

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 10, 2018
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: Mayor Leavitt opened the May 10th commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Commission Present: Palmerton, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft.

Pledge to the Flag.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: Randy Green spoke on behalf of Madison Valley Manor and stated the residents of the Manor did not get to see the parade last year. He told the Commission how important this event is to them.

Mr. Green presented and proposed a new route for the 4th of July parade that would go by Madison Valley Manor, thus allowing the residents of the Manor to enjoy the parade.

Police Chief, John Moore, said the Chamber of Commerce sets the parade route the Town Commission just approves it. He went on to say it is too late this year to make a change to the route as the permits with the Department of Transportation have already been completed. He said it is a good thought and suggested Mr. Green pursue it for next year.

Jack Beals commented that last year he made a statement to the Commission about the crosswalk next to Plain Jane's regarding the lack of being able to see people trying to use the crosswalk and asked if any progress to correct that has been made.

Commissioner Roberts said that it is due to be re-stripped this year. There was also a meeting last Monday to work on re-doing the crosswalks on Main Street so they are more visible thus making them safer.

Jeff Barron from WWC Engineering introduced himself and his engineering firm to the Commission.

Minutes: Minutes of the April public hearing were reviewed by the Commission. Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled Commission meeting were reviewed by the Commission. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

North 40 Development Subdivision: Leona Stredwick, Madison County Planning, went over the subdivision proposal submitted by Josh Vujovich and read the Madison County Planning Board report and recommendations. (The report and recommendations are available for review at Ennis Town Hall.)

Stredwick referenced the map on display of the North 40, Phase 4, Preliminary Plat submittal for Commission review.

Roberts asked a question about fencing. Josh Vujovich stated fencing is allowed in the covenants and described what it allowed.

Bancroft asked about garages. Garages are allowed.

Kelly Elser stated there is still a question about the parks in the subdivision being dedicated to the Town in the original subdivision. There was some discussion on this and it was decided that Josh Vujovich will do a Quit Claim of the parks to the Town.

Mark Odegard said, that according to the cadastral, Otis Avenue is not dedicated to the Town. Leona stated it is not a good idea to rely on cadastral.

Mayor Leavitt asked what is next. Leona said the Commission can: 1) Motion to accept the Madison County Planning Board recommendations. 2) Motion not to accept Madison County Planning Board recommendations. 3) Motion to do nothing tonight.

Bancroft and Palmerton would like a work session/special meeting.

Roads were revisited for who does maintenance and upkeep on which road.

Mayor Leavitt asked the Commission what they want to do. Roberts stated: Take Madison County Planning Board recommendations.

The Mayor suggested a special meeting. The date to be determined when the County Planner can attend.

4th of July: Hailey, Executive Director of the Chamber, told the Commission she is working with the Manor in an effort to make the parade work for them too. She answered a few questions regarding the parade route and informed the Commission that the bleachers will not be put up this year.

Review Weed Agreement with Madison County: Margie Edsall, Madison County Weed Coordinator, told the Commission this is the last year of the 6-year agreement the County and Town has for weed control, etc. She stated she would like to meet with Kelly and Ginger to go over the agreement and see if updates are needed.

Margie told the Commission she has a couple letters that can be used to send to property owners if the Town would like to use them.

Roberts asked why biological is not used. Edsall stated they take too long to have an effect.

Kelly Elser described what the Town does with noxious weed control and stated that knapweed is the major weed the Town deals with.

Hardy asked a question about classes. Margie told the Commission what they do each year for training and educating the public.

Parking Lot Agreement w/School: The Commission decided they want to do the agreement again this year with the school for RV Parking.

Department Reports: Library: Karen Ketchu, Librarian, submitted a written report for review.

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

Police: John Moore, Ennis P.D., submitted a written report for review and explained the cyber bullying class he does. Moore informed the Commission that tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. there will be a mock DUI at the school.

Public Works: Kelly Elser, Director, submitted a written report for review.

Zoning: No report
Clerk: Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer submitted a written report for review.

Mayor Report/Comments: Mayor Leavitt told the Commission he met the Sheriff regarding the Interlocal Law Agreement and will be having another meeting next week with the Sheriff and County Commissioner JP Hart.

The Mayor attended the walking tour with Mark Fenton on Monday and gained a lot of interesting information.

He told those present that the Arbor Day Celebration will be May 11th from 9:00-11:00 at the Town Hall.

Commission Comments: Roberts described the workshop on Building Active Communities. She said the application for Montana Main Street is completed.

Hardy said he attended the Building Active Communities workshop and stated it was pretty cool. It brought to life this is about “everyone”.

Hardy asked when the paving on W. Main is to be done. (Kelly Elser said the estimated date is the 21st of May.)

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. Roberts seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Blake Leavitt, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer