

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 14, 2017
6:30 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Open Meeting: Commissioner Vincent opened the April 14, 2017 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Town Pump Review: Town Pump representatives went over updated plans of which they handed out to the Commission and answered questions about the design as presented.

Signage was talked about and, since a remodel of over 50% is being done, the Commission stated they would like them to come into compliance with the Town's sign ordinance. The ordinance only allows 15 feet maximum height of their type of sign. There was more discussion on other signs.

There was some discussion on the possibility of sidewalks for pedestrian traffic on the North side of Town Pump.

Parking was discussed. Vincent asked for comments and questions.

Bancroft asked if angle parking is allowed on both sides of the street will there be enough room. It was said that there would be if it is a one-way street. Everyone was okay with the parking as presented. It was the general consensus that a one-way street is a good idea.

The Commission was satisfied with the signage for the building but reiterated that the monument sign could not be more than 15 feet in height.

The site plan looked fine but Roberts stated she would like to possibly see some more landscaping.

The portion of the meeting with Town Pump was concluded.

Regular Town Commission Meeting:

Open: Vincent opened the Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

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

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of the Business License Ordinance:

Vincent asked for public comments. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed @ 7:07 p.m.

Minutes: The Minutes of the March 2017 meeting were reviewed.

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Michael Casey showed the Commission some preliminary plans for new construction on the corner of Main and 2nd Street. He stated he was here to tell the Commission what plans are for that property and get on next months' agenda.

It was noted this will be a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) project.

Rob Gallentine (Shedhorn Sports) went over some recommendations he brought to the Commission in regards to the Town Pump addition/remodel area. In particular parking.

Tree Board Report: Dan Dedman, Tree Board Chairman, gave a verbal report to the Commission. He stated the Greenspace project is coming along nicely. Trees were ordered today. The bids on the irrigation system should be coming in soon. They will be ordering shrubs, flowers and aspen trees to kind of mask the storage container.

Cory Hardy is the newest member of the tree board.

1st Presentation of the Electric Motorized Vehicle Ordinance: Commissioner Palmerton and Kenton Irvine presented to the Commission.

Leavitt asked if the Town wants to proceed with this or forget it. There was some discussion.

Vincent asked for a Commission decision as to whether to proceed with this Ordinance or not.

Palmerton made a motion to continue moving forward with the Ordinance. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Leavitt-No, Bancroft-No, Palmerton-Yes, Roberts-Yes and Vincent-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 532-2017-Greenspace Budget: The Commission reviewed Resolution 532-2017. Vincent made a motion to approve Resolution 532-2017. Leavitt seconded the motion.

Palmerton asked where the money came from for this project. It was explained that the Town received a grant and money that was already budgeted for the trailer removal and the fence is being used for matching funds.

Roll Call Vote: Vincent, Leavitt, Roberts and Bancroft voted yes. Palmerton voted no. Motion passed.

Business License Ordinance: The Commission decided they would like more time to review and do some research on the Business License Ordinance. A work session is to be set up in May for further review and discussion.

Department Reports: Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report to the Commission for review. She told the Commission that she and another employee attended the MT. Library Convention. The Library has applied for two more grants. There are some grants for solar energy projects and Karen would like to pursue them with the Town's approval. The Commission agreed that she should pursue the energy grants.

Ambulance: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Moore answered questions about the EMT class and a replacement Ambulance Manager.

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. There was some discussion on the Interlocal Law Agreement and the need for it to be reviewed and updated.

Public Works: Kelly Elser submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Elser answered questions on trees and the sewer plugs that occur from the Nursing Home flushing wipes.

Zoning: There was no Zoning report.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Guinn asked the Commission if they wanted a report from the County Planning Office on the Comley Addition. If so she will contact Leona Stredwick to come in and give a presentation. The Commission said yes.

Ginger asked if the Town was going to do the School Parking lot agreement again this year.
Answer: Yes.

Attorney: Greenbaum asked if the Town will sponsor him to go to Billings for the conference in May. It was suggested he contact the Mayor with his request.

Greenbaum told the Commission the plaintiffs in the Armitage alley law suit are not interested in meeting with the Town again to try and settle the case. He suggested a way to move forward with a proposal they may consider.

Greenbaum told the Commission there is a hearing tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. in the Heckler/DiMichelle case. He asked if any Commissioner has knowledge of anything they need to share. He went over what will happen at this hearing.

Mayor's Report: Mayor absent.

Commission Comments: Leavitt said he has been asked about moving the 25mph sign, coming into Town from the North, out further. There was some discussion on speed limits.

Roberts informed the Commission that Ennis has been accepted and people will be attending the BACI seminar.

Claims: Palmerton made a motion to accept and pay claims. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Larry Pine, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer