

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION BUDGET WORKSHOP

JULY 16, 2013

5:30 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. on July 16, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Walker, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Howerton, Director of Finance Mitchell, and City Secretary Batchler.

REVIEW PROPOSED FY 2013-2014 CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, BUDGET.

City Manager Howerton presented to the City Commission the proposed Budget Program for governmental operations of the City of Ennis, Texas for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

The total Budget for FY 2013-2014 is \$25,791,929.

The General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014 is balanced with adjusted revenues and expenditures of \$17,223,723. The “estimated” taxable valuation is certified by the Ellis Central Appraisal District to be \$1,355,280,137 and is subject to change. A “Certified Taxable Valuation” will be provided during the month of September. The tax levy is based upon a tax rate of \$0.6950 per one hundred dollar assessed valuation and a collection ratio of approximately 97.50 percent. During the past twenty-four years the ad valorem tax rate has been increased twice. During the past seventeen years the ad valorem tax rate has been reduced three times.

The following is a list of major capital improvements and purchases to be made from the General Fund during the budget year:

(1) In the Police Department

- (a) Three new patrol vehicles
- (b) One 911 System (continuation of lease)
- (c) One new Dispatch Console

(2) In the Fire Department

- (a) One 1500 GPM pumper (continuation of lease-purchase)
- (b) One 1500 GPM aerial apparatus (continuation of lease-purchase)
- (c) New SCBA and bunker gear

(3) In the Refuse Collection Department

- (a) One 25 cubic yard diesel garbage truck (continuation of lease-purchase)

(4) In the Street Department

- (a) One new  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pick-up truck
- (b) One new tractor and boom mower (lease-purchase)

The Utility Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014 allows expenditures in the amount of \$8,568,206.

The following is a list of major capital expenditures to be made from the Utility Fund during the budget year:

(1) In the Water Department

- (a) One new  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pick-up truck
- (b) One new backhoe
- (c) 140 new  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch residential water meters and new oversized meters
- (d) Five new turbidity meters
- (e) Water main and hydrant improvements

(2) In the Wastewater Department

- (a) One new zero turn mower
- (b) Assorted new wastewater plant machinery and equipment
- (c) Sanitary sewer and manhole improvements.

Mayor Thomas and the Commission thanked City Manager Howerton and his staff for their dedicated efforts in the preparation of the FY 2013-2014 Budget.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

