

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on May 18, 2015, 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, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Chief Erisman, Director of Finance Welch, Chief Aycock, ED Coordinator Nelson

INVOCATION: Pastor Buck Marshall

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.

CANVASS VOTES OF THE MAY 9, 2015 REGULAR ELECTION

The City Commission canvassed the votes of the May 9, 2019 Regular Election held to consider the electing of Commissioner Place 2, Commissioner Place 4, Commissioner Place 6, and City Marshal. The results of the official canvass are:

Commissioner Place 2

Carolyn C. Frazier 50

Marco Antonio Hernandez 50

Commissioner Place 4

Lola R. Searcy 70

Commissioner Place 6

Matthew K. Walker 1012

City Marshal

John Erisman 696

Isidro "Sid" Lopez 537

Contest for Commissioner Place 2 resulted in a tie vote and the automatic recount required by the Texas Election Code was performed on May 19, 2015 resulting in a tie vote of 50 to 50.

RESOLUTION 15-05-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON MAY 9, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE COMMISSIONERS, PLACES TWO, FOUR, AND SIX AND CITY MARSHAL AND PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt the Resolution canvassing and declaring the results of the regular election of May 9, 2015. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mayor Thomas presented the Certificates of Election to the duly elected Commissioner Searcy, Commissioner Walker and City Marshal Erisman.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney Richard Wilson administered the Oath of Office to the duly elected Commissioners Searcy and Walker and City Marshal Erisman. The duly elected officials took their respective seats.

RESOLUTION 15-05-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE CITY COMMISSIONER PLACE TWO (2) BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WARD 2, THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS; DESIGNATING A VOTING PLACE; AUTHORIZING ELLIS COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ELECTION SERVICES, SECURING ELECTION OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; APPOINTING BRUCE SHERBET EARLY VOTING CLERK; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; ESTABLISHING THE EXTENDED VOTING HOURS IN THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Due to the tie vote in Ward 2, the Texas Election Code and City Charter require that a second election be held to break the tie. Commissioner Hackney moved to authorize and order the Special Election for June 13, 2015. Commissioner Walker seconded all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 4, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley and seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the May 4, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Frazier. Seconded by Commissioner Salik with all members present voting AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Richard Bell spoke in reference to a request for funding of a Senior Citizens Center, consideration of Over Sixty-five and/or Disabled Property Tax Ceiling, decreasing or eliminating City Employee Insurance Program and commended the Police Department for the Speed Control Program on Preston Street.

FIRST READING

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; CREATING A STREET MAINTENANCE SALES TAX FUND; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME COSTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First reading occurred and no action was taken.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2014 AND 2015 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILINGS; APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ATTACHED RATE TARIFFS AND PROOF OF REVENUES; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE

ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

First Reading occurred and no action was taken.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 15-05-01

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

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

Estimated Balance at the end of the year

\$6,600.000

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 second and final reading. Commissioner Salik seconded and the members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-05-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,512.86 UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AT 213-215 WEST ENNIS AVENUE.

Commissioner Salik moved to Pass and Adopt Resolution 15-05-03 authorizing the Historic Preservation Grant for the property located at 213-215 W. Ennis Ave. Commissioner Frazier seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

APPROVAL FINAL PAYMENT 208 W. KNOX ST. HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the final payment of \$2,958.42 Historic Preservation Grant on the property located at 208 W. Knox St. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

BID CITY ELECTRIC SERVICE

Bill White representing Suez Energy was present. City Manager Ewing's presented the bid submitted by Suez as Suez extension proposal:

	Rate	Discount	Savings
12 months (6/1/16-5/31/17)	\$0.038500	(23.51%)	\$101,228 1 st year
24 months (6/1/16-5/31/18)	\$0.039600	(21.32%)	\$ 91,815 1 st year
36 months (6/1/16-5/31/19)	\$0.039770	(20.98%)	\$ 90,360 1 st year

Blend and extend option is available

Suez is offering a \$7,500 donation to the Lights of Ennis

Commissioner Frazier moved to authorize staff to negotiate an extension with Suez Energy for the City's electric service for the 24 month period. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 7-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Frazier told Mr. Bell she appreciated everything he said, that the Commission will be addressing employee insurance, the over 65 tax ceiling, and the Senior Citizens facility. Commissioner Hackney said that he appreciated the Commissioners and staff working together on the budget. He believed it to be a very fruitful and good exercise. Commissioner Walker said the baseball park looks good and “I am happy to be here tonight after two years. Thanks for having me.” Commissioner Searcy said that she is hearing good comments about the Farmers Market. “Thank you to the citizens of the 4th Ward and to Ennis. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve another two years.” Commissioner Holley congratulated City Marshal Erisman for his successful election. “Look forward to continuing working with you. Commissioner Frazier good luck on your next election. Commissioners Walker and Searcy congratulations. And Mr. Bell and Pastor Marshall thank you for being here and telling us how you feel.” Mayor Thomas thanked each and every one. Anna our middle daughter had another bone marrow transplant and is responding well. Thank you for your prayers.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

