

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 17, 2012

Mayor Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:03 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Taylor, and Holley, City Attorney Wilson, City Manager Howerton, and City Secretary Batchler.

BUDGET REPORT: The City Manager presented a summary of the November 2012 Budget Report. With 16.67 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 10.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. Ellis County Tax Office mailed out the property tax statements in late October resulting in a delay in the collections. Tax collections should increase after the first of the New Year. General Fund Expenditures totaled 13.80 percent of the annual budget. 16.00 percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 17.30 percent of the annual budget.

Commissioner Searcy now present at 6:07 P.M.

PROGRAMS: City Manager Howerton reported that of the twenty-nine streets in the 2012 Street Bond Program, twenty streets have been completed. Under a change order, half of North Dallas Street has been paved with concrete and the remaining should be completed within the next two weeks

AGENDA ITEMS: Agenda items were discussed. The Commission will hold a public hearing and consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 12-12-02 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis from "T" (Transition District) to "R-1" (Dwelling District, Single Family) for approximately 11.831 acres of the Joseph A. Lane Survey, Abstract # 658 also known as the 100 and 200 block of Sunridge Road, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. The Commission will consider the second reading of Ordinance 12-12-01 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis from "T" (Transition District) to "R-1" (Dwelling District, Single Family) for approximately 2.367 acres of the Joseph A. Lane Survey, Abstract #658, also known as 260 Sunridge Road, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. The City Manager gave an overview of the Capital Improvement Program Report (FY 81-82 through FY 11-12). During the past thirty (30) fiscal years, the City of Ennis has made significant progress in the area of Capital Improvements. At the end of the 1980-81 fiscal year, the total fixed assets of the City amounted to \$14,566,608. At the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year, the total assets of the City had grown to more than \$123,836,150 (net of accumulated depreciation). Much of the growth of the City's fixed assets is attributable to the City's Capital Improvement Programs that were completed between 1981 and 2012. During the past thirty years, Capital Improvement Programs totaling \$91,959,882 have been completed. Principal funding sources for completed Capital Improvement Programs have included General Obligation and Certificate of Obligation Bonds (\$57,602,498), Revenue Bonds (\$20,729,069) and categorical or block grants-in-aid (\$8,072,210). In addition, \$2,816,859 of General Fund operating funds and \$2,739,246 of Utility Fund operating funds have been used for Capital Improvement Programs. Capital Improvement Programs have focused primarily on street improvements (\$33,721,989), water and sewer improvements (\$31,196,944) and other public

facilities including a new hospital (\$19,919,648). In addition, \$2,615,774 has been committed for airport improvements, \$1,348,661 was spent for Library Improvements and \$3,156,866 was spent for park improvements. The Commission will consider approval of the Interjurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement for the Ellis/Dallas Unified Cooperative Team (EDUCT).

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 6:39 P.M.

City Secretary