

Ennis Town Commission Meeting
December 8, 2106
Ennis Town Hall

Public Hearing called to order at 6:50 pm.

Commissioners present: Bancroft, Leavitt, Roberts, Palmerton, Vincent

Also present: Mayor Pine, Art Behar and Legal Council, James Greenbaum

Animal Ordinance Comments:

-No public present for comment

-Bancroft commented that if the ordinance is passed, please enforce it.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Commission Meeting:

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes: The Commission reviewed the minutes of the November meeting.

Bancroft moved to approve, Leavitt seconded. Roll call vote: all commissioners voted yes;

motion approved.

No Public Comment on non- agenda items

Headwaters RC&D, Joe Willauer

Headwaters RC&D is a local economic development council that covers 7 counties in the Butte area. They work to creates jobs, finance small business, and leverage public funds. They are home to a food bank development and loan center as well have as access to grants through agriculture and provide food safety trainings. Everything they offer is free and they are asking for referrals from small business due to their experience with other small business start- ups.

Electric motorized update and discussion:

Leavitt: Requested to expand ordinance to vehicles such as 4 wheelers and golf carts.

Officer Moore explained the differences between snowmobiles, golf carts, 4 wheeler and tractor requirements vs. electric motorized vehicles.

There was concern among the commissioners that the ordinance is being passed for one person/vehicle and not taking other future factors into account.

Commissioner Vincent suggested a one-time registration and fee instead of the proposed ordinance; the council was in agreement

Officer Moore will draft a reading for next month's meeting that includes a need for a one time registration of 25\$ per motorized electric vehicle and will reference electric bikes and mopeds in the ordinance. He will mail the draft in advance of next month's meeting.

The original draft of the proposed electric motorized ordinance is tabled indefinitely.

Splash pad project update: Commissioner Roberts stated the project engineer is not present and deferred to next month.

Madison Valley Conservation District reappointment: Commissioner Palmerton moved to reappoint Kaye Suzuki, Bancroft seconded. Roll call vote: all commissioners voted yes, **motion passed.**

Department Reports:

Library: report attached

Police: report attached

Ambulance: report attached

Public works: report attached

Zoning:

-Regarding a variance filed by John Heckler for improvements to senior center: a letter from school allowing the setback is needed

- Town Pump development: TP has purchased three properties and would like to expand; a town work session is needed to discuss the expansion. The area is defined as a traditional neighborhood development. The council agreed there may be some opportunity to improve transportation flow and sidewalks. The commission would like to see the following information at the work session: elevation rendering, parking scenarios, proposed expanded services, pump locations, traffic flow, and signage.

Clerk: report attached

Attorney: report attached, Armitage alley summary:

Armitage Alley ownership belongs to Esther Warburton. Regardless of who owns it, there is a public right of way (has been dedicated to public use). Legal has a report from 1st American title citing ownership; she is in the process of deeding the property to the Town of Ennis. A draft resolution is included in the meeting packet. Legal is recommending that a surveyor is hired to complete the property boundary pins, and a public hearing notice be published in the Madisonian. ****Public hearing will be Monday Dec. 19th at 5pm for this resolution;** a Senior Center work session to follow, and Town Pump presentation dependent on availability. Roberts will write up a public notice. Palmerton will be absent. The commission asked that the resolution language include "public use forever."

Mayor's report

-The rodeo association would like to meet with the council.

-On 2nd past old bank, Kelly will paint a crosswalk/new lines

-Xmas party 6-8 tomorrow. Roberts requests a doodle poll for next year.

-There has been no feedback on the employee handbook, there will need a work session to be scheduled next meeting

Commission comments

-Roberts is working with Mark Odegard and Kaye Suzuki on subdivision development. Please give any comments to her.

Claims: Roberts's motioned to approve, Bancroft seconded. Roll call vote: all commissioners voted yes, **motion passed.**

Bancroft moved to adjourn, Leavitt seconded. Roll call vote: all commissioners voted yes, **motion passed.**

Larry Pine, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk, Treasurer