

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
FY 2014-2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 7, 2014
8:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on August 7, 2014, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hackney, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Captain Anthony and City Secretary Batchler. Commissioners Salik and Frazier were not in attendance.

The FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget was compared to the prior year Budget FY 2013-2014. The prior year budget total was \$25,775,107. The upcoming years proposed budget is at \$27,673,752 an approximate increase of \$1,898,645 over the prior year. Proposed increases are:

Non reoccurring purchases	\$993,010
Health insurance increase	\$265,249
Communication Positions	\$125,000
Downtown Coordinator	\$ 80,000
Overtime Training & Reclassifying Drivers in Fire Department	\$164,110
Debt Service Increase	\$271,276

City Manager Ewings stated that the health insurance bid came in at a little over \$2.7 million. Over this next year we are really going to have to take a look at our health care insurance. Most of the increase this year was due to high claim experience.

Commissioner Searcy questioned regarding the reinstatement of no out of pocket cost to the commissioners on their health insurance premium. Commissioner Hackney questioned the unemployment compensation increase. City Manager Ewings noted that it is due to the change in allocation in administration payroll instead of the past practice of the allocation being recorded as half of the expense to utilities. Commissioner Holley thanked the City Manager for the transparency in the budget and stated that after looking at the revenue and expenditures, regardless of where the funds are coming from, we are looking at \$2.4 million increase in overall budget.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

