



**ENNIS CITY COMMISSION AGENDA  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026  
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.

As authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.007 - the governing body shall allow any member of the public who wishes to speak on an agenda item at an open meeting to address the body regarding that item before or during the consideration of the item.

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

- Roll Call
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**B.1. City of Ennis Employee of the Month**

- Ernesto Gonzales, Vehicle Maintenance Technician

**B.2. City of Ennis Retiree Recognition**

- Samuel Walker - Sanitation Loader

**B.3. City of Ennis New Employee Recognition**

- Hannah Edwards, Police Officer
- Haydin Thomas, Police Communications Officer
- Austin Risner, Police Communications Officer
- Joseph Osborn, Utilities Maintenance Technician
- Clinton Sumerall, Public Works Assistant Director - Transportation Services

**B.4. Presentation of the Tourism Friendly Designation from the Travel Texas Office**

**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

*All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

- E.1. Approval of the January 20, 2026, Ennis City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.  
[CC Regular Meeting Minutes 01.20.26](#)
- E.2. Approval of the February 9, 2026, Ennis City Commission Special Meeting Minutes.  
[CC Special Meeting Minutes 02.09.26](#)
- E.3. Approval of the February 17, 2026, Ennis City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.  
[CC Regular Meeting Minutes 02.17.26](#)
- E.4. Approval of a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, ratifying the purchase of emergency repair services of the 8-inch sludge line located at the Ennis Wastewater Treatment Plant on 401 W Plant Rd from D&S Field Services, LLC in a sum not to exceed Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$65,000.00).  
[Emergency Repair - Sludge Line at Wastewater Treatment Plant from DS Field Services](#)
- E.5. Approval of a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, appointing staff members to the list of authorized signatories of the City's primary depository bank.  
[Authorized Signatories on City's Depository Bank](#)
- E.6. Approval of a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Estate of Dr. Walter C. Stout for Property ID 179791 to be used by the City and its contractors as part of the Ennis Freedom Fest June 25 - June 28, 2026 and the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails held April 1- 30, 2026.  
[Release and Hold Harmless](#)

#### F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- F.1. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding an application for a Zoning Change from Single Family Residential-5 (R-5) and Corridor Commercial (CC) to Light Industrial and Manufacturing (L-IM) for an approximately 0.8753-acre tract of land situated in the Claiborne Garrett Survey, Abstract No. 383, City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. 2900 N.E. Main Street. Ellis CAD ID 274771.  
[Public Hearing on Zoning Change R-5 & CC to L-IM](#)
- F.2. Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, amending the Zoning and Zoning Map of the City of Ennis, Texas from Single Family Residential-5 (R-5) and Corridor Commercial (CC) to Light Industrial and Manufacturing (L-IM) for an approximately 0.8753-acre tract of land situated in the Claiborne Garrett Survey, Abstract No. 383, City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. 2900 N.E. Main Street. Ellis CAD ID 274771.  
[Ordinance Approving Zoning Change R-5 & CC to L-IM](#)

- F.3. Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, amending Chapter 14 "Signs" of the Code of the City of Ennis to add Section 14-35 "Electioneering on City-owned property used for a polling place," amend Section 14-18(b) "Temporary signs, search lights," and amend Section 14-33 "Definitions," providing for findings, penalty, publication, and an effective date.  
[Sign Ordinance - Temporary Election Signs](#)
- F.4. Discuss and consider an Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas, amending Division 3. "Police Department" of Article IV "Officers and Employees" of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Code of the City of Ennis, Texas, to modernize the provisions concerning the Police Department, providing a Savings/Repealer Clause; providing a Severability Clause; and providing for publication and an effective date.  
[Ordinance Modernizing Code Provisions regarding Ennis Police Department](#)
- F.5. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, awarding RFQ 26-108-04 Professional Planning Services for the Development of a Future Land Use Plan to Freese and Nichols, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all agreements necessary to effectuate the same; and providing an effective date.  
[RFQ for Future Lan Use Plan Services](#)
- F.6. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, authorizing acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2026 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division for Ennis Municipal Airport (F41); authorizing execution of the Reimbursable Grant Agreement; committing local matching funds; and authorizing necessary Budget Amendments.  
[2026 RAMP Grant](#)
- F.7. Discuss and consider a Resolution authorizing the City of Ennis, Texas, to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Downtown Revitalization Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture; formally designating the Ennis Main Street area; committing \$50,000 in local matching funds; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all application documents and related agreements.  
[TxCDBG - Downtown Revitalization Program](#)
- F.8. Discuss and consider a Resolution approving a Production Management Agreement with First Class Productions for the Ennis Bluebonnet Trails and Festival and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement.  
[First Class Productions - Bluebonnet Trails and Festival](#)
- F.9. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, authorizing the purchase of a high performance mobile stage in response to the competitive bid process ITB-26-112-08, in an amount not to exceed \$208,535.00 plus allowable contingency; authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents in connection therewith; and setting an effective date.  
[High Performance Mobile Stage](#)
- F.10. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, establishing a pilot program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for tourism event support; authorizing the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds for eligible tourism-promoting events; appropriating an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the pilot

program; establishing program guidelines and administration; and providing an effective date.

[Tourism Event Support Pilot Program](#)

- F.11. Discuss and consider a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, appointing members to the Charter Review Committee.

[Appointing a Charter Review Committee](#)

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- G.1. Section 551.071(1) and (2) 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 Act and seek the advice of the Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; 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:

- *Downtown Rooftop Lights Project*

- G.2. Section 551.072 - Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; and Section 551.071(2) - 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 Act:

- *Lease with Cellco Partnership for Ennis North Water Tower*

- G.3. Section 551.071(1) and (2) - 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 Act and seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer:

- *City of Ennis v. Ennis Main Street 501(c)(3) a/k/a Destination Ennis, Inc., Cause No. 116835, pending in the 40th Judicial District Court, Ellis County*

- G.4. Section 551.074 - Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- *City Secretary*

H. ACTION NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. 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](http://www.ennistx.gov) and said Notice was posted prior to the following date and time: **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:00 P.M.** and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

Angie Wade

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ANGIE WADE, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

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