



ENNIS CITY COMMISSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025
6:00 PM

CITY OF ENNIS CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
107 N. SHERMAN
ENNIS, TEXAS 75119
(972) 875-1234

As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purposes of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any item on the agenda at any time during the meeting.

The City of Ennis reserves the right to re-align, recess, or reconvene the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

ENNIS CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE NOW LIVESTREAMED AT:
www.ennistx.gov/citycommissionlivestream

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

B. PRESENTATIONS

- B.1. City of Ennis Employee of the Month
- Ernie Willis, Streets Superintendent
- B.2. City of Ennis New Employee Recognition

C. CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City Commission invites citizens to address the Commission on any topic not already scheduled for a Public Hearing. Citizens wishing to speak should complete a "Citizen Comment Period" form and present it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Commission cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. However, your concerns may be addressed by City Staff, placed on a future agenda, or responded to by some other course.

D. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 the Mayor and Commission may report on the following items: (1) expression of thanks, congratulations or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming City Commission events; (5) information about community events; (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety.

E. CONSENT ITEMS

- E.1. Approval of the Minutes for the June 17, 2025, Ennis City Commission Regular Meeting.
[CC Minutes 06/17/25](#)
- E.2. Approval of the Minutes for the June 23, 2025, Ennis City Commission Special Meeting.
[CC Minutes 06/23/25](#)

- E.3. Approval of the Minutes for the July 1, 2025, Ennis City Commission Regular Meeting.
[CC Minutes 07/01/25](#)

F. PUBLIC HEARING

- F.1. Conduct a Public Hearing and discuss and consider an Ordinance granting a Specific Use Permit for a Temporary Concrete Batch Plant located on an approximate 14.7631 acre portion of Lot 1, Block B in the Loloi Rugs Addition, Ellis CAD ID 310059, and otherwise known as 2151 Highway 287 Bypass, zoned Light Industrial and Manufacturing (L-IM).
[SUP - Temporary Concrete Batch Plant](#)

G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- G.1. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance abandoning, vacating and releasing two general utility easements located 700 East Ennis Avenue, City of Ennis, Texas Ellis CAD ID 222044 in exchange for replacement general utility easements.
[Ordinance - Utility Easements](#)
- G.2. Discuss and consider approving a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, approving a professional services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for engineering services related to the Liska Road bridge review and assessment, in an amount not to exceed \$28,900.00; authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement; and providing an effective date.
[Resolution - Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Liska Bridge](#)
- G.3. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a master contract for professional services with Freese and Nichols, Inc., to govern engineering services.
[Resolution - Master Service Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc.](#)
- G.4. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution approving Task One: Peer Review of Water Treatment Plant Expansion Design Plans under the master contract for professional services with Freese and Nichols, Inc., in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$36,480.00), and authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents in connection therewith.
[Resolution - Water Treatment Plant Expansion with Freese and Nichols, Inc.](#)
- G.5. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to initiate legal proceedings under Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code for the abatement of a substandard residential structure located at 808 N. Ripley St. Ennis, TX 75119.
[Resolution - 808 N Ripley St Abatement of Substandard Residential Structure](#)
- G.6. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution approving Change Order #6 with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN), related to the Ennis Avenue Underpass project, by increasing the contract amount by \$299,986.20, raising the total contract to \$6,543,736.89.
[Resolution - CO #6 Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam](#)
- G.7. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution suspending the July 31, 2025, effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor to hire legal and

consulting services and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel for the Steering Committee.

[Resolution - Oncor Rate Request](#)

- G.8. Discuss and consider appointments and reappointments to the Parks Board.

[Parks Board Appointments](#)

- G.9. Discuss and consider appointments and reappointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

[P&Z Appointments](#)

- G.10. Discuss and consider appointments and reappointments to the Historic Landmark Commission.

[HLC Appointments](#)

- G.11. Discuss and consider appointments and reappointments to the Railroad Museum Board.

[Railroad Museum Board Appointments](#)

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Commission will recess into closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- H.1. Section 551.071(1) and (2) Seek the advice of the Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer and to consult with the City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings and Section 551.072 Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

- 4.059 acres in fee simple which tract is generally described as being located in Ellis County, in Abstract No. 55, Richard A. Barton Survey, Ellis County, and being a part of a tract of land described by a deed to Donald R. Stout, recorded as Volume 584, Page 237, Deed Records, Ellis County, Texas, and located south of United States Highway 287 and west of South Jeter Drive; a utility easement in a tract of land containing approximately 1.565 acres which tract is generally described as being located in Ellis County, in Abstract No. 55, Richard A. Barton Survey, Ellis County, and being a part of a tract of land described in deed to Donald R. Stout, recorded as Volume 584, Page 237, Deed Records, Ellis County, Texas, and located south of United States Highway 287 and west of South Jeter Drive; and a temporary construction easement in a tract of land containing approximately 0.556 acres which tract is generally described as being located in Ellis County, in Abstract No. 55, Richard A. Barton Survey, Ellis County, and being a part of a tract of land described in deed to Donald R. Stout, recorded as Volume 584, Page 237, Deed Records, Ellis County, Texas, and located south of United States Highway 287 and west of South Jeter Drive.
- Downtown Rooftop Lights Project

- H.2. Section 551.087 - Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the city and with which the city is conducting

Economic Development negotiations; and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to the business prospect:

- Project GAF

I. ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Ennis City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website at www.ennistx.gov and said Notice was posted prior to the following date and time: **Friday, July 11, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.** and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.



ANGIE WADE, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

City of Ennis City Commission meetings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Secretary at (972) 875-1234 or write to: PO Box 220, Ennis, TX 75120, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.