

## CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

JULY 6, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on July 6, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Hernandez, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, and Director of Finance Welch. Commissioner Searcy now present at 6:15 p.m.

### UTILITY AND TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed Utility Projects are transmission line relocation for the TxDot 287 Bypass upgrade project and Wastewater Plant improvements. TxDOT is widening US 287 at an estimated construction cost of \$1,500,000 and a design cost of \$165,000 for a total of \$1,650,000. Anticipated construction to begin this fall as extension under US 287 at Sterilite Dr. and adding Suez transmission line for relocation at their expense. The Wastewater Treatment Plant TCEQQ Permit expires December 2016. Renewal requires validating capacity is adequate for future flow with a 75%/90% rule. Schaumburg and Polk conducted a study and found that the plant needs upgrading in order to qualify for the renewal of the permit. Proposed projects for the Wastewater Treatment Plant are automated bar screen at an estimated cost of \$326,768 grant funded and primary clarifier upgrade at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000 to be funded by bonds. Utility projects fiscal impact is \$4,000,000 bond obligation to the Utility Fund requiring an increase in rates. Staff is proposing to pay interest only the first 5 years to reduce initial annual payments.

### AGENDA ITEMS

The Notice to Issue Debt was discussed. Resolution 15-07-04 is providing for the initial Notice of Intent to issue \$10,000,000 in combination bonds for street, sidewalk, and utility improvements. \$6,000,000 will be funded by the general fund and the remaining \$4,000,000 will be funded by the utility fund. Utility portion will fund the relocation of the water line in the US 287 Bypass project and expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

Pro-rata agreement discussed. Bill Olsen is developing the Gateway 460 industrial area located at US 287 Bypass and I-45. A force main to provide sanitary sewer service to the property is being constructed expanding service from National Drive along Knighthurst Street just south of the bypass. The new force main will be available for use by other property owners. Mr. Olsen is requesting a pro-rata reimbursement agreement so that if any other property owner wishes to connect they will pay their pro-rata share of the expense to Mr. Olsen. The basis is on a per foot cost once the line is completed.

Pavecon chip seal project of \$178,000 to include eight streets: Ennis Parkway – Laneview – Western End Ward 5, W. Crockett – Clay to SW Main Ward 2, NW Main –Belknap to Gilmer Ward 4, Memphis – Biloxi to Savannah Ward 5, Mobile – Biloxi to end Ward 5, Biloxi – Lake Bardwell to end Wards 2 and 5, W. Brown – Clay to McKinney Ward 2, and S. Sherman – Ennis Ave. to Lampasas Ward 2.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 6:36 p.m.

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary

