

PUBLIC HEARING
WATER PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT
AUGUST 10, 2017
6:30 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Mayor Pine opened the Public Hearing for the Water Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Town of Ennis that was done by Great West Engineering.

Dan McCauley, Great West Engineering, gave a description of the project which consists of the PER and an emergency plan for the water system. McCauley went over some of the deficiencies they found. He also spoke of the priority list, derived from the noted deficiencies, that has been done as well.

Mayor Pine asked if there were any questions or comments.

John Heckler asked about capacity and meeting demands if one well should go down. Would the Town have the water for demand and fire suppression? He also asked a question regarding chlorination and stated, according to him, what it will do in the system. He feels the biggest thing is if the main well goes down having the water needed for demand and fire suppression. He thinks the Town needs another well.

McCauley responded to Heckler's comments and questions.

Mayor Pine closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING
VARIANCE/CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST LOTS 1-8, BLOCK 2, LOVE ADDITION
AUGUST 10, 2017
6:45 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Mayor Pine opened the Public Hearing for the Variance/Conditional Use request.

Art Behar described the request and what zoning calls for as it is currently zoned Commercial.

Vincent asked a question about the lots should they ever want, in the future, to sell some of the lots.

Don Bowen confirmed that the owners are aware that the plans submitted show buildings being built over lot lines and what would have to occur if they ever decided to sell some of the property.

Roberts stated she likes the concept and agrees with the uses proposed. She would like to see parking on the side and rear as opposed to the front of the lots so the parking is behind the buildings.

Vincent said he does not think the Town can make a decision tonight. There is a lot to look at and he thinks they need some extra time to get possible questions answered.

Bowen stated it is not something that has to be completed tonight but would like to keep this moving.

Kelly Elser stated there is a sewer line that goes through this property.

Bowen stated the sewer line has been identified and the plans have been designed around it so it will not be in peril.

The Town would like the Planning Board to look at this and give their comments.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING
ELECTRIC MOTORIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE
AUGUST 10, 2017
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Mayor Pine opened the Public Hearing for the proposed Electric Motorized Vehicle Ordinance.

The Mayor read the changes that were made to the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Roberts said she would like to omit “Pocket Rocket” from the ordinance. The Commission agreed.

A “Sunset” clause was added to the ordinance.

The Mayor asked if there are any more questions or comments.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2017
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Open Meeting: Mayor Pine opened the August 10, 2017 Ennis Town Commission meeting.

Commission Present: Vincent, Palmerton, Roberts, Leavitt and Bancroft.

Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes: Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioner voted yes. Motion approved.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: Bancroft handed out and read a letter from Rob Gallentine regarding what he sees as an addressing error. The Mayor said he will have Susie Sprout look into this when she returns on Monday.

Zoning Commission Appointments: Roberts explained the need, according to code, to have a Zoning Commission.

Roberts made a motion to appoint Mark Odegard and Kaye Suzuki to the Zoning Commission for the Town of Ennis. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Senior Center Request for Funds: Lynn Foreman, President of Senior Center, invited everyone to come see the Senior Center and look at what their plans are. She gave some statistics on their meal program and cited some activities that take place at the Center. Foreman described the expansion they are currently working on and what it will provide for the Center and its patrons.

Bob Loveland told the Commission the Senior Center has been awarded a Lion's Club grant for \$75,000. He stated this is a matching grant, of which, the Senior Center already has the match for.

The Senior Center is requesting \$20,000 from the Town in \$5,000 annual payments starting in 2019 and an additional \$20,000 for siding and landscaping.

Foreman spoke of the funds they receive from the County and the Area V Agency. She noted that the Area V Agency funding may be in peril of being eliminated or having reduced funding.

It was asked how much the addition to the Senior Center is costing. The Commission was told the addition is costing \$150,000 and is 1,100 square feet.

The Mayor said this request will be discussed at budget meetings that should occur within the next couple of weeks.

Electric Motorized Vehicle Ordinance Discussion and Vote: The Mayor asked for questions or comments from the Commission on the EMV Ordinance. No further questions or comments.

Palmerton made a motion to approve the Electric Motorized Vehicle Ordinance. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Palmerton, Vincent and Roberts voted yes. Leavitt and Bancroft voted no. Motion approved.

Department Reports: Library: A written report was received from the Library and Karen Ketchu was present to answer any questions.

Law Enforcement: John Moore submitted a written report for Commission review.

Ambulance: A written report was submitted for Commission review by Manager, Patti Austin.

Public Works: Kelly Elser submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Zoning: There was no Zoning report.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report for Commission review and she spoke to the Commission about the budget. A budget work session was scheduled for August 23, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Attorney: The attorney was not present so the Mayor updated the Commission on current matters.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pine told the Commission he spoke with Brad Bullock regarding the roof on Town Hall but held off getting an estimate until more is known about this year's budget.

The Mayor asked if it is beneficial for the Town to stay in Headwaters RC&D. The Town's representative, Commissioner Bancroft, stated he feels it is a good idea and the program could be beneficial to the Town.

Commission Comments: Roberts told the Commission the Zoning Ordinance draft will likely be ready next month for Commission review then move on to Public Hearings.

Roberts told the Commission there has been some conversations about repurposing the Varney Bridge and moving it downstream for a pedestrian trail bridge. She said studies, etc. will be done.

The Commission was told the Montana Main Street program may be coming to Ennis soon to do a presentation.

Claims: Bancroft made a motion to approve claims. Leavitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Adjourn: Bancroft made a motion to adjourn. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Larry Pine, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer