

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 6, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on October 6, 2014, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hackney, Walker, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, and ED Coordinator Nelson. Commissioners Salik and Frazier were not in attendance.

PRESENTATION

Billy McCord with Ameresco returned with the findings of the preliminary assessment and discussed alignment with State enabling legislation under Local Government Code 302. Program must be budget neutral or positive, generally no impact on debt ceiling or bonding capacity, third party financing usually tax exempt municipal leases, calculations must be verified by licensed, third party engineer and performance is guaranteed by Ameresco up to twenty years. The preliminary assessment results: (financial benefit of conservation measures) Water & Sewer Meter Accuracy (Revenues): \$197,483 Electric Utility and O&M savings: \$116,020 Leak Detection Savings: \$84,176 Meter O&M Savings: \$52,500 Utility Rebate in Year One: \$35,454 Meter Capital Cost Avoidance: \$22,660 Estimated Potential (Per Year): \$508,293 Ameresco to begin with the engineering and return with more information.

LIGHTS OF ENNIS CHRISTMAS TREE AT KNOX AND DALLAS STREET, ORDINANCE 13-12-01 PROVIDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS, COMPREHENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES.

ED Coordinator Nelson presented proposed revisions and additions to the Ordinance 13-12-01 providing for 100% City tax reimbursement for major historic preservation projects, Ordinance 13-12-02 providing for historic preservation grants for major historic preservation projects, and the Comprehensive Policy Statement on Economic Development Incentives that expires in December 2014. Nelson to work on additional revisions and additions and bring it back to the next workshop. The placing of the Christmas Tree at Knox and Dallas Streets will be further discussed at the next workshop.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 7:02 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

