis Economic Development Corporation to order on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 4:04 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers of Ennis City Hall, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nelson offered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Economic Development Administrative Assistant Rhonda Winters called roll; a quorum was present to wit:

Directors Present: Mike Montgomery, Tom Abram, Betty Glaspy, Jess Haupt, Phil Newsom

Directors Absent: Angie Juenemann, Russell Thomas

Staff Present: Marty Nelson, Rhonda Winters, Ashley Colunga, Gina Rokas, Mary Davis, Scott Dixon

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION

1. Discuss and consider the minutes of the March 27, 2018 and April 10, 2018 meeting.
 - a. Motion by Haupt, 2nd by Abram approving the minutes of the March 27, 2018 and April 10, 2018 meeting.
 - i. 5 Ayes
2. Citizens Request for Public Hearing
 - a. No one spoke.
3. Finance Review
 - a. The current budget and finances were presented by Mr. Nelson.
4. Economic Development update
 - a. Communications and Marketing update
 - i. 5,000 Ennis Y'all app downloads in April.
 - ii. Presented the beverages to be sold at Pivo Pavilion.
 - iii. Presented the "Choose Local" skybox for Ennis Daily Newspaper.
 - b. Tourism update
 - i. Bluebonnet Trails update

1. 10,000 visitors at the Welcome Center the month of April.
2. 3,900 phone calls received the month of April.
3. Handed out over 8,000 trail maps.

c. Main Street update

- i. Main Street Midway recap
 1. Main Street 501c3 received \$29,984 from the event.
 2. Talley Amusements wanting to establish a multi- year contract.
 3. 7 media outlets participated
- ii. Bluebonnet Festival recap
 1. Presented pictures from the festival.
 2. Well attended
- iii. Polka Festival update
 1. Presented layout of the festival.
 2. The stage will be in North Plaza Parking lot.
- iv. Pivo Pavilion update
 1. Presented graphics of the pavilion.

d. Welcome Center update

- i. Preparing bid documents for option 1 floor plan.

e. Downtown Development update

- i. HP Grant close out (213 W Ennis)
 1. \$1.5million project, \$885,000 eligible expenses, \$635,000 ineligible expenses.
- ii. UP Safety Zone update
 1. Presented UP Safety Zone video.
- iii. Downtown Infrastructure update
 1. Atmos is mobilized and starting in the alley behind City Hall.
 2. New water lines being installed on Dallas St.

f. Industrial Development update

- i. 70 acres update
 1. Flood survey revealed flood area is bigger than originally thought.
 2. Approximately 70 acres can be reclaimed that is not in the flood plain.
- ii. TxDOT Regional Office
 1. Presented the land between Teletech & Sterilite to TxDot for a possible new regional office.
- iii. Project Bautech update
 1. Re-contacted to affirm our original agreement for purchasing property on Oak Grove Rd.
 2. Unable to affirm agreement due to heavy truck traffic required for their business.
 3. Directed to property on Knighthurst Rd. behind Schirm.
 4. Purchase of property on Knighthurst would qualify them for a Tx. Capital Fund Agreement.

g. Commercial/Retail Development update

- i. Project JT Evans update
 1. Agreements finalized by attorneys and approved by City Commission.

2. Will be signed by both parties this week.

- h. Residential Development update
 - i. 55 permits, \$15 million

ACTIONS

1. Discuss and consider approving a grant close-out and final payment of a historic preservation grant for 213 W Ennis Ave. in an amount of \$155,187.95.
 - a. Motion by Glaspy, 2nd by Abram approving a grant close-out and final payment of a historic preservation grant for 213 W Ennis Ave. in an amount of \$155,187.95.
 - i. 5 Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Economic Development Corp. Board, President Montgomery declared the meeting adjourned at 4:46 P.M.



RUSSELL R. THOMAS
Secretary