

**TOWN OF ENNIS PUBLIC HEARING
PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES
December 14, 2017
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Mayor Pine opened the Public Hearing for the proposed parking ordinance changes at 7:00 p.m. He read Ordinance #144, and asked for public comments.

There were no public comments.

John Moore answered some questions posed by council members about truck parking.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

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Open: Pine opened the Commission Meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

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

Minutes of the November Meeting: The minutes of the November 2017 meeting were reviewed. Roberts proposed a change under Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Geoff Hamill introduced himself as the new representative for the Madisonian.

Updated Floodplain Mapping: Great West Engineering: Jeremiah Theys presented the revised maps that represent the Moore's Creek Floodplain Project. He explained the history of the culvert project and that the project is complete. The maps are drafts and need to now be submitted to FEMA for approval.

Jonathan Weaver explained the timeline of the approval process by FEMA. The town needs to first approve the Letter of Map Revision Application and have it signed by a town official.

Roberts made a motion to approve that the Mayor sign the Moore's Creek Flood Mitigation Letter of Map Revision Application. Leavitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners present voted yes. Motion Approved.

Madison Foods Land Swap Proposal: Pine indicated that the town does not own the land to swap, and that the North 40 owns the land. Hence, the North 40 is working with Madison Foods to swap the land. There was clarification that the town will not lose any public/park usage in the transaction.

Ennis Ambulance: Medical Director Appointment: Jon Moore said all that's needed to hire Dr. Newton to fill the position is to complete the contract process and fill in the effective dates of the one-year commitment. The salary is \$3,000/year.

Roberts made a motion to approve the Medical Director Appointment contract with the suggested beginning date of December 21, 2017, the date of the next Ambulance Board Meeting. Leavitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Ennis Ambulance: Board Member Appointment: Pine indicated he will be off of the Ambulance Board as of January 1, 2018. The replacement needs to be a town commissioner. Roberts committed to being on the Ambulance Board.

Ennis Ambulance: Sale of Ambulance: John Moore suggested that the minimum bid of the ambulance be \$5,000.

Resolution 540-2017: Sale of Ambulance: Vincent made a motion to change the minimum bid of the ambulance to \$5,000. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Parking Ordinance Changes: Discussion and Vote: Based on the previous Public Hearing discussion, Roberts moved to approve Ordinance #144 Parking Ordinance changes. Leavitt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Town Hall Apartment: Jon Moore presented the results of his research regarding the Town Hall Apartment concerns. There are security and liability issues, potential zoning conflicts and ADA issues that need to be addressed. Moore's emails regarding the details of his research will be forwarded to each commissioner before moving forward.

Department Reports:

Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report that was reviewed by the Commissioners.

Ambulance: A written report was submitted by Patti Austin and reviewed by the Commissioners.

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. He clarified the Deer Celebrating Christmas call.

Public Works: Dan Dedman submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Dan Dedman was present to answer any questions.

Zoning: Jon Moore represented Art Behar, requesting that the Town Council have a work session to address the Madison Foods project update and also the D&D Body Shop variance request. It was decided the meeting will take place on January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. It was suggested that Cory Hardy be informed about the meeting.

Clerk: There was no Clerk report.

Mayor's Report: This is Mayor Pine's last official meeting. Pine wished Blake Leavitt good luck in filling the mayor position. Pine said he has loved serving as Mayor. There were thanks from the commissioners given to Mayor Pine for his service.

Commission Comments: Roberts said that the zoning update is under review, and that the Montana League of Cities and Towns will have a final draft ready for review January/February 2018, barring any issues or added recommendations

Roberts informed the Council that the Missouri/Madison River Fund has been awarded \$13,000 for the Varney Bridge Feasibility Study, which includes \$1,250 in private donations and \$750 from the County and are applying for a MT. History Foundation grant.

Claims: Roberts made a motion to accept and pay claims. Bancroft seconded the motion. 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 8:18 p.m.

Larry Pine, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer

