

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: Mayor Leavitt opened the August 9, 2018 Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes: The Commission reviewed the Minutes of the June meeting. Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes. Hardy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Zoning Regulations Survey: The survey consists of 7 questions. There was outside help with the survey questions and the format. The survey can be put out to the public for 30 days or longer. To let the public know the survey is available and to encourage as much response as possible it will be put on/in the Town website, social media, utility bills, the Madisonian, the Library and flyers will be placed around the Town.

Bancroft stated he feels this is a waste of time and money.

Officer Moore suggested post card notification of where to find the survey to fill out.

Mark Odegard said he has had comments from people that were not comfortable speaking at the public meetings.

There was more discussion on the mode of dispersion for the survey.

After compilation of survey results a meeting will be held to announce the results and discuss how to move forward.

Don Bowen asked if there is a question on the survey asking if people have read the proposed ordinance. Answer: No

John Roberts stated than none of this has been fair to the public.

John Heckler asked for specific names of the people that put the survey together. He was told the Zoning Commission, Jerry Grebenc and Karen Ketchu helped with formatting.

Heckler asked if the public can see and make comments on this survey before it goes out to the public. He was not given a definitive answer.

Mayor Leavitt said he does not feel the public is being properly included, nor is he. He didn't know about a meeting until the day before it.

Mr. Heckler presented a survey they came up with for the Commission to review. There was discussion and suggestions on this survey.

Further discussion included both surveys and who is to determine the outcome of the survey. (How will the survey be reviewed and by whom.)

The Mayor asked the Commission if they wanted to continue with getting the survey out or not. Vincent, Palmerton, Roberts and Hardy said yes. Bancroft said no because he feels the Zoning committee needs to broaden and get more input from the public that has taken an interest in this process.

Heckler asked that the meetings be held in the evenings so more public can attend. Roberts said the plan is to split the meetings and have both day time and evening meetings.

Budget to Date: The Mayor gave a brief review. It was asked if the Budget meeting can be moved to August 22nd @ 6:00 p.m. (The meeting was rescheduled.)

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

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

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Moore gave a review of the "ALERT" class he attended.

Public Works: Dan Dedman was present at the meeting to answer questions regarding the public works department. He gave a verbal report of activities. Bancroft asked if the roof replacement has been inspected. Answer: Not yet. Roberts asked if any alleys have been mowed. Dedman said they have been busy painting lines in Town but should start on the alleys soon.

Zoning: No report

Clerks: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Mayor Report/Comments: Mayor Leavitt reported that the tree is down @ Town Pump and the Tree Board is to work on getting a new tree to plant in that area. The Mayor cautioned to be careful of what we may say in and to the public. If you don't know the answer to a question find out before answering. He told the Commission that the pot holes at the Post Office are on their property and their responsibility to repair. He noted that the railing along the sidewalk by Town Pump has been installed. The spay/neuter clinic is to be held again on September 22nd here at Town Hall.

Commission Comments: Roberts informed the Commission that the Varney Bridge Relocation Study draft will be coming in soon. She also said there is a public meeting on August 29th that MDT is putting on.

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 8:40 p.m.

Blake Leavitt, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer