

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MAY 4, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on May 4, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Frazier, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Finance Welch, Chief Aycock, ED Coordinator Nelson and Chief Building Inspector Richardson.

Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Hackney

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 20, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the April 20, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier. Seconded by Commissioner Walker with all members present voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Dr. Meg Sullivan, president of the Main Street Advisory Board, spoke regarding the Downtown Master Plan. The board has heard from the selected group that reviewed the proposals on the Downtown Master Plan. Fireworks display for the Fourth of July, the Red, White and Bike Parade and a Barbecue Cook off for downtown is planned for the Independence Day Celebration. Charlene Pagan spoke regarding the broken glass in the door of the Old Bank Building on Ennis Ave. City Staff to investigate.

PUBLIC HEARING CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT BUDGET

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing on the proposed Ennis Crime Control and Prevention District FY 2015 Budget at 7:05 p.m. No comments from the public in attendance were forthcoming and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING 1855 HIGHWAY 287 Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance from “T” Transition District to “HC-PD” Heavy Commercial Planned Development District for a tract of land known as 1855 Highway 287, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas at 7:06 p.m. Ramon Aranda stated that he was representing the property owners and would be happy to answer questions regarding the zoning. With no public comment made, Mayor Thomas closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FY15 BUDGET AMENDMENTS City Manager Ewing stated if approved the amendments to the budget would be a \$845,000 increase including about \$130,000 for the downtown master plan, the Fourth of July Independence Day Fireworks display at \$30,000, and additional Airport Construction funds in the amount of \$14,000 to appropriate funding for a required FAA obstruction survey is requested. At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Budget for the City of Ennis for Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, for the purpose of providing additional appropriations for Building Inspections, Fire Department, drainage improvements, the Airport Maintenance Fund, creation of an Interest and Sinking Fund, increase in fund transfer to Sanitation, creation of a Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund. David Pagan spoke as an opponent to the proposed amendments voicing concern regarding the City Staff’s reporting methods in the 1st Quarter Financial Statement ending 12-31-14 as presented earlier in the year to the City Commission. Mr. Pagan requested that the Commission wait and adopt an amended budget for the entire FY15 to reflect any corrections and revision made over the last six months. Pagan stated his concerns regarding the unknown cost in Downtown Master Plan. Meg Sullivan spoke as a proponent regarding the Downtown Master Plan as far as the items to be addressed in the proposed plan. Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ENNIS CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT FY 2015 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR RELATED PROGRAMS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ennis CCPD Expenditures and Revenue FY
2015

Specific Control and Prevention Plans	YEAR 2015
Patrol Bicycle Program and Overtime	\$28,400.00
Traffic Safety Plan	\$25,000.00
New Law Enforcement Facility	\$170,000.00
<i>District Administration (Election Costs)</i>	\$5,000.00

TOTALS	\$228,400.00
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Summary of Expenditures

Overtime	\$20,400.00
Equipment	\$29,000.00
Programs and Training	\$4,000.00
New Law Enforcement Facility	\$170,000.00
District Administration (Election Costs)	\$5,000
	\$228,400.00

Estimated Revenue from Sales and Use Tax	\$235,000.00
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Estimated Balance at the end of the year	\$6,600.000
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Sales tax rate of 0.25% or one fourth of one percent.

Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt the Ordinance approving the Ennis Crime Control and Prevention District FY 2015 Budget and appropriating funds for related programs on first reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of The City Of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, Amending The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance so as to give the following Described Property A Classification; Consider Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas from: "T" Transition District to "HCPD" Heavy Commercial Planned Development District for: A tract or parcel of land approximately 6.5622 acres (all portions of said tract newly annexed into the corporate limits) of land being part of the William McKinney Survey Abstract 686, and being part of that 13.3729 acre conveyed to Victory In Him Ministries by deed recorded in Volume 2620 Page 1623 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County and known as 1855 Hwy. 287 Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. Requested by David and Lydia Garcia. P&Z Case 15.03.01

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt the Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR BUILDING INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR ADMINISTRATION; CREATING AN INTEREST AND SINKING FUND; INCREASING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SANITATION; CREATING A STREET MAINTENANCE SALES TAX FUND; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME COSTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Frazier moved to Pass, Approve, and Adopt the Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year Budget October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 as presented on second and final reading. Mayor Thomas requested a second to the motion and there was none. Commissioner Frazier withdrew her original motion and restated it to approve the ordinance by removing Section 5. (That the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 be amended adding an increase in transfer from the General Fund to the Sanitation Fund in the amount of \$330,000 for increased vehicle maintenance costs and a proposed recycling program and increasing the Sanitation Fund expenditures by \$55,000 providing funds for a vehicle engine replacement (\$30,000) and funds for recycling containers (\$25,000). Mayor Thomas requested a second. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF PROJECT COSTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2015 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

In August 2015 the City Commission will consider issuance of debt for street and utility improvements. City Staff is requesting reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to issuance for design cost for the water line relocation now being incurred. The Utility Fund may be reimbursed out of bond proceeds after receiving. Commissioner Walker moved to approved the Resolution authorizing the reimbursement of project costs from the proceeds of the proposed issuance of the 2015 Certificates of Obligation. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Holley expressed that he shares some concerns that one of the citizens brought up tonight that there are just too many items on the budget that he cannot account for. It would be nice to make all the correction so that each item lines up with another item. It is just my opinion that we need to clean it up so that when we are asked to vote for items we will not have a lot of questions so that we can match them up as we go. Commissioner Hackney thanked the city and staff for all the help at the Relay For Life this past weekend. The Parks Department was excellent to work with and it was a great event. Thank you for the use of the facilities. We hit our goal of \$86,000 raised this year. Commissioner Frazier would like that whatever we would like to have done or whatever we do not agree on let's fix it and not go any further. It is a waste of time to get to this point and then say no. Mayor Thomas thanked Dr. Sullivan for the hard work that she has done on the Downtown Master Plan and representing the Main Street board. I would like to thank Becky McCarty our Downtown Coordinator and Marty Nelson for the work you have done is phenomenal. I am disappointed that we are not prepared to turn you folks loose on the downtown master plan. I am disappointed that our building and inspection folks are not getting what they need. I am very disappointed in this commission across the board letting issues get in the way of very beneficial things that could be done here in the city. We have worked so hard to build momentum. I don't understand the rationale behind it. I am sorry and I apologize to each and every one of you.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

