

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

**Open Meeting:** Mayor Pine opened the Ennis Town Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge to the Flag.**

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

**Minutes:** Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve minutes of the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> meetings. Leavitt seconded the motion.

Palmerton noted that “Stears” was misspelled in the September 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. (So noted and will be corrected.)

Roll Call Vote: Palmerton, Roberts, Leavitt and Bancroft voted yes. Vincent abstained as he was not present at one of the meetings.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:** Tom Dean spoke with the Commission about Ballard Lane and the amount of fast traffic it gets. He stated that there used to be a speed sign but it was removed, and not replaced, when they did the culvert work. He requested it be put back up.

Dean also commented on the fast service he received from the Town when he had a water line leak.

There was some discussion regarding Ballard Lane and a School Zone Ordinance from years ago.

The Commission agreed that the Speed Sign should go back up on Ballard Lane.

**Resolution 539-2017:** A Resolution setting the licensing fees for Electric Motorized Vehicles (EMV’s).

There was discussion on the licensing fee amount. Roberts made a motion that the licensing fee be \$20.00 for an EMV. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Resolution 539-2017 was read by the Mayor.

Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 539-2017. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Vincent, Palmerton, Roberts and Bancroft voted yes. Leavitt voted no. Motion approved.

**Parking Ordinance Changes:** Officer Moore presented a change he would like to make in the Parking Ordinance for the Town.

Roberts read the proposed change for the audience.

There was some discussion on the proposed change and the Commission agreed that the addition would be beneficial. Officer Moore answered questions regarding the proposed change.

The first public hearing for the Parking Ordinance change will be set on the date of next month's Commission meeting.

**Department Reports:**        Library: Librarian, Karen Ketchu, submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

There was some discussion on the research being done regarding the laws and the Library and Town's roll.

Ambulance: Manager, Patti Austin, submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Officer Moore answered questions.

Law Enforcement: Chief, John Moore, submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Moore answered a question about an explosion. He stated it was unfounded.

Public Works: Public Works submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Kelly Elser answered questions and explained the Nursing Home wastewater trap, which is bad again and will be billed again. Other matters talked about were the Lead & Copper testing, trash pump and the observation that Town Pump progress seems slow.

Zoning: No report.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report to the Commission for review. She told the Commission, included with the report this month, is the Management, Discussion and Analysis report.

**Mayor's Report/Comments:** Mayor Pine told the Commission he sent out an email Friday regarding the alley lawsuit and stated they need to set a meeting to discuss it. A meeting was set for October 24, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. @ Ennis Town Hall. \*The meeting will be closed to the public as the Commission will be talking litigation strategy.

**Commission Comments:** Roberts stated she attended the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in Great Falls. She attended a water rights class and a class on Employee Benefits and said it was very informative.

Leavitt asked if anything had been done with apartment rent yet. He was told nothing had been done yet. He asked for it to be placed on next month's agenda.

**Claims:** Palmerton made a motion to pay claims. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

**Adjourn:** Bancroft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Larry Pine, Mayor

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Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer