

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

AUGUST 19, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

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

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

JULY 2013 BUDGET REPORT With 83.33 percent of the Budget Year elapsed, 94.00 percent of General Fund Revenues have been collected. General Fund Expenditures totaled 80.40 percent of the annual budget. 75.00 percent of Utility Fund Revenues have been collected. Utility Fund Expenditures totaled 77.90 percent of the annual budget.

SALES TAX REPORT AUGUST 2013

Sales Tax has set a noteworthy record in revenue for August 2013. Revenue is up 11.57 percent for the calendar year. Revenue is near the collections experienced before the economic downturn.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The City of Ennis has requested an amendment to the TDA Disaster Relief Fund Application for vegetative debris collection, removal, reduction and disposal associated with the May 16, 2013, Ennis Tornado from \$130,063.00 to \$150,873.00 to include recovery of administrative expenses in the amount of \$20,810.00.

CITY OF ENNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Howerton presented an overview of the City of Ennis Fire Department. The City of Ennis has a dedicated fire and inspection department that provides an unsurpassed level of service to our residents and businesses. The average response time is four (4) minutes. The City's ISO classification is Class 2. The City employs twenty-nine (29) full time fire fighters and one (1) secretary. There are twenty-five (25) volunteer personnel. Twenty-nine (29) fire personnel are certified in Fire Suppression. Five (5) fire personnel are certified inspectors. Four (4) fire personnel are certified investigators. Eighteen (18) fire personnel are certified

instructors. Five (5) fire personnel are certified peace officers. Twenty-nine (29) fire personnel are emergency medical technicians. The City owns six (6) fire apparatus (3 Engines, 2 Aerials and 3 Brush Trucks) and one (1) Ambulance. There are two fire stations. Station 2 serves as the Ennis Fire Department Weather Station.

TAX RATE AND BUDGET

The City Manager presented tax and budget information and language. “ This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$188,833.00, which is a 1.96 percent increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$13,371.00.”

2014 STREET BOND

The 2014 Street Project was discussed. Freese and Nichols will be presenting preliminary cost as the decisions on streets to be included in the project are determined.

AGENDA ITEMS

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, TEXAS BEING HEREBY KNOWN AS 300 LANEVIEW ROAD, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. Requested by Brandon Nichols. P & Z Case #13.06.01 Fourth 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 and First reading of Ordinance 13-08-01.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-08-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY A CLASSIFICATION; TO RE-CLASSIFY APPROXIMATELY 1.8158 ACRES 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 AND KNOWN AS 300 LANEVIEW ROAD, ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM “T” TRANSITION DISTRICT TO “R-1” (DWELLING DISTRICT, SINGLE FAMILY) IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE, A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Public hearing and first reading of the ordinance. Two property owners were notified. One notice was returned with a “For” Vote, Zero returned “Against” and Zero returned “Against and Legal Protest”.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-08-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY A CLASSIFICATION; TO RE-CLASSIFY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 307 NORTH SHERMAN STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS EAST 46 FEET OF LOT 6, ALL OF LOT 7 AND 8, BLOCK 156 OLD TOWN ENNIS, 0.385 ACRES, ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM “D” (DUPLEX DISTRICT) TO “R-5” (DWELLING DISTRICT, SINGLE FAMILY) WITH A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A BED AND BREAKFAST IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY,

AND PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE, A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Condition of Specific Use Permit Issuance and Compliance: 1) Rezoning required (“D” Duplex to “R-5” Residential), 2) Specific Use Permit to current owner, only for Bed and Breakfast, only (with conditions), 3) Specific Use Permit will terminate upon transfer of ownership or violation of any condition of Permit issuance. 4) Bed and Breakfast must be owner-occupied., 5) Seven all weather-hard surface parking spaces required (asphalt or concrete pavement). 6) No rental for private events (receptions, parties, training, etc.). The only authorized use is Bed and Breakfast. 7) Facility must comply with all fire code requirements. 8) Facility must meet ADA requirements. Ramps (as required) must be fixed (permanent). 9) Bed and Breakfast occupancy may not exceed nine (9). 10) All building code, zoning ordinance and fire code requirements, and all conditions of the Specific Use Permit must be met before a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. 11) Bed and Breakfast must be open under a valid Certificate of Occupancy within six (6) months of issuance of the Specific Use Permit or the Specific Use Permit will expire. Fifteen property owners were notified. Zero notices were returned with a “For” Vote. Two notices were returned with an “Against” Vote and two were returned with an “Against and Legal Protest” Vote. The protest account for 15.8 percent of the adjoining property, since that is less than 20 percent of the adjoining property there is no requirement for a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote for approval. Public hearing and first reading of the ordinance.

RECORD VOTE FOR PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FY 2013-2014 AND SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS \$0.6950 is the proposed tax rate. Proposed public hearing dates are September 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. and September 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ELLIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT. The City Manager reported that board member Johnny Johnson will not be seeking another term. October 15, 2013 is the deadline to submit nominations to ECAD.

PUBLIC FACILITIES PERMIT The Chamber of Commerce is requesting a Public Facilities use Permit for the 2013 Autumn Days Fall Festival to be held October 19, 2013.

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: The Mayor presented his recommendation for appointment of the following to their board:

Mark Novy	Parks Board
Michael Sibley	Parks Board

The Mayor adjourned the Workshop at 6:56 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

