

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas and Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Taylor and Holley, City Attorney Wilson, City Manager Howerton and City Secretary Trull.

Commissioner Searcy was unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Vitovsky, News Media and others.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 31, 2012 THROUGH AUGUST 27, 2012. The report was routine in nature. Of importance, during August, the Water Treatment Plant treated approximately 145.023 million gallons of water and the Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 40.228 million gallons of wastewater. City Manager Howerton also reported that Lake Bardwell is at 419.15 feet above sea level which is better than last year's level at this time.

WEST NILE REPORT. City Manager Howerton stated that reports are received from the State on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The total Ellis County cases are at sixteen (16). There are no confirmed West Nile Cases reported in Ennis. The City of Ennis is spraying 90 + percent of the populated area of Ennis on a weekly basis (Tuesday and Thursday) weather permitting. The City's mosquito control activities are working and the mosquito population is declining. City Manager Howerton stated that the City of Ennis will continue mosquito spraying until there is no West Nile threat (onset of winter with freezing weather).

2012 STREET BOND PROGRAM (FIELD ORDERS NO. 1 AND NO.2). City Manager Howerton presented Field Orders No. 1 and No. 2 from Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the 2012 Street Bond Program. The Field Orders were issued to avoid conflict with a 16" water main, which runs along N. Sherman, N. McKinney, and W. Moore St. The Project Engineer is concerned that excavation in the vicinity of the 16" water main could cause a serious water leak that could jeopardize the integrity of the City's water system. The engineering solution is explained in the Field Orders.

AGENDA ITEMS. There are two public hearings on the agenda. The first pertains to 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 second pertains to Ordinance No. 12-09-02 establishing the Tax Rate for the City of Ennis for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012. City Manager Howerton read the ordinances and explained what State law requires as to the wordage. This also requires the Commission to vote to ratify the property tax increase in the Budget. The ordinances will be heard under first reading of ordinances. Under new business, the Commission will consider Resolution No. 12-09-03 approving the FY 2012-2013 Ennis Economic Development Corporation Budget with "Projects" (Use of 4B Sales Tax Revenue). City Manager Howerton read and explained the budget. The Commission will also consider 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. The Commission will also consider a public facilities use permit for Damascus Road Fellowship Church for October 7, 2012. City Manager Howerton recommends modification of the certificate of liability insurance to show the City of Ennis as an additional insured without conditions. There are no appointments to be considered.

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

City Secretary