

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 5, 2012

6:00 P.M.

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

Commissioners Frazier and Searcy were unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Erisman, Bill Vitovsky, and News Media.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2012. The report was routine in nature. Of importance, various streets have been patched using 32 tons of asphalt; 1511 blocks of concrete streets have been sealed at 17 locations and the City's entire 4th ward. The Utility Department repaired eighteen small water lines. During October, the Water Treatment Plant treated approximately 146.310 million gallons of water and the Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 67.784 million gallons of wastewater.

4TH QUARTER MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES (MBO) REPORT (FY2011-2012). The Police Department performed 62 compliance checks (sting operations) to ensure compliance with state and local alcoholic beverage laws (129% of the annual objective). In the Fire Department, the annual fire loss year to date is \$85,300 (4.866% [\$5,970.00] below the 5-year average). 157 abandoned vehicles were identified by the Inspection Department and processed for compliance proceedings (491% of the annual objective). The Health Department completed 456 food inspections (152% of the annual objective). In the Tourism Department, 13,809 people visited the Ennis Convention & Visitors Bureau (132% of the annual objective). The Library Department circulated 5,462 items in the Young Adult collection (108.5% of the annual objective). In the Parks Department, twenty of twenty parks or public areas were cleaned each week (100% of the annual objective). The Street Department used 432 tons of patch material for street repairs (216% of the annual objective). The Sanitation Department cleaned 288 miles of road rights-of-way (100% of the annual objective). In the Equipment Services Department, 261 pieces of equipment received preventative maintenance on the assigned day (100% of the annual objective). The Utility Department improved 15 low pressure areas in the water distribution system (100% of the annual objective).

DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2012. Brookshire's \$4,000,000 project is under construction with a possible May 2013 completion. McDonald's \$500,000 remodel is progressing. Domino's Pizza remodel is complete and is expected to open this week. Burger King is open. City Manager Howerton reported on the seven projects when taken through development would have a permitting value of \$25,950,000. AT&T will have a \$2,500,000 investment upon completion of the remodel. Valek Meadows Apartments, a 200 unit project of \$12,000,000 at completion, is 60 to 90 days away from completion of 77 units in the first phase.

SUMMARY OF WEST NILE VIRUS (MOSQUITO CONTROL) ACTIVITIES FOR 2012. Pursuant to guidance provided by the Texas State Department of Health Services, the City of Ennis suspended mosquito spraying on November 2, 2012. City Manager Howerton reported that the City of Ennis has completed seventeen (17) weeks of mosquito control (spraying) activities (beginning July 10, 2012 and ending November 1, 2012). During the first four (4) weeks of mosquito control activities, targeted areas were sprayed. During the final (13) weeks of mosquito control activities, 95% of the populated area of Ennis was sprayed each week (thirteen [13] times). Larvacide has been applied to active mosquito pools over a twenty-four (24) week period (beginning May 15, 2012). Larvacide

activities will continue throughout the year. To date, annual mosquito control costs have totaled \$11,849.82 (\$6,610.81 for equipment, fuel and materials, and \$5,239.01 for personnel costs). No confirmed human West Nile Cases have been reported in the City of Ennis. The City of Ennis will resume mosquito surveillance activities once night time low temperatures regularly exceed 60 degrees F and will resume spraying in the Spring of 2013 if West Nile Virus is present in the mosquito population or if human West Nile cases are confirmed in Ellis County.

City Manager Howerton commended Chauncy Williams, Director of Health Services, and the people that assisted in night spraying for the superb job.

2012 STREET BOND PROGRAM. City Manager Howerton reported on the progress of the 2012 Street Bond Program, stating that of the twenty-seven (27) streets in the project twelve (12) have been totally completed with an anticipated completion date on the remaining by the end of February 2013.

AGENDA ITEMS. The agenda items were discussed. The Commission will consider two bid awards. The first award is for "E 13-05" TWO PICK-UP TRUCKS. Four (4) bidders submitted bids for the pick-up trucks. The second award is for "E13-08" LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING (25 CUBIC YARD GARBAGE TRUCK). Four proposals were received for "E 13-08". Under New Business a request for Change Order No.2 for the 2012 Street Program contract with Jay Mills Contracting Inc. There are no appointments to be considered.

The Commission adjourned the workshop at 6:38 P.M. to enter the regular meeting in the Commission Chambers.

City Secretary