

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2019
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: The November 8, 2019 Ennis Town Commission meeting was opened by Mayor Leavitt at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

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

Minutes: Minutes of the October 2018 Town Commission meeting were reviewed by the Commission. Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Jack Finley and Jennifer Doney presented a donation to the Tree Fund from the Bahai faith fellowship.

Representatives of Madison Valley Medical Center (MVMC) were present to explain why the medical center is conducting a study of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in their hospital district. It was said that they rely on multiple EMS systems for service in and out of MVMC. The strategic initiative is to assess our rural EMS system.

MVMC plan to use Safe Tech Solutions to do the study and reviewed some of the things they will cover in the assessment. As part of the assessment recommendations will be made to the EMS system.

The cost of the assessment has been quoted at \$30,000. MVMC is requesting financial support so the Town will be a partner in this endeavor. They said Ruby Valley has also been contacted to see if they will partner as well.

The Mayor asked if the study is detailed or a broad overview. They answered that the study will not be an operational assessment of Ennis Ambulance Service.

MVMC was asked how much support, in the form of money, they are looking for. They answered: As much as the Town and Ennis Ambulance feel they can do.

Vincent stated he thinks this is good. If the Town is going to put in funds it should come from the Ambulance fund.

Bancroft stated he is not against a study that would benefit our service.

There was more discussion and questions regarding the assessment. The assessment, again, is for the MVMC District. If other EMS entities are used, as they currently are, they would have to be included in the assessment as well.

Roberts asked if \$5000 would be a sufficient amount. MVMC answered in the affirmative.

Kevin Suzuki asked if it shouldn't be the Ambulance Board that speaks about how much money the Ambulance may be able, or not, to give.

Vincent gave an idea of how, if money is given, it could be handled. He suggested \$2500, no strings attached and another \$2500 if others, such as the county, signs on as well.

Montana Main Street Grant: The Mayor introduced the program and told those present what the program is and what it does. The Grant application is to form a Master Plan. This program also sets up for future grant funding of projects.

Roberts explained more about the program and what is possible. We need to pledge and deposit the money. If we don't get the grant the money comes back to the Town.

The Chamber is planning support but no monetary amount has been discussed yet to see if that is possible.

Roberts made a motion to submit the Montana Main Street Grant with the matching funds of \$6000. Hardy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Vincent, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Palmerton voted no. Motion approved.

Comley Park Master Plan: Roberts said the cost to get the master plan for Comley Park done will be \$5,000. To date Imerys Talc has pledged \$2500. Chris Gentry/Madison Foods has pledged \$500 from last years Christmas tree sales and will donate from this years Christmas tree sales as well. That leaves an estimated \$1500 still needed to complete the plan.

It was noted that, by having this Master Plan, this will open up for other grants for upgrades to the Park.

John Moore asked if parking is going to be considered in the plan as there is no parking there.

Roberts made a motion to approve \$1500 for the Comley Park Master Plan. Hardy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Department Reports: Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report to the Commission for review. The heater was talked about. It is felt the time to change it has arrived. Karen has already begun work toward that end.

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

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. He told the Commission the new vehicle is here and in operation. He told them the Crown Victoria is going to the Ambulance Service to be used as a "response" vehicle. The Commission was updated on where the "Your Speed Is" sign proposal is at with MDT.

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

Zoning: No report

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leavitt told the Commission he attended an Ambulance membership meeting. He told the Commission to be sure and say Thank You to members when you see them. He also attended the Zoning Commission meeting on Wednesday and work is progressing.

Commission Comments: Roberts said the School is still working on a strategic plan. She will go speak with them about the traffic plan. (Officer Moore said traffic is flowing nicely. There has been a significant improvement.)

Claims: Palmerton made a motion to approve 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.

Blake Leavitt, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer