

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 4, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker called the workshop to order at 6:02 p.m., on November 4, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

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

MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE

After submitting over 230 Mosquito Sample Pools to the Texas Department of State Health Services Laboratory this year, the City of Ennis Department of Health services received confirmation on Monday, November 4, 2013, from the Texas Department of State Health Services that a Mosquito Pool Sample submitted this past Tuesday, October 29, 2013, had tested positive for West Nile Virus. The positive mosquito sample was collected by the City of Ennis Department of Health Services from an area within the 800 Block of E. Burnett Street. The City will be spraying insecticide to control mosquitoes on a periodic, targeted basis beginning Wednesday, November 6, 2013, and continuing for the next seven day period. The targeted area will be within ¼ mile of the 800 Block of E. Burnett Street.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 28, 2013

The report was routine in nature. The City Manager cited that during October, the Water Treatment Plant treated approximately 144.641 million gallons of water and the Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 73.933 million gallons of wastewater.

LAKE BARDWELL

The City Manager reported that as of November 4, 2013, Lake Bardwell is at 416.5 Mean Sea Level. Twenty days ago it was at 415.84 Mean Sea Level resulting in a rise of seven inches within the twenty day period.

2014 STREET BOND PROGRAM

City Manager Howerton reviewed with the City Commission the requirements and the calendar of action that must take place to sell the Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of

Obligation, Series 2014 funding the 2014 STREET PROGRAM. The importance of the dates and action that require the City's participation was emphasized.

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City Manager Howerton presented an overview of the City of Ennis Health Services Department. The Department of Health Services provides permitting, inspections, investigations, consultations, training and educational efforts, enforcement and compliance actions at Businesses, Industry, and Residences within the City of Ennis. The Department of Health Services protects public health, safety, and welfare by maintaining and increasing the sustainability of our community. The Department Programs are Animal Control, Food Inspections, Code Enforcement, Mosquito Abatement and Public Health. The Health Departments Animal Control Officers (ACO's) are dedicated to the humane treatment of animals in Ennis and educating others about responsible pet ownership. The ACO's reinforce these ideals every day by providing daily care of the animals they capture, assisting citizens who come to see us as well as out in the community. Under the Food Inspection Program, a person may not operate a food establishment in the City of Ennis without a permit issued by the Department of Health Services. The Department provides guidance, permits, conducts inspections at all facilities that sell food and or drinks to the public within the City. The Code Enforcement Program addresses a wide range of neighborhood issues that include: property maintenance violations, trash and debris, high grass and weeds, junked motor vehicles, graffiti, dilapidated fences, vehicle related violations, illegal dumping, and unsecured/stagnant swimming pools. The Mosquito Abatement Program includes: surveillance for the mosquito-borne viruses of public health concern and testing, mosquito/larvae population surveillance activities, water source reduction, biological control initiatives and ground application of insecticides along with public education.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST RESPONDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM WITHIN THE ENNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Howerton stated that the First Responder System will allow the Ennis Fire Department to be more responsive to the emergency medical incidents and provide direct aide to Ennis citizens prior to and during EMS responses provided by East Texas Medical Center EMS. The First Responder System should not significantly increase the Ennis Fire Department operational cost and will reduce overall emergency medical incident response time improving outcomes for Ennis Citizens requiring emergency medical treatment. Staff recommended approval of the First Responders Service Agreement.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Walker adjourned the workshop at 6:32 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

