

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

MARCH 18, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 18, 2013, in the City Commission Chamber of the Ennis City Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

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

Commissioners Frazier and Searcy were not present.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 2013 BUDGET REPORT City Manager Howerton presented the summary of the February 2013 Budget Report. With 41.67 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 72.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. General Fund Expenditures totaled 47.50 percent of the annual budget. 36.00 Percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 37.50 percent of the annual budget.

DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT The City Manager reported that there are currently ten (10) active projects. The Bank of America is remodeling the drive through. Brookshire is anticipating a soft opening mid-May with the Grand Opening scheduled for May 22nd. Pending permit under Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion (new asphalt tanks) has a permitting value of \$7,000,000.

Commissioner Frazier now present at 6:10 p.m.

2012 STREET BOND PROJECT The 2012 Street Bond Project is complete with 7.7 miles of improvement to twenty-eight (28) streets. The project came in \$400,000 under budget. The City Manager proposed that the funds be carried forward to fund the engineering of the next street project.

AGENDA ITEMS

Bid award "E 13-10" Lease Purchase financing for a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS). Four (4) bids were received. The City Manager recommends awarding the bid to BancorpSouth for lease-purchase financing in the total amount of \$42,292.69. The award is for 48 month lease-purchase financing of the principal amount of \$40,830.00 at an interest rate of

1.735 percent. The compressed air foam system will be used on a Fire Department fire truck and should enable the Ennis Fire Department to secure an ISO "Class 2" Rating.

Second Reading of Ordinance 13-03-01 annexing approximately 1.0781 acres of land in part of the R.R. Jackson Survey, Abstract No. 550. Staff recommends adoption.

Joint election agreement between the City of Ennis, Texas and the Ennis Independent School district for election facilities and the sharing of cost/use of the AutoMark voting machines. Staff recommends approval.

Interlocal agreement between the City of Ennis, Texas and Ellis County, Texas to coordinate and execute law enforcement operations targeting the seizure of gambling devices, paraphernalia and currency pursuant to Article 18.18 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The City Manager recommended entering into the agreement and noted the terms of the agreement as it relates to the disposition of currency seized related to unlawful gambling.

Community Involvement Credit for City of Ennis Property Taxes paid by Ennis Regional Medical Center for 2012. The lease agreement between the City of Ennis and ERMC provides for a Community Involvement Credit for the City of Ennis property taxes. During 2012 ERMC provided charitable discounts totaling \$149,931 to patients with a documented inability to pay and ERMC provided funding for \$890,367 in capital equipment purchases. The 2012 city taxes totaled \$63,528.01 less \$3,891.96, a credit for compensated Emergency Room Service for the Ennis Police Department, resulting in the credit due ERMC of \$59,636.05.

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

Public Facilities Use Permit for Damascus Road Fellowship Church Damascus Road Fellowship Church has applied for a public facility use permit for the corner of Ennis Ave. and Dallas Street (curb and sidewalk) for April 28, 2013 weather permitting with an alternate date of May 5, 2013. The application is complete with the exception of the certificate of liability insurance naming the City of Ennis as insured. Staff recommends approval of the permit contingent upon receiving the certificate of the insurance.

Appointments to City of Ennis Boards and Commissions: No action to be taken.

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

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

