

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

MAY 19, 2014

6:00 P.M.

City Attorney Wilson administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Holley.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 19, 2014, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Frazier, Hackney, Walker, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Captain Anthony, City Secretary Batchler and ED Coordinator Nelson.

A representative with Southwest Securities, Inc. presented a recommendation on refunding of \$3,605,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 to generate a preliminary figure of savings on interest due of \$313,825 at a cost of issuance of \$65,000. Actual savings will be determined at issuance.

The proposed Sales Tax Election was discussed. The current sales tax rate is 7.75%. Proposed sales tax election: .25% toward street maintenance, .25% for Crime Prevention Control District. If approved by voters total sales tax would be at maximum allowed by State @ 8.25%. The increase would fund street improvements and may reduce reliance on bonded debt for street improvements in future years. The street improvement tax is for four year and then would go back to the voters to implement the tax for additional years. The increase could also provide funds for a new Public Safety Facilities. The timing for the Sales Tax Election would be at the next uniform election date of November 4, 2014 and if approved by the voters, collection would start in January 2015. Prior to the election a Crime Prevention Control District must be created and board appointed. The Crime Prevention Control Board would call the election. The City Commission could serve as the board.

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

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

