

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:08 p.m. on February 4, 2013, in the City Commission Chamber of the Ennis City Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

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

Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 26, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 28, 2013. The report was routine in nature. The City Manger noted that during January, the Water Treatment Plant treated approximately 119.809 million gallons of water and the Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 73.026 million gallons of wastewater.

UNDER THE 2012 STREET BOND PROJECT: It is anticipated that in the first or second week of March 2013 the project will be completed.

DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY 31, 2013: The City Manager reported that there are ten (10) active projects. AT&T remodel has been permitted. The Brookshire's construction should be completed by late April or early May targeting opening at that time. Valek Meadows is pending with construction of seventy-six apartment units. Total permitting value since January 2009 is \$36,170,706.06.

REPORT ON OPTIONAL RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM: During the last city commission meeting, commissioners requested that staff research upgrading the recycling program to include the use of recycling containers. The City Manager presented an overview of the current optional residential curbside recycling program. There are 4,886 total residential customers. Of that total 919 are registered and 420 households have participated in the recycling program for 2011-2012. The city has two recycling trucks plus one pickup truck picking up recycling once per month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. During FY 2011-2012 tons recycled were 98.99, tons of non-recycled waste disposed of at landfill were 8,241.18, percent of waste stream recycled was 1.2%, recycling revenue was \$814.44 and the cost was \$32,786.65 (approximate). The commission had asked that staff research the use of recycling tubs. Tub cost is \$60.00 per tub. With 919 recycling household registered, the cost of tubs would be \$55,140.00. Less than 50 lbs. maximum per container required by ordinance. The tubs half

filled with magazines weigh 50 lbs. Tubs filled with magazines weighed 100 lbs. Current use of the yellow recycling bags maintains the 50 lb. limit. Commission asked for further research on distribution of the yellow recycling bags, citing the inconvenience to the recycling customers obtaining the bags at the city hall.

6:30 p.m. Commissioner Searcy now present.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

The commission will hold two public hearings. The first public hearing concerns a request for annexation of approximately 1.0781 acres (all portions of said tract not currently in corporate limits) of land in part of the R.R. Jackson Survey, Abstract No. 550, northeast side of Laneview Road, approximately 318 feet Southeast of Ennis Parkway. The property owner has requested annexation to obtain water service from the City of Ennis.

A public hearing will be held and first reading of Ordinance No. 13-02-01 calling the regular election on May 11, 2013 for the purpose of electing a City Marshal and Commissioners Number Two (2), Four (4) and Six (6) (Mayor Pro-tem) will be considered.

Under New Business, the commission will consider a request by the Ennis Art Commission for a Public Facilities Use Permit for the 2013 Ennis Cultural Music Festival to be held April 6, 2013.

Appointments to City of Ennis Boards and Commission. The Mayor will present a request to reappoint members to the Ennis Human Relations Committee. The re-appointees are Silvestre Garcia, Maria Morales, David Howard and Brenda Hogue.

Commissioner Taylor announced that he will not seek another term as City Commissioner Place 6, Mayor Pro-tem.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6: 40 p.m.

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

