

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

MARCH 2, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 2, 2015, 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 and Searcy, City Manager Ewings, City Attorney Wilson, Chief Erisman, City Secretary Batchler, and Director of Finance Welch. Commissioners Salik, Frazier, and Holley were not in attendance.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

City Manager Ewings presented information on the past recycling program, what we are doing currently and options for future recycling. **PAST:** In the previous program approximately 1000 customers were signed up. 300-400 customers actually participated on a consistent basis. The recycling bags were distributed at City Hall. Pickup was once a month. The annual cost to the city was around \$25,000 direct cost to \$30,000 indirectly. The program was discontinued due to the recycling bags being used by some customers for house hold garbage. **CURRENTLY:** The city is accepting drop off recycling at the Public Works Facility. Open during business hours and delivery to recycling center is once every other month. **PROPOSED OPTIONS FOR FUTURE RECYCLING PROGRAM:** 1) Expand drop off location – Manned facility with increased types of materials accepted. 2) Provide small recycling bins for curbside collection, requiring more frequent collection. A small monthly fee is recommended. 3) Provide large recycling bins for curbside collection, requiring more frequent collection. High initial cost for the purchase of the 96 gallon large recycling bins with an estimated cost of \$35,000 to \$40,000 to purchase the large bins required. A recommended fee for participants or a purchase of the larger recycling bins by the customer from the city.

AGENDA ITEMS

AMENDMENT OF BUDGET FOR PROPOSED MAINTENANCE TO THE AIRPORT: The City collects lease funds at the Ennis Municipal Airport retained in an Airport Construction Fund. The fund has at least \$93,000 available for maintenance work at the airport. At this time much of the pavement is coming apart making a hazardous situation for aircraft due to debris being blown into propellers. TXDOT Aviation provides annually up to \$50,000 to airports for routine maintenance. Staff proposes the use of matching funds for a total project cost of \$100,000 for pavement rehabilitation. The proposed ordinance would appropriate the additional \$50,000 from the Airport Construction Fund for the project.

The Commissioners inquired as to the status on the Future Airport. City Manager Ewings stated that Ennis applied originally for a 5,000 foot runway to the FAA. That request was denied and approval for a 4,000 foot runway was received. At this time design and funding has not been developed.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

