

**TOWN OF ENNIS PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2016**

**1. Call to Order:** 7:03pm

**2. Roll Call**

**Members present:** Halsey Bishop, Keri Kensinger, Mariah Oliver, Brandi Palmerton

**Members not present:** Two board vacancies at this time.

**Others present:** Leona Stredwick

**3. Minutes**

<p><b>MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting with corrections. Moved by Halsey Bishop, seconded by Mariah Oliver. Motion passed.</b></p>
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<p><b>MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting. Moved by Halsey Bishop, seconded by Mariah Oliver. Motion passed.</b></p>
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**4. Chairman's Comments:** None

**5. Statement of Conflicts of Interest:** None

**6. Opportunity for Public Comment:** Leona Stredwick offered a comment as a private citizen, stating that the Town Council had adopted the Growth Policy which listed sidewalks at the Y section as an urgent item. The Growth Policy also lists "to improve quality of life" and the safety of the town's citizens as ongoing concerns. Leona strongly urged board members to remind the Council that the town has an adopted Growth Policy and that voting down the sidewalks at the Y ignores that policy.

**7. Ennis Subdivision Regulations Update**

Keri reported that two engineering firms have offered bids to do the work on our subdivision regulations. Town Hall personnel, including Keri, will rank the two firms and make a decision so we can move forward with this project.

## 8. Old Business – Board Vacancies

- A. Keri received an email from Melinda Merrill, stating that she would be out of town for tonight's meeting. The Planning Board will wait until Melinda can be present at a meeting in order to take a vote recommending Melinda to the Town Council for approval to join the Planning Board.
- B. Board Members will continue to seek out individuals to fill the two vacancies on the Planning Board.

## 9. New Business - Planning Board Member Reports

- A. Brandi reported on the January 2016 Council meeting. Public Comment focused on the ongoing sidewalk project. Council members approved all but Section 3 of the sidewalk project by a vote of 3-1. The Senior Center will no longer pursue the CBDG grant, as matching funds were required; those funds were used up in the remodel, so the Senior Center will be on their own financially. Mayor Vujovich is stepping down. In two weeks she will sign her letter of resignation, and then there are 30 days to find a replacement. She has 2 years left on her term of office.
- B. In response to the Public Comment, it was discussed by board members that the Planning Board make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the Ennis Growth Policy and its goals pertaining to infrastructure improvement, specifically the Y section in town. The Growth Policy was adopted unanimously by the Council and is a roadmap for the community, with the Y section listed as a priority.

**MOTION: To make a recommendation to the Ennis Town Council to remind them of the Y section as a priority goal listed in the town's Growth Policy and to reconsider a vote on Section 3 of the sidewalk project. Moved by Lincoln Roberts, seconded by Halsey Bishop. Motion passed 3-1.**

**10. Claims** – Keri asked for reimbursement for \$25 for dinner provided during our Planning Board meeting last October.

**MOTION: To approve the \$25 reimbursement to Keri. Moved by Halsey Bishop, seconded by Mariah Oliver. Motion passed unanimously.**

**11. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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**Lincoln Roberts, Vice-Chairman**

**Keri Kensinger, Secretary**