

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on August 4, 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, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, ED Coordinator Nelson, HR Coordinator Kellenberger, Captain Anthony, Chief Aycock, City Secretary Batchler, and News Media.

Commissioner Searcy 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 of the July 21, 2014, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley and seconded by Commissioner Frazier with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the July 21, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Salik and seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 14-08-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ENNIS DESIRE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SALES AND USE TAX FOR STREET MAINTENANCE IN THE CITY; DESIGNATING A POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Ewings stated that as previously discussed, this ordinance would place a proposition on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot to dedicate a portion of sales tax to street maintenance, if approved. The proposed .25% would provide an estimated \$700,000 per fiscal year towards street maintenance activities. The funds could only be used for maintenance of existing streets.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 14-08-01 on first reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

## SECOND READING

### ORDINANCE 14-07-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL DEBT SERVICE; PROVIDING APPROPRIATION FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Due to the issuance of the street bonds in March, an interest payment is due in August raising the total bond payments for the current fiscal year. The payment was not appropriated during the budget process last year. The budget must be amended to accommodate the additional cost. Unanticipated drainage improvements required for a failing drainage pipe on Valley View must be appropriated and additional park funds to begin a re-grading of the ball fields. Funding for the ball field improvements is available in an existing park redevelopment fund.

Commissioner Salik moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Ordinance 14-07-12 amending the City of Ennis FY 13-14 Budget appropriating \$71,318 to the Interest and Sinking (I&S) for additional debt service and appropriating \$103,176 in the General Fund for unanticipated drainage improvements and appropriating \$36,000 for field grading in Bluebonnet Park and Veterans Park on second and final reading. Commissioner Hackney seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

## NEW BUSINESS

A Public Hearing and any related action on a proposed two-year Crime Control District Plan and two-year Crime Control District Budget Plan. The city manager noted that under the governing statute, the city commission must hold a public hearing on the proposed plan and budget for the district and the temporary board of directors of the Crime Control and Prevention District will then call for the election on August 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Commissioners Holley, Walker, and Hackney indicated that they would have preferred a greater percentage of the proposed sales tax revenue would have been designated to the construction of the proposed new police facility. City Manager Ewings stated that under state law the plan and budget will annually be submitted to the city commission and can be adjusted. Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. and asked for public comment. There was none. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. (Copy of Plan and Budget is Attached)

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept the proposed two-year Crime Control District Plan and a two-year Crime Control District Budget Plan. Commissioner Salik seconded and all member in attendance voted AYE.

RESOLUTION 14-08-02

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PROPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND DECLARING DATES FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

Consider Resolution 14-08-02 proposing an Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.6950 and declaring dates of August 18, 2014, and September 2, 2014, for consideration of an ordinance setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The Certified Taxable Value of \$14,410,087,870 as submitted by the Ellis Central Appraisal District for the tax year of 2014 and the calculated Effective Tax Rate of \$0.710223 and Rollback Tax Rate of \$0.761043 was submitted to the City Commission. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-08-02 and Commissioner Salik seconded with Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Hackney, Walker and Holley voting AYE

RESOLUTION 14-08-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO RENEGOTIATE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS AND THE ENNIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution 14-08-03 appoints Chief Aycok, City Manager Ewings and Commissioner Walker as City of Ennis representatives to renegotiate the several decades old contract between the City of Ennis and the Ennis Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to the contract. Commissioner Salik moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-08-03, Commissioner Holley seconded with Mayor Thomas, Commissioner Salik, Frazier, Hackney and Holley voted AYE. Commissioner Walker abstained.

RESOLUTION 14-08-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENNIS AND NAVARRO COLLEGE/CORSICANA ALLOWING FOR THE TITLE TRANSFER OF AN AMBULANCE TO NAVARRO COLLEGE IN EXCHANGE FOR EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS/CREDITS VALUED AT \$5,270.

Resolution 14-08-04 approves a contract between the Ennis Fire Department and Navarro College/Corsicana that allows for the transfer of an ambulance to Navarro College in exchange for EMS training (\$5,000). Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-08-04, seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members in attendance voting AYE.

RESOLUTION 14-08-05

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES GROUP, LLC, FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON VALLEY VIEW DRIVE.

Resolution 14-08-05 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Construction Companies, LLC, for construction of drainage improvements at Valley View Drive for an amount not to exceed \$94,342.50. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass and Approve Resolution 14-08-05, Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

PUBLIC USE PERMIT

Commissioner Hackney moved to approve a Public Facilities Use Permit for the 2014 NHRA Kick-Off Party (Texas Motorplex/City of Ennis - September 17, 2014), Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget was discussed. The city manager stated that the certified values have been submitted by the ECAD and the final numbers on taxes regarding the 2014 proposed tax rate of \$0.6950. Due to the debt service, the debt I & S rate has been increased reducing the general operating fund in order to accommodate the cost of debt. The property values have decreased.

