

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION SPECIAL WORKSHOP

AUGUST 25, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. on August 25, 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, Searcy and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Chief Erisman, and Director of Finance Welch. Commissioners Salik and Hernandez were not in attendance.

DISCUSSION OF FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

City Manager Ewings reviewed changes to the proposed budget. It is recommended the adoption of the rollback tax rate of \$00.66974 rather than the proposed tax rate of \$00.69 per \$100 valuation resulting in approximately 2.5 cents below the current tax rate of \$00.6950. Spending is proposed to be reduced by reducing the proposed employee raise to 3% and the expected reduction in health insurance due to a reduced number of participants.

Proposed reduction in spending and sanitation was discussed.

001 General Fund	\$13,593,792
005 Debt Service Fund	3,550,096
111 Crime Control & Prevention District Fund	695,800
214 Tourism Fund	280,257
225 LEOSE Fund	2,000
235 Police Forfeiture Fund	54,240
236 Police Narcotics Fund	14,240
258 Court Technology Fund	12,685
302 Water & Sewer Fund	8,562,418
303 Water and Sewer Capital Projects	4,010,000
312 Airport Fund	193,130
357 Sanitation Fund	1,308,572
401 Street Reconstruction Fund	807,000
402 Capital Project Bond Fund	6,615,000
506 Library Endowment	10,500
520 Museum Endowment	600

554 Fallen Library Trust

6,915

Total Expenditures

39,717,245

SANITATION FUND: Proposed rate of \$19.00 (current rate \$13.50) – residential – does not include recycling program. SANITATION PRIVATIZATION: Republic Services exclusive rights for large commercial customers currently, contract with Republic Services could be amended to include residential service twice per week trash pickup, recycling every other week, bulk item pickup for a potential rate of \$13.75-14.25 per week with a 2% administrative fee for city billing management. Sanitation Revenue: \$1,362,931, Expenditures 1,308,572, Fund Balance \$54,359 Sanitation Vehicle requested \$165,000 and Pick-up Truck \$34,000 TOURISM FUND: Revenue \$296,520, Expenses \$270,257. Roof repair bids over reimbursement, propose increasing capital by \$10,000 to \$280,257.

WATER/SEWER FUND: Focus on capital replacement of line and commercial water meters, renegotiate wholesale contracts and anticipate increased sales volume. Rates impacted by lower projected water sales and debt issuance, recommend overall 6% increase on water utility bills. Current Residential Average Bill - \$67.51, Proposed Residential Average Bill \$71.64. Raises maximum wastewater billing from 5,000 to 6,000 for residential customers based on winter average. WATER RATES: (proposed base residential water rate \$22.50, per 1,000 gallons \$3.33) (base commercial water rate \$22.50, per 1,000 gallons \$3.33) SEWER RATES: (base residential sewer rates \$22.41, per 1,000 gallons \$2.48 2,000-6000) (base commercial sewer rates \$28.03 per 1,000 gallons \$2.37) UTILITY FUND BALANCE: Beginning fund Balance \$474,825 Revenue \$8,275,760 Expenditures \$8,562,418 Ending FY 16 Fund Balance \$188,167

Mayor Thomas adjourned the workshop at 7:03 p.m.

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

