

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

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

Commissioners Haupt and Searcy were unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Erisman and News Media.

AUGUST BUDGET REPORT. With 91.67 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 97.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. General Fund Expenditures totaled 87.70 percent of the annual budget. With 91.67 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 95.56 percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 86.10 percent of the annual budget.

WEST NILE REPORT. City Manager Howerton updated the Commission on the West Nile. There has been no change in the number of confirmed West Nile Virus cases in Ellis County (still 19 – since Thursday, September 13, 2012). No human West Nile cases have been confirmed in Ennis...although the City is expecting one or more confirmations for the Ennis Zip Code (Ennis and an additional 30-50 sq. miles). City Manager Howerton stated that spraying will continue on Tuesday evening (residential areas North of Ennis Avenue) and Thursday evening (residential areas South of Ennis Avenue). He also stated that mosquito spraying will continue until there is no West Nile threat.

2012 STREET BOND PROGRAM. City Manager Howerton reported on the progress of the 2012 Street Bond Program. He also stated that the 287 By-Pass Project is showing great progress.

AGENDA ITEMS. The agenda items were discussed. There is one public hearing and that pertains to Ordinance No. 12-09-05 adopting the 2009 Editions of the International Building, Residential, Energy Conservation, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Existing Building and Property Maintenance Codes, the 2011 National Electric Code, and the latest Edition on File of the National Fire Code. City Manager Howerton highlighted the correspondence from the Chief Building Official and Chairman of the Building Standards Commission recommending the adoption of the 2009 International Codes and the 2011 National Electric Code. This ordinance will be heard under first reading of ordinances. Under second reading of ordinances, there are no changes 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 and Ordinance No. 12-09-02 establishing the Tax Rate for the City of Ennis for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012. Under new business there is no change to Resolution No. 12-09-03 authorizing and approving the FY 2012-2013 Ennis Economic Development Corporation Budget with "Projects". The Commission will also consider Resolution No. 12-09-04 providing for the approval of the 2012 Tax Roll for the City of Ennis. City Manager Howerton read from the resolution stating the value used in the 2012 Tax Roll calculation is the 2012 Certified Taxable Value, \$1,375,246,813.00 certified by the Chief Appraiser for the Ellis Central Appraisal District on July 17, 2012. The amount of tax for 2012 is \$9,557,965.35, having been calculated by the Assessor for the City of Ennis by applying the duly adopted tax rate for 2012 of \$0.6950 to the certified appraisal roll for 2012. There are no appointments to be considered.

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

City Secretary