General Fund Property Tax Rate: Maintains current rate of 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation, Lowers available funds from General Fund due to increase debt payments:

	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
M & O Rate	.448714	.429183
I & S Rate	.246286	.265817
Total Rate	69.5	69.5

General Fund Sales Tax Revenue: \$2,997,560 2014-2015 projected collection.

General Fund Revenue Summary:

Property Tax	\$ 9,855,824 (includes I & S)
Sales Tax	\$ 2,997,560
Fees & Fines	\$ 3,078,671
Transfers (EDC & Utility)	\$ 865,274
TOTAL	\$16,846,529
LESS I&S	\$ 3,748,258
 TOTAL GF	 \$13,098,271

Removes special fund revenue: Sanitation, Hotel Occupancy Tax and Court Technology/Security Fund from General Fund to create Enterprise Funds.

### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

\$14,149,966 less I & S

Utilizes fund balance for one-time purchases totaling \$993,000 (Fleet replacement- sanitation truck, street sweeper: \$380,036), Library Roof - \$65,000, Field Grading - \$80,000, Comprehensive Plan - \$100,000, GIS Updates - \$28,000.

Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 7,761,929
Revenues	\$13,098,271
Expenditures	\$14,149,966

FY 15 Projected Fund Balance \$ 6,710,234

Administration total personnel cost included no longer split between funds. Downtown Coordinator to be added and the ED Coordinator will be moved to administration. Transfer from EDC and Utility to Administration.

Police Department adds two Public Safety Communication Specialist.

Fire Department funds 6 Driver Positions reclassifying existing positions.

Sanitation Fund: New enterprise fund proposes an 8% increase in sanitation rates. Residential - \$13.50 (current \$12.50), Commercial - \$16.32 (current \$15.00) Continues to rely on General Fund to balance:

Revenue	\$ 944,580
Expenditures	\$1,265,178

Transfer from General Fund = \$320,598, Sanitation Vehicle - \$161,521, 98-Gallon Containers for recycling - \$40,000, Operating Portion = \$119,077 from General Fund.

Recycling program currently suspended. Proposed to use 95-gallon containers, new vehicle would have tipper, cost recovery fee for participants \$2.00 per month.

### UTILITY FUND

Cost of Services/Rate Study  
Meter Replacement Program  
Capital Investment

Expenditures \$8,225,641 Revenues \$8,386,790

Working capital less than 90 days. Reliance on fund balance.

	Water Rates		Avg. Amount of Increase
	2013-2014	2014-15	
Base Residential	22.50	22.50	0
Per 1,000 gal	3.00	3.00	
Base Commercial	22.50	22.50	0
Per 1,000 gal	3.00	3.00	

Waste Water Rates			
Base Residential	17.00	22.41	
Per 1,000 gal	1.44 (2-5k)	1.90 (2-5k)	5.87/mo
Base Commercial	18.30	24.13	
Per 1,000 gal	1.55	2.40 (2-5k)	6.32/mo

#### UTILITY FUND BALANCE

Beginning Balance	\$2,123,175
Revenue	\$8,386,774
Expenditures	\$8,225,641
Fund Balance	\$2,284,308

#### SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS

Beginning Fund Balance	\$10,591,452
Revenues	\$26,458,570
Expenditures	\$27,673,752

FY 15 Projected Fund Balance      \$9,376,270

#### 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

2014 Street Bond Program is underway. 2016 Street Bond Program, bonds will be sold to fund. Water/Wastewater Improvements will utilize unspent bond funds.

#### BUDGET CALENDAR

August 18, 2014

First Reading of Ordinance Adopting FY 14-15 Budget

First Reading of Ordinance Adopting Tax Rate

September 2, 2014

Public Hearing on Proposed FY 14-15 Budget

Second Reading of Ordinance Adopting FY 14-15 Budget

Second Reading of Ordinance Adopting Tax Rate

Resolution Adopting Tax Roll

Resolution Adopting Proposed Fees

A Budget Workshop will be held on August 7, 2014, at 8:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Commissioner Frazier moved to appoint and reappoint the following as proposed to the City of Ennis Boards and Commissions. Commissioner Salik seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Carmen Vasquez  
Angie Garcia

PLANNING AND ZONING

Kevin Culpepper  
Jeff Low

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Chuck Allen

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

Ross Massengill  
Dennis Zembala

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Bramlet Beard  
Randy Wiemelt

TOURISM COMMISSION

Jennifer Wartzbaugh

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner Walker stated that Congressman Jim Pitts has been contacted in reference to TDOT placing traffic cameras on Highway 287.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

