

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013, in the City Commission Chamber of the Ennis City Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, and Haupt, City Manager Howerton, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, and City Secretary Batchler.

Commissioners Taylor, Searcy and Holley were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Haupt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

ROLL CALL to determine the presence of a quorum: The City Secretary called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTES of the January 7, 2013, workshop were approved on a motion by Commissioner Salik, seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the January 7, 2013 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-01-01 DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT ZONE NO. 53 (JTEKT AUTOMOTIVE OF TEXAS, L.P.)

ORDINANCE NO. 13-01-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT ZONE NO. 53 (JTEKT AUTOMOTIVE OF TEXAS, L.P.) WITHIN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on second reading with a motion by Commissioner Salik, seconded by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

City Manager Steve Howerton presented the annual audit to the Commission. He stated that the FY-2012 Audit Report shows that the City of Ennis is in good financial condition with no material deficiencies or weaknesses related to the City's financial management. Highlights of the FY-2012 Audit Report are as follows: The City's total net assets increased by \$451,982 during FY-2012. The unassigned fund balance for the City's General Fund was \$6,455,305 (up \$652,892). It should be noted that the City's unassigned fund balance for the General Fund has increased each year since the nation-wide economic downturn began in 2008. Ennis Sales Tax collections increased 3.2% (\$79,662) during FY-2012. Property tax revenues increased by 1.55% (\$142,927) during FY-2012; primarily as a result of new construction and industrial tax abatement "roll-offs". FY-2012 was the sixth consecutive budget year without a tax rate increase. The tax rate was reduced once during this six year period. Utility System operating expense was \$7,764,868 (down 5.3% or \$457,174). General Fund actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$1,129,160 during FY-2012. During FY-2012 the City's General Obligation Bond Credit Ratings were maintained as AA- (Standard & Poor's) and A1 (Moody's Investor Services).

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS AND AMERICAN MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

City staff recommended that the Commission enter into a municipal court fine collection agreement with American Municipal Services for collection of outstanding court fines. Commissioner Salik moved to enter into the agreement and Commissioner Frazier seconded. All members present voted AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: This item was removed from the table on a motion by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE. The Mayor presented his recommendation for reappointment of the following to their boards or commissions:

Tammy Fry	Ennis Arts Commission
Steve Carberry	Ennis Arts Commission
Fran Anderson	Ennis Arts Commission
Joanne Ventura	Ennis Arts Commission
Dan Espedal	Ennis Housing Authority
Raymond Coleman	Ennis Housing Authority
Sam Ventura	Ennis Economic Development Corporation
Jess Haupt	Ennis Economic Development Corporation

Tom Abram	Ennis Economic Development Corporation
Brian Ozymy	Ennis Tourism Commission
Kelly Kovar	Ennis Tourism Commission

The reappointments were approved by a motion from Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Haupt. All members present voted AYE.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE: Commissioner Haupt requested that staff research upgrading the recycling program to include the use of recycling containers.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

