

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 20, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on October 20, 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, and Holley, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, Director of Utilities, Director of Finance Welch, and ED Coordinator Nelson. Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

PRESENTATION

Billy McCord with Ameresco returned and reviewed the information presented at the October 6th workshop. The findings of the preliminary assessment and alignment with State enabling legislation under Local Government Code 302 were discussed. 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 cost of the engineering to the city will be \$61,500 if the engineering is preformed and the city decides not to accept the project. If the city does accept and goes forward, the engineering will be at no direct cost to the city.

ORDINANCE 13-12-01 PROVIDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR MAJOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS, COMPREHENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES.

ED Coordinator Nelson presented additional proposed revisions and additions to the Ordinance 13-12-01 providing for 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 as discussed. The revision will be brought back to the next workshop.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:57 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

