

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING  
TOWN PUMP PLANS REVIEW  
FEBRUARY 9, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Mayor Pine opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

There were four Town Pump representatives present at the meeting. They gave a presentation of what Town Pump is proposing.

There were several changes from the meeting the Town had with them in January.

Signage was addressed. There are two monument signs currently. One of them will be removed according to the plans. Due to working with different corporations and their policies the one monument sign will likely not be changed. Perhaps it could be “dressed” up to be more appealing to the eye.

The Mayor asked for public comments.

John Heckler spoke of the Town’s limited ability to make suggestions to Town Pump because they don’t have the resources for a complete review. Heckler gave his opinion on Town Pump expenditures and what he feels their economic gain needs to be to support this expansion. He spoke of sidewalks, parking and deliveries and the Shedhorn Sports annual rendezvous.

Cody Bittick, Shedhorn Sports representative, told the Commission that Shedhorn does not have an opinion on the signage being proposed but they are concerned about parking. There is already minimal parking in the Town, including around Shedhorn Sports, so they do not want to see any parking spots lost.

Robin Blazer spoke on the signage. She asked about the monument sign should the Commission not allow them to go outside of the current sign ordinance that does not allow a sign higher than 15 feet in height.

Blazer also asked about LED lights and if they can or cannot be used.

Commission Comments: Leavitt spoke of the parking and what may happen if a sidewalk is put on the South side of Town Pump.

Town Pump representative said if the Commission decides they would like the sidewalk then they would suggest parallel parking on that side of the street.

Roberts stated that we need to collectively work together to figure out a creative solution to get sidewalks around Town Pump for pedestrian traffic.

Vincent said that parking and signage were the two biggest issues voiced at the first meeting. Now, it seems, parking is the biggest issue. He would like to see the number of parking spaces on angle -vs- parallel parking.

Discussion: Town Pump was asked what points need to be taken care of in order for them to move forward with purchasing the property for the expansion.

They stated they are building for the future and because the current building is in rough shape and needs to be updated and upgraded. They think that everything can be worked out with the Town and are comfortable moving on with the purchase of the property.

The Town would like something in writing stating a Casino will not go into this store and that there will be no on site consumption.

Roberts spoke of the monument sign again and asked them to try and come up with an alternative to the current sign that is in place.

Roberts asked if the pumps could have the hoses that can reach either side of a vehicle regardless of which way it is parked. (They will look into it.)

Pine stated the Town would like to see parking and landscaping plans. (Town Pump is going to come up with 3 options to present for parking.)

Heckler asked if the Town would be interested in having a business group that would address architectural review.

Roberts stated that architectural review is being addressed in the rewrite of the zoning ordinance.

The Town Pump review ended at 7:00 p.m.

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING  
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7:00 P.M.  
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**Open Meeting:** Mayor Pine opened the February 9, 2017 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Minutes:** The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting. Leavitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

**Splash Pad Update:** Mr. Brundin was not present to give and update on the Splash Pad plans so Commissioner Roberts updated the Commission with what information she has on the plans.

**Rodeo Association:** Three members of the Ennis Rodeo Association were present to speak with the Commission regarding the land the Town purchased from them. They stated their main concern is the allotment for Park dedication. They are concerned that may go away.

There was discussion on what “Park dedication” really means. It was explained that it does not mean the Town will make the property into a “Park”.

The Rodeo Association’s main issue is the mess that was there when the culvert project was going on. They had numerous calls from stockholders complaining about it.

The Commission agreed that the park dedication needs to be extended and the continuation of the water donation (120,000 gals. per year) shall continue as well.

The Mayor will work on a new agreement and present it to the Commission for review and approval.

**Quarterly Financial Report:** Commissioner Vincent went over the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report with the Commission. A copy of the report is on file at Ennis Town Hall for public review.

**Department Reports:**        Library: A written report was submitted by Librarian, Karen Ketchu.

Ambulance: A written report was submitted by Manger, John Moore. The report included year end totals. Moore spoke of the EMT course that is currently being taught.

Police: A written report was submitted by Police Chief, John Moore. He told the Commission that the Jack Creek Bench road is closed because water run-off has washed out part of the road.

Public Works: A written report was submitted by Director of Public Works, Kelly Elser. Elser answered questions about the “disposable” wipes the Madison Valley Manor flushes into the system. Elser told the Commission the wipes are still being flushed into the system and the public works department is cleaning that area of the sewer system monthly so another huge clog doesn’t happen. The Commission discussed this matter and told Elser to start charging the Manor for the extra work that has to be done to keep the sewer lines clear. In addition, the Manor will receive another notice that this is continuing to happen.

Zoning: No Zoning report.

Clerk: A written report was submitted to the Commission by Clerk/Treasurer, Ginger Guinn.

Attorney: Town Attorney, James Greenbaum, updated the Commission on pending litigation against the Town. He stated the case is ongoing. The original charges were answered then a second suit was filed with an amended complaint. The Town filed a response to the amended complaint.

There was some discussion on the law suit and how it will progress from here.

**Mayor’s Report:** The Mayor told the Commission the Library heating bill is going up a lot. The power company is going to be contacted to do an energy audit.

The Vista program has been put on hold due to a matter with the Vista worker’s family.

The mobile home behind Town Hall is supposed to be removed from the lot by March 1, 2017.

**Commission Comments:** Vincent talked about putting together a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Town Pump.

Leavitt spoke of the Economic Development Plan and trying to speed it up a little because nothing has moved forward for over a year.

**Claims:** Bancroft made a motion to pay the claims as presented. Leavitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

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

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Larry Pine, Mayor

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Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer