

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM with the following being present: Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Taylor and Holley, City Attorney Wilson, City Manager Howerton and City Secretary.

Commissioner Searcy was unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Vitovsky, Sergeant Pillow, News Media and others.

INVOCATION was given by Commissioner Frazier.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

MINUTES of the August 20th workshop were approved on motion by Commissioner Salik, second by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the August 20th regular meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Holley, second by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 12-09-01 ADOPTING THE CITY OF ENNIS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012. The public hearing has been advertised and Mayor Thomas opened the meeting as a public hearing. City Manager Howerton read the ordinance for the proposed budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

For Operating Expenses	\$13,004,309.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 382,600.00
General Obligation Bond Debt	<u>\$ 3,345,828.00</u>
TOTAL	\$16,732,737.00

WATER AND SEWER

For Operating Expenses	\$ 6,031,229.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 204,328.00
I & S	<u>\$ 2,213,511.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,449,068.00

There were no comments from the audience. The Commission took first reading of an ordinance for the appropriations.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 12-09-01 ADOPTING THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, caption of which is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-09-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET, APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012.

PASSED on first reading on motion by Commissioner Frazier, second by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 12-09-02 ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012. The public hearing has been advertised and Mayor Thomas opened the meeting as a public hearing. City Manager Howerton read the ordinance for the tax rate as follows:

For the General Fund	\$0.456978
For the interest & Sinking Fund	<u>\$0.238022</u>
TOTAL	\$0.695000

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.28 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$15.24.

There were no comments from the audience.

The public hearings were closed on motion by Commissioner Taylor, second by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE.

VOTE TO RATIFY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN THE BUDGET.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to ratify the property tax increase in the budget, second by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 12-09-02 ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, caption of which is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-09-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012.

PASSED on first reading on motion by Commissioner Haupt, second by Commissioner Taylor with all members present voting AYE.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09-03 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FY 2012-2013 ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET WITH "PROJECTS" PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.159 (USE OF 4B SALES TAX REVENUE), caption of which is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FY 2012-2013 ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET WITH "PROJECTS" PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.151 – 505.158.

City Manager Howerton stated that the Board of Directors of the Ennis Economic Development Corporation has held a Public Hearing and voted to approve the FY 2012-2013 Ennis Economic Development Corporation Budget (with "Projects") which is attached to the resolution. City Manager Howerton read the resolution and the budget.

PASSED on first reading on motion by Commissioner Salik, second by Commissioner Taylor with all members present voting AYE.

CHARGE –OFF OF DELINQUENT UTILITY, AMBULANCE AND TAX ACCOUNTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY. The Commission approved the charge-off of delinquent utility accounts in the amount of \$8,255.59 and ambulance accounts in the amount of \$314.70 for the purpose of collection by the office of the City Attorney on motion by Commissioner Salik, second by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE.

PUBLIC FACILITIES USE PERMIT FOR DAMASCUS ROAD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (OCTOBER 7, 2012). The Damascus Road Fellowship Church is requesting a public facility use permit for the corner of Ennis Avenue and Dallas Street (curb and sidewalk) for October 7, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. City Manager Howerton stated their certificate of liability insurance needs to be modified to show the City of Ennis as an additional named insured with no conditions. The permit was granted contingent upon the change on motion by Commissioner Salik, second by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. There were no appointments.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE. Commissioner Salik inquired if the area south of Ennis Avenue is sprayed for West Nile? City Manager Howerton stated that area is sprayed every Thursday.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary