

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

APRIL 15, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:05 p.m. on April 15, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers of the Ennis City Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

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

Commissioners Haupt and Searcy were not in attendance.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

MARCH 2013 BUDGET REPORT With 50.00 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 77.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. General Fund Expenditures totaled 57.00 percent of the annual budget. With 50.00 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 44.00 percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 46.00 percent of the annual budget.

SALES TAX REPORT APRIL 2013 Revenues reported for the Month of February 2013 is \$215,542.18 up 0.111227476 percent from last year. Total revenue year to date for fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$1,597,914.07.

The City Manager presented the information from the City's website on Mosquito Protection Tips. The risk of contracting the mosquito-borne West Nile virus can be greatly reduced by remembering the four D's: Drain, Dress, "Deet" and Dusk/Dawn. City Manager Howerton reported that mosquito surveillance began on April 1, 2013 through eleven days. Twelve traps were placed in twelve locations. Nine mosquitoes were collected and several tested as carriers of the West Nile Virus. The mosquitoes were sent to the State Health Department for identification.

AGENDA ITEMS

ORDINANCE 13-04-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-05-01 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Ordinance 13-04-01 amending Ordinance 08-05-01 was read. Article 3, Section B of Ordinance 08-05-01 is hereby amended by deleting the words "The areas of special flood hazard area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard

Boundary Map (FHBM), Community Number 480207, dated January 20, 1999, and any revisions hereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance” and replacing said words with the words “The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the current scientific and engineering reports entitled ‘The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Ellis County, TX and incorporated Areas’, dated June 3, 2013, with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate maps (FIRM) dated June 3, 2013; and any revisions hereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance.”

RESOLUTION 13-04-02 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A “PROPOSED PROJECT” (ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE AND WALKING PATHS-APPROXIMATELY 71.968 ACRES) PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.151-505.161. The 71.968 acres are comprised of four separate tracts that were used as the north nine (9) holes of the Ennis Country Club. The property is offered for sale at a price of \$300,000.00. The Ennis Economic Development Corporation is proposing to purchase the property pursuant to the Texas Local government Code, Section 505.151-505.161 4B Sales Tax. The 71.968 acres will be used as an open space and walking paths with approximately 2.94 miles of hard surface walking paths. With the purchase of the property at this time, the City would secure the option of future development of a nine (9) hole golf course at a later date since the cost of constructing and operating a golf course is cost prohibitive at the present time. The City Commission will be asked to consider approval of the “Proposed Project” in the form of two separate readings of the resolution of approval, which will be considered at two separate meetings of the Commission on April 15, 2013 and May 6, 2013.

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

NON-PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT (NPE) FUNDING (AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENTS) FOR THE ENNIS REPLACEMENT AIRPORT PROJECT (TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-AVIATION DIVISION). Each fiscal year, the FAA apportions a designated amount of funding to non-primary airports to be used for capital improvement projects at the airport. If unused, the NPE funds may be rolled-over to the following fiscal year. The funds do expire after three years and revert back to the FAA. There is a transfer mechanism available from the FAA that allows the airport sponsor to release the NPE funds to TxDOT, who then places the funds back in the larger airport improvement program (AIP) funding pool and then redistributes the funds to other capital improvement projects at airports around the state. TxDOT has requested that the Ennis Airport FY 2010’s NPE funds be released to TxDOT.

RESOLUTION 13-04-03 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR PROPERTY (SUIT NUMBER 14,445-TX; ELLIS COUNTY VS RICHARD R. FRITZSCHE, ETAL). A bid of \$15,000 has been offered by David Ford, on behalf of E.M.A. Church, to purchase the property located at 711 W. Madison. The property was struck from the tax roll after there were no bids at Sheriff Sale in December 2003. Due against the property to the City of Ennis is \$11,991.80 in

property taxes and \$1,429.12 in maintenance liens for a total due the city of \$13,420.92. The city will receive from the sale 25.5% of the offer resulting in \$3,602.99 payoff. City staff recommends accepting the offer.

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: No action will be taken.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:48 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

