

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

AUGUST 20, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor and Commissioners Frazier, Searcy and Holley, City Attorney Mash, City Manager Howerton and City Secretary Trull.

Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Salik and Haupt were unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Scot Ramsey, Chief Erisman and News Media.

JULY BUDGET REPORT. With 83.33 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 93.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. General Fund Expenditures totaled 80.10 percent of the annual budget. With 83.33 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 77.00 percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 78.90 percent of the annual budget.

CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL AWARD. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Ennis by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its most recent (FY 2011) comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. City Manager Howerton said that the award is an outstanding tribute to the City's accounting staff and to the City's auditors. He also commented that the City of Ennis is proud to receive this prestigious award for the twenty-ninth time since 1982 and is committed to maintaining high standards for government finance and disclosure.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING IN ENNIS. City Manager Howerton announced that the City of Ennis will be spraying insecticide to control mosquitoes on Tuesday evening, August 21, 2012 and Thursday evening, August 23, 2012. Three areas will be sprayed on both evenings, weather conditions permitting (no rain or winds over 10 mph). The City of Ennis has now sprayed ninety (90) percent of the city's population and will continue to spray till there are no infected areas.

CITY MANAGER HOWERTON REPORTED on several projects that are going on in the City of Ennis, including the 287 By-Pass Project, 2012 Street Construction Project and several others.

AGENDA ITEMS. The agenda items were discussed. There will be a presentation by the Ennis Rotary Club (Jimmy Boon) regarding the United States Flag Program in the City of Ennis. Two Public Facilities Use Permits will be considered. The first is the one for the 2012 Autumn Days Fall Festival (October 20, 2012 – Chamber of Commerce) and the other is for the 2012 Halloween Festival (October 31, 2012 – Chamber of Commerce). City Manager Howerton stated these are successful routine festivals and City Staff recommends approval contingent upon receipt of a certificate of liability insurance. There are no appointments to be considered.

The Commission adjourned to enter the regular meeting in the Commission Chamber.

---

City Secretary