

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

MAY 6, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. on May 6, 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, Haupt, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Howerton, City Attorney Wilson, and City Secretary Batchler.

Commissioner Searcy was not in attendance.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 26, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2013. The report was routine in nature. City Manager Howerton reported during April, the Water Treatment Plan treated approximately 124.051 million gallons of water and the Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 71.126 million gallons of wastewater.

Commission Searcy now present at 6:13 p.m.

2ND QUARTER MANGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES (MBO) REPORT (FY 2012-2013) The City Manager presented the 2nd Quarter Management by Objectives Report (FY 2012-2013). The progress report details departmental performance against fifty-three (53) objectives for FY 2012-2013. The more significant accomplishments through the 2nd Quarter are as follows: In the Police Department, 28 compliance checks/sting operations were performed to assure local alcohol/tobacco retailers are in compliance with state/local laws (58% of the annual objective). In the Fire Department, 400 public fire hydrants were pressure checked and flushed (50% of the annual objective). In the Inspection Department, 79 junk or abandoned vehicles were identified and processed for compliance proceedings. (172% of the annual objective). In the Health Department, 265 food inspections were completed (76% of the annual objective). In the Tourism Department, 197 advertising/promotional print placements were generated (59% of the annual objective). In the Library Department, 35,855 items of print and audiovisual items were circulated (43.8% of the annual objective). In the Parks Department, 10 picnic shelters were serviced and repaired in Jaycee and Lions Parks (166% of the annual objective). In the Street Department, 380 tons of asphalt mix was used to patch city streets (173% of the annual objective). In the Sanitation Department, 150 miles of road rights-of-way were cleaned (50% of the annual objectives). In the Equipment Services Department, 125 pieces of equipment received preventive maintenance on the assigned day (100 % of the annual objectives). In the

Utility Department, 7,600 feet of sanitary sewer was maintained through scheduled cleaning (54% of the annual objective).

AGENDA ITEMS

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. Mike Montgomery, President of the Ennis Economic Development Corporation, spoke on exploring the reopening of the nine holes on the north side property of the former golf course and suggestions of further feasibility studies.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 13-04-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-05-01 (FLOODPLAIN MANGEMENT 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 revision hereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance.” With no change since the first reading, the City Manager recommends the adoption of the ordinance on the second reading.

2012 HISTORIC REINVESTMENT TAX REFUNDS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 89-04-06 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 94-02-01. There are twenty-seven (27) properties on the list to receive reinvestment credits. The taxes for FY 2012 was \$24,890.03 with new investment of \$69,197.51 for a total of \$22,553.26 to be refunded. City Staff recommends the approval of the refunds.

2013 HISTORIC LANDMARK TAX EXEMPTIONS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 89-04-06 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 94-02-01. There are one hundred and three (103) properties on the list to receive Historic Landmark Tax Exemptions for FY 2013-2014. The exemption is up to twenty-five percent of the value of the property, not to exceed \$25,000.00 per property. The maximum exempt amount for the one hundred and three properties combined is \$2,575,00000 with a tax revenue loss of \$17,896.25 to the city. City Manager Howerton recommended approval of the exemptions.

RESOLUTION 13-04-04 DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO TRANSMIT FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT IN TEXPOOL/TEXPOOL PRIME. The City Manager recommended approval of the resolution adding the Director of Finance, Renee Mitchell to the authorized representatives list.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

