

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MAY 5, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on May 5, 2014, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Frazier, Haupt, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, ED Coordinator Nelson, HR Coordinator Kellenberger, Director of Health Services Williams, Lieutenant Anthony, City Secretary Batchler, and News Media.

Commissioner Salik was not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Walker

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 Minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Haupt with all members present voting AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 14-05-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, DENYING THE RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION, UNDER THE COMPANY'S 2014 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING IN ALL CITIES EXERCISING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE CITIES' REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES PERTAINING TO REVIEW OF THE RRM; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION WITH ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE IN ANY APPEAL FILED AT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS BY THE COMPANY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE CITIES' REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES IN ANY SUCH APPEAL TO THE RAILROAD COMMISSION; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVING CLAUSE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

Commissioner Haupt moved to Pass and Approved Resolution 14-05-01 denying a rate increase requested by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division, under the company's 2014 Annual Rate Review Mechanism. Seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members in attendance voting AYE.

RESOLUTION 14-05-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT SERVICES FROM THE ELLIS COUNTY TAX OFFICE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ELLIS COUNTY TAX OFFICE TO CALCULATE THE EFFECTIVE AND ROLLBACK TAX RATES FOR 2014 TAX YEAR.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-05-02 authorizing an agreement for Ad valorem Assessment Service from the Ellis County Tax Office for the 2014 Tax Year to include the calculations and publications of the effective and rollback tax rates. Commissioner Haupt seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION 14-05-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CAROLYN M. MARSHALL, C.P.A., FOR A WATER/SEWER COST OF SERVICE AND RATE STUDY.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-05-03 authorizing the city manager to execute the agreement between the city and Carolyn M. Marshall, C.P.A. to conduct a cost of service and rate study related to water/sewer services in an amount not to exceed \$17,500. Commissioner Holley seconded and the members in attendance voted Aye.

RESOLUTION 14-05-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THRE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH EVO GOVERNMENT WEBSITES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY WEBSITE.

Commissioner Haupt moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-05-04 authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with EVO Government Websites for the development of a city website in an amount not to exceed \$17,400. Commissioner Holley seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE.

PUBLIC FACILITIES USE PERMIT

Commissioner Frazier moved to grant a Public Facilities Use Permit to Damascus Road Fellowship Church for July 13, 2014 and July 20, 2014, to utilize the sidewalk at 116 W. Ennis

Avenue for church services. Commissioner Haupt seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There was no action taken.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Walker thanked Economic Development Coordinator Nelson for his hard work on the Farmers Market. Commissioner Searcy requested that the tree branches and debris from the recent storms be removed on Crisp Pike Road. Commissioner Holley echoed Commissioner Walker's thank you to Economic Development Coordinator Nelson for a job well done on the Farmers Market success. He also requested that Chief Erisman look into the wrong way traffic on Belknap near Ceasar. Commissioner Holley thanked Mayor Thomas for the presentation of the Charles Gentry memorial. Commissioner Haupt thanked Commissioner Holley for providing the music at the last Farmers Market.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Attest:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

