

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 12, 2018 / 6:45 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: Commission Chair, Brian Vincent, opened the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is for two (2) Conditional Use permit applications submitted by Larry Pine. The applications are to allow Mr. Pine to build single family dwelling units in a Local Commercial Residential (LCR) zoned neighborhood.

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

Discussion: Larry Pine described the residential units he plans to build on two lots on Williams Street.

Zoning Administrator, Art Behar stated emergency services will access from either the front of the property or should be able to access from the alley. (Ambulance will access from the front and fire should be able to access the rear.)

Commissioner Roberts spoke about having Pine do some improvements to the alley. Vincent replied that it is Town property and is the Town's responsibility to improve and maintain it.

Art Behar stated, that from a Zoning standpoint, Mr. Pine meets Conditional Use guidelines.

He does think an address sign showing there is a residence on the rear of the property would be beneficial for Emergency services.

Decision(s): Roberts made a motion to approve the Conditional Use application to build a residential unit on Lot 4 Block 3 / E. William Street. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Roberts made a motion to approve the Conditional Use application to build a single family residential unit, with the condition an address sign that is reflective or illuminated be erected that there is a residence in the rear, on Lot 5, Block 3 / E. William Street. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: Commission Chair, Vincent, opened the April Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

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

Minutes: The minutes from March 8, 2012 were reviewed by the Commission. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Bancroft seconded the motion.

It was noted that, in the minutes the word “the” needs to be changed to “that”.

Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Minutes of the March 13, 2018 minutes were reviewed by the Commission. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Palmerton seconded the motion.

It was noted that “\$20,0000” needed to be changed to “\$20,000”.

Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Vincent, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Palmerton abstained. Motion approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Kristy Ranson said she would like to see some work done to determine how parking is going to be when Town Pump finishes their construction. She said she is not convinced that there should be parallel parking on the Town Pump side of the street. She thinks this should be looked at now so when they are done the Town is ready to paint stripes.

DNRC Presentation on Madison County Flood Plain Mapping: Jonathon Weaver, Tiffany Lynden and Worby McNamee joined the Commission via GoToMeeting and went over the plans Madison County has for floodplain mapping the Madison River.

Weaver gave a short update on the Moore’s Creek mapping done earlier this year.

Lynden and McNamee presented what is going to take place with the Madison River mapping. They told the Commission the first floodplain map on the Madison was done in 1975 and has had no updates since. Madison County requested assistance to do new mapping of Madison County rivers from FEMA and received some assistance to get started.

So far terrain data has been collected and stream gauge data is being worked on.

Another FEMA grant will be applied for this summer to continue this work on the rivers.

There was some discussion on the data collected and ways the Town can access it.

The Commission was told that completion of the Madison River mapping will not be for several years. The Moore’s Creek mapping should be at completion in early 2019.

Trailer Parking @ the Pic-A-Nic Basket: Sherri Shows presented her plans (written and verbal) to the Commission for review.

Roberts asked what process is used for requests of this nature. When Shows went through this several years ago to place picnic tables outside her business a User Agreement with conditions was used.

Roberts made a motion to allow the pizza trailer to park next to the Pic-A-Nic Basket pending a User Agreement being completed, reviewed by the Town and signed by the Town. Hardy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Ambulance Rate Changes: Ennis Ambulance is proposing raising Ambulance rates as it has not been done for numerous years.

John Moore explained why the rate increase is needed and how the new rates were determined.

Roberts said the new rates meet what Insurance companies are covering. A payer mix was also looked at so they could identify percentages of use being Medicare, Medicaid, self-pay, etc.

Vincent made a motion to accept the Ambulance Rate Increase as presented. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Park Signage: Phil Taylen, Madison County Health Dpt., did a presentation on tobacco free parks. He showed sample signs that he can supply to the Town free of charge.

Officer Moore stated he would not be able to do any enforcement without an Ordinance in place.

Taylen said DPHHS has some model policy/ordinances that he will send to the Town.

Flower Baskets: John Way, Ennis Chamber, spoke with the Commission about the hanging flower baskets that are put up on Main Street during the summer. The Chamber is asking, again this year, to be allowed to put small signs on the baskets showing who sponsored the basket.

Vincent made a motion to approve the request under temporary & portable signs. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Palmerton, Hardy, Bancroft and Vincent voted yes. Roberts voted no. Motion approved.

On Call Engineering: The Town's service agreement for On Call engineering services has lapsed so the Commission was asked what they would like to do. It is suggested that we have an agreement should something happen that we need engineering service on and as needed and emergency situation.

It was decided that the Town will do a request for proposal for engineering services. It was noted that during this process public input is acceptable. The RFP will be put in the paper and posted.

Town Pump Paving: Tabled.

Zoning Code Update: The Zoning Commission is going to take over the review of the draft zoning code update. They will be starting at the beginning and then move through the document by reviewing each section.

Department Reports: Library: Librarian, Karen Ketchu, was present to answer any questions on the written report she submitted for review. Ketchu told the Commission she thinks the furnace saga is finally starting to work itself out.

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

Police: Police Chief, John Moore, submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Moore answered questions regarding the new Police Reserve.

Public Works: No report tonight.

Zoning: No report tonight.

Clerk: Clerk/Treasurer, Ginger Guinn, submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Mayor's Report/Comments: No report tonight.

Commission Comments: None.

Claims: Claims were reviewed by the Commission. Palmerton made a motion to pay the claims. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Brian Vincent, Commission Chair

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer