

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

JULY 15, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Haupt, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Howerton, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, and City Secretary Batchler. Commissioner Frazier was not in attendance.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

JUNE 2013 BUDGET REPORT With 75.00 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 90.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. General Fund Expenditures totaled 74.60 percent of the annual budget. 66.00 percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 68.30 percent of the annual budget.

WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN A news release was issued regarding Ennis' anticipation of entering Stage 1 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. City Manager Howerton reviewed the release with the Commission. Due to regional drought conditions, the City of Ennis anticipates entering "Stage 1" of the City of Ennis Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan sometime between August 1, 2013, and August 15, 2013. Under "Stage 1" of the Plan, the City will request voluntary reduction of water use by City residents and wholesale customers. Voluntary reduction of water use will be achieved by observing the schedule for lawn watering by sprinkler:

Last Digit of Address	Allowed Watering Dates
0 and 5	5 th , 10 th , 15 th , 20 th , 25 th , 30 th
1 and 6	1 st , 6 th , 11 th , 16 th , 21 st , 26 th
2 and 7	2 nd , 7 th , 12 th , 17 th , 22 nd , 27 th
3 and 8	3 rd , 8 th , 13 th , 18 th , 23 rd , 28 th
4 and 9	4 th , 9 th , 14 th , 19 th , 24 th , 29 th

No restrictions for hand-held hose watering or watering of newly planted (planted during 2013) landscaping will be requested.

It will be requested that watering activities **NOT** be conducted between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

The voluntary watering schedule will become mandatory should the City enter "Stage 2" of the City of Ennis Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

Currently, the elevation of Lake Bardwell is 417.45' MSL and water system demand is less than 75 percent of water treatment capacity.

Commissioner Frazier now present at 6:05 p.m.

THE GOLF COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE SUMMARY was discussed, summarized, and presented to the news media in attendance.

2014 STREET BOND PROGRAM City Manager Howerton stated that decision time on the rough cut of the streets to be included in the 2014 Project would be around September and that the final cut should occur around December 2013 or January 2014 with engineering information on a six million dollar overlay and eight million dollar concrete street improvement program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.8158 ACRES (ALL PORTIONS OF SAID TRACT NOT CURRENTLY IN CORPORATE LIMITS) OF LAND IN PART OF THE R.R. JACKSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 550, RECORDED IN VOLUME 2694, PAGE 1906 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF ELLIS COUNTY, BEING HERE BY KNOWN AS 300 LANEVIEW ROAD, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. Requested by Brandon Nichols. P & Z Case #13.06.01 City Manager Howerton stated that this is the first of four public hearings. Annexation Service Plan has been approved. All service providers in the area have been notified and notices were mailed to property owners in the area.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DISASTER RELIEF FUND APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR VEGETATIVE DEBRIS COLLECTION, REMOVAL, REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAY 16, 2013 ENNIS TORNADO. City Manager Howerton presented the application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture Disaster Relief Fund under the Texas Community Development Block Grant for reimbursement of expenditures of \$130,062.20 relating to the May 16th Ennis tornado.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 13-07-01 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DISASTER RELIEF FUND APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR VEGETATIVE DEBRIS COLLECTION, REMOVAL, REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAY 16, 2013 ENNIS TORNADO.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: No action will be taken tonight, staff is in the process of contacting the re-appointees.

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

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

