

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2014, 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, Interim City Manager Hatchel, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler and the News Media.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Searcy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor.

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 6, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley, seconded by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the January 6, 2014, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

Greer Yeldell, with Yeldell, Wilson & Co., P.C., presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. Yeldell stated that the city is in good financial condition with no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies related to financial management. The highlights were covered. General Fund unassigned fund balance was 7,435,000 up 985,000 over last year which is significantly over last year with 200 days set aside. Sales tax is up 8 percent over last year in the amount of \$212,000. Property tax is up over 5 percent representing \$560,000 in additional collections. Budget versus actual, the revenue is up over budget by \$1,260,000 and the expenditures were under budget by \$778,000. Seventh consecutive year the city has gone without a tax rate increase. In water and sewer, the expenses are up \$182,000 a little over 2 percent. Over all for the Water and Sewer Fund revenue was over budget by \$44,000 and expenses are under budget by \$494,000.

Commissioner Haupt moved to accept the City of Ennis, Texas Comprehensive Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013. Commissioner Salik seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, ANN. §551.071 (TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT – “PERSONNEL MATTERS”) – SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER AND PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, ANN. §551.072 (TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT –“REAL PROPERTY”) – ACQUISITION FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

At 7:11 p.m., January 21, 2014, Mayor Thomas adjourned the open session into executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Annotated §551.074 Texas Open Meetings Act – “Personnel Matters” – Selection of City Manager and pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Annotated §551.072 Texas Open Meetings Act – “Real Property” – Acquisition for Public Purposes upon a motion by Commissioner Searcy and a second by Commissioner Haupt. All members in attendance voted AYE.

At 7:38 p.m., January 21, 2014, Mayor Thomas reconvened into open session and stated that no action will be taken on either item and that the commission will continue the search for city manager and the negotiations regarding the real property.

CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PERTAINING THERETO.

RESOLUTION 14-01-01

DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE

CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE

CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2014

WHEREAS, the City deems it advisable to give notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$6,000,000, for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing and improving streets, curbs and gutters and related drainage and utility relocation and for professional services, including engineers, architects, attorneys, map makers, auditors, and financial advisors, in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed, was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS:

1. That attached hereto is a form of the Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation, the form and substance of which is hereby adopted and approved.

2. That the City Secretary shall cause said notice to be published in substantially the form attached hereto, in a newspaper of general circulation in said City, and published in said City, on the same day in each of two consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication thereof to be at least 30 days prior to the time set for the issuance of such certificates of obligation as shown in said notice.

3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner Holley moved to approve and adopt Resolution 14-01-01 directing the publication of notice of intention to issue City of Ennis, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014 to fund the 2014 Street Program. Commissioner Haupt seconded and Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Walker, Searcy and Holley voted AYE

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Thomas recommended the following be appointed and reappointed:

Appointments

Housing Authority of Ennis McBeth Spencer

Reappointments

Arts Commission Jina Armstrong

Economic Development Corporation Russell Thomas
Gus Jones
Mike Montgomery
Phil Newsom

Housing Authority of Ennis Shirley Watson
Ross Lewis

Greg Vineyard

Tourism Commission

Teddi Jo Duval
Darlene McCorvey
Pat Wiemelt

Commissioner Salik moved to approve the recommendation for appointment and reappointments. Commissioner Haupt seconded and the members in attendance vote Aye.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commission Walker thanked Mr. Hatchel for the work he has done. Commissioner Searcy said she is excited about all that she heard tonight and is looking for Ennis to come of age so to speak. Commissioner Holley asked when we will have the finals on the streets on the 2014 Program for paring down. Mr. Hatchel stated that the engineers will deliver the estimates tomorrow and he will provide to the commission.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

