

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION SPECIAL WORKSHOP

MAY 13, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 13, 2015, 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 Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, and Director of Finance Welch. Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

Staff is requesting the City Commission amend the current year budget to address expenses that was not accrued to last year, unanticipated costs, and creation of certain funds to better account for debt and special purpose funds. The implementation of financial and utility billing software improvements and the related efficiency improvements will be delayed until next FY. Additional Airport Construction Funds in the amount of \$14,000 are requested to be appropriated to fund an obstruction survey the FAA is requiring to continue allowing aircraft to depart and land at night. \$30,000 is requested to be added to Administration for the Independence Day Fireworks Display. The creation of an Interest and Sinking Fund in the amount of \$3,748,258 and a Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund by appropriating \$235,00 for street maintenance activities and administrative cost are requested.

The proposed ordinance was reviewed section by section and determined that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General fund be amended appropriating \$34,000 to Building Inspection for the purchase of a vehicle and building improvements; that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund for the City of Ennis be amended appropriating \$41,000 in the Street Division budget for drainage improvements on Valley View Drive; that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 be amended creating a separate Interest and Sinking (I & S) Fund and appropriating funds from the General Fund to the I & S Fund in the amount of \$3,748,258; that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 be amended creating a Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund and appropriating \$235,000 for street maintenance activities and administrative costs; that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 be amended adding an increase in the FLSA overtime account of the Fire Department by \$30,000 to account for including the three (3) Captains, (3) Lieutenants and (6) drivers included in FLSA overtime; that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund be amended appropriating \$30,000 to Administration for fireworks; and that the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 be amended to increase the appropriation in the Airport Construction Fund by \$14,000 to fund an airport flight obstruction survey in accordance with

Federal Aviation Administration requirements. Specifically the proposed \$130,000 for the Downtown Master Plan and the proposed transfer from the General Fund to Sanitation Fund in the amount of \$330,000 were to be removed from the request.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 7:45 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

