

**PUBLIC HEARING  
FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE CHANGES  
PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES  
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 19/20  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

**Flood Plain Ordinance Changes:** Mayor Leavitt opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for changes to the Town of Ennis Floodplain Ordinance and read the current and proposed amendment.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing for Floodplain Ordinance changes was closed.

**Parking Ordinance Changes:** Mayor Leavitt opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for changes to the Town of Ennis Parking Ordinance and read the proposed changes.

Public Comment: Kelly Elser stated there is an agreement that he is not sure we can go against. John Moore said this is to clean up the language. It is what the Commission agreed to.

The Public Hearing for the Parking Ordinance changes was closed.

**Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20:** Mayor Leavitt opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Ennis Fiscal Year 19/20 budget.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 19/20 budget for the Town of Ennis was closed.

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019  
7:00 P.M.  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

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

**Pledge to the Flag.**

**Minutes:** The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August Commission meeting. Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Palmerton, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Vincent abstained as he was not present for the August meeting. Motion passed.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** There were no public comments.

**Parking Ordinance Changes Vote and Discussion:** Vincent made a motion to approve the changes to the Town of Ennis' Parking Ordinance. Palmerton seconded the motion. Discussion: There was discussion on the agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation regarding W. Main Street. The vote on this matter was tabled until it can be looked into further.

**Comley Park Master Plan:** Erik Heikes worked on the Master Plan for Comley Park and explained the process they went through developing this plan and what the plan proposes. He showed the plans to those who were present.

There was discussion about parking, or the lack of, in the area of Comley Park.

They are asking for approval of the “concept” of the park plan.

There was discussion about Department of Environmental Quality on discharging water to the Lagoon and placement of a Splash Park that may have treated water in place above one the Towns water wells.

There was some discussion on possible Grant opportunities and local expert to help with obtaining donations.

Vincent made a motion to approve the Comley Park Conceptual Plan. Roberts seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Vincent, Hardy and Roberts voted yes. Palmerton and Bancroft voted no. Motion passed.

**North 40 Phase 5:** Mayor Leavitt introduced the Phase 5 Subdivision for the North 40 Development.

Vincent said they should go over the Planning Board documents with them to make sure everything the Town needs is covered.

Josh Vujovich, developer, was here to answer questions.

There was discussion on irrigation wells on the lots.

There were some questions on street and alley access, etc.

Further action was tabled and a meeting was set for next week so the County Planner can be present to explain the Planning Boards recommendations and other questions can be answered.

**Resolution 550/HB 473/Gas Tax:** Vincent made a motion to approve Resolution 550-2019 to obtain HB 473 funds. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 551-2019/Budget FY 19/20:** Palmerton made a motion to adopt the budget for the Town of Ennis for Fiscal Year 19/20. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 552-2019/Setting Wages:** Bancroft made a motion to approve Resolution 552-2019, setting wages for fiscal year 19/20. Palmerton seconded the motion.

Discussion: Clerk, Ginger Guinn stated there is an error on the Library staff wages and asked for the change to be made.

Roberts made a motion to amend the Resolution to: Library staff (3) will receive \$11.00 per hour. Hardy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on amendment: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 552-2019/Setting Wages: Vincent, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Palmerton voted no. Motion passed.

**Re-Appointment to Conservation Board:** Roberts made a motion for Kaye Suzuki and Jon Siddoway to be reappointed to the Conservation Board. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

**Department Reports:** Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report to the Commission for review and told them the Library is focusing on programs for children and adults.

Ambulance: A written report was submitted by Patti Austin for Commission review.

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review and answered questions. Officer Moore expressed “Thanks” to the County Commission for a “Your Speed Is” sign they have donated to the Town of Ennis.

Public Works: Kelly Elser submitted a written report to the Commission for review and gave a short explanation of the MLIA grant the “Orange” water issue.

Zoning: No report.

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

**Mayor Reports/Comments:** Mayor Leavitt stated he would like to see the Business License Ordinance reviewed and updated. Water rates need to be looked at to get to the State Target Rate. Health Insurance for future employees needs to be reviewed and possibly have some changes. For future planning he would like to see Joe Willauer come to a meeting for discussion and ideas of what could be done.

**Commission Comments:** Vincent had a question on claims that Guinn answered.

Hardy had a question on Armitage Alley for a map he is having done.

**Claims:** Palmerton made a motion to accept and pay claims. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Blake Leavitt, Mayor

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Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer