

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on August 25, 2015, 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 Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, and Director of Finance Welch.

Commissioners Salik and Hernandez were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Walker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

ROLL CALL to determine the presence of a quorum: City Secretary Batchler called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

No comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing regarding a proposed FY 2015-2016 Property Tax Rate. City Manager Ewings stated that the revised proposed total tax rate is \$0.669174, Maintenance and Operation rate is \$0.439891 and Interest and Sinking rate is \$0.229283. David Pagan spoke regarding possible errors in the calculation of the tax rate and urged the commission to order a recalculation. His concerns were that the tax rate and budget might not lineup. He gave a brief explanation for his concerns. Additional comments were requested and there were none. The Mayor closed the public hearing on the tax rate at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget at 7:12 p.m. David Pagan spoke regarding the proposed budget, requesting a greater level of detail. Mr. Pagan suggested that revenue transfers were inconsistent and transfers in and transfers out were difficult to follow. Commissioner Holley stated he too could not follow the transfers in and out. He requested that the budget be drilled down. He stated that he would like the monthly financials he had been requesting for the previous eleven months so that he could determine where we are with the current budget. The public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing on the proposed Ennis Crime Control and Prevention District FY 2015-2016 Budget at 7:20 p.m. There was no comment and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

001 General Fund	\$13,593,792
005 Debt Service Fund	3,550,096
111 Crime Control & Prevention District Fund	695,800
214 Tourism Fund	280,257
225 LEOSE Fund	2,000
235 Police Forfeiture Fund	54,240
236 Police Narcotics Fund	14,240
258 Court Technology Fund	12,685
302 Water & Sewer Fund	8,562,418
303 Water and Sewer Capital Projects	4,010,000
312 Airport Fund	193,130
357 Sanitation Fund	1,308,572
401 Street Reconstruction Fund	807,000
402 Capital Project Bond Fund	6,615,000
506 Library Endowment	10,500
520 Museum Endowment	600
554 Fallen Library Trust	<u>6,915</u>
Total Expenditures	39,717,245

First reading occurred and no action was taken.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION DATES AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Ewings stated that the Ellis Appraisal District certified \$1,4865,040,180 in 2015 Taxable Value. The revised proposed Total Tax Rate is the calculated rollback rate of \$0.669174, Maintenance and Operation Rate of \$0.439891 and Interest and Sinking Rate of \$0.229283.

First reading occurred and no action was taken.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, APPROVING THE ENNIS CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT FY 2015-2016 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR RELATED PROGRAMS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ennis CCPD Expenditures and Revenue FY 2016

	FY 2016
Specific Control and Prevention Programs	
Crime Prevention	\$105,000.00
Narcotics Unit	\$80,000.00
Bicycle Patrol	\$48,800.00
Law Enforcement Facility	\$400,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$62,000
TOTALS	\$695,800.00
 Estimated Revenue from Sales and Use Tax	 \$ 726,710.00
Estimated Balance at the end of the year	\$172,510.00
Sales tax rate of 0.25% or onefourth of one percent.	

First reading occurred and no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Ann. §551.074 Texas Open Meetings Act- Personnel Matters-City Secretary; City Manager. Mayor Thomas adjourned into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:01 p.m. Mayor Thomas reconvened into open session and stated that the search will continue for a city secretary with the placement of the position notice on the Texas Municipal Clerk Association's website. The Mayor announced the City Commission has accepted City Manager Ewings' resignation effective October 2, 2015.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Hackney stated we had a good workshop and we are making progress. I hope we start this process earlier next year. Commissioner Walker stated that he supported City Manager Ewings in his decision and wished him the best in his future endeavors. Commissioner Searcy stated she is disappointed, but supports Mr. Ewings' decision and wished him the best. Commissioner Holley expressed his thank you to the citizens in attendance and especially to those that spoke tonight. The fact that people are interested is a good thing. This is the way this city government should work. Thank you for taking the time and being a part of the process. He stated that he respects and supports Mr. Ewings' decision. Mayor Thomas wished Mr. Ewings and his family the best. "He has made a real difference in Ennis, Texas. We have seen a lot of change in the last eighteen months and I look forward to additional change. With that, I wish him the best."

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

