

**Town of Ennis  
Local Government Study Commission  
February 18, 2025 10-12pm  
Madison Valley Public Library  
Work session Minutes**

1. **Roll Call:** Hirsch, Ketchu, Roberts
2. **Public comment on non-agenda items:** NONE
3. **Public comment on agenda items:** NONE
4. **Survey questions for Public Hearing and Community Survey:** Discussion was held on how to engage the community at the Public Hearing and the type of questions to ask. Ketchu reminded LGR that the questions need to pertain solely to the form of government and not to personnel. It was determined to have about 5 interactive questions at the Public Hearing printed on Large sheets of paper and an additional community survey to be completed either in person or online. Questions are attached:

Ketchu will send public hearing questions to be printed to Staples. Ketchu will also purchase refreshments for Public Hearing.

Approved

Date: 3/10/25

Signed:



Local Government Study Commission  
Ennis voter questionnaire  
2/19/25

The 1972 Montana State Constitution ensures Montana residents have the option of a local government review every 10 years. Ennis voters approved the review in June of 2024. We'd like your opinion on the current form of local government and how it affects you, and if another form of government would benefit Ennis residents.

Right now, Ennis has a mayor-commission current form of government. is a mayor-commission form. Would another form such as a commission-manager form (west yellowstone?) or commission presiding officer form be more effective in successfully managing the town of ennis for the best interest of its citizens?  
(add link to different forms of government .pdf for review)

- 1) Have you ever interacted with your local government? Y/N , comments
- 2) How would you rate your rate your experience? 1-5, comments

Is the mayoral role and commission reosive to the communitys needs  
is it addressing the communitys needs?  
Is the current form of government responsive to our commuty's needs?

- 3) What is the local government of the Town of Ennis doing well? Comments
- 4)Could the following services be improved? Y/N, rate them?

comments:

5)What do you see as the town's biggest challenges? Rate 1-5

- Managing growth
- Maintain current services
- Infrastructure maintenance
- Public health and safety
- Financial stability

comments:

6)Do you believe your current form of government is able to respond effectively to those challenges?

and achieve long term goals? Y/N, comments:

4) what do you think our current challenges are and do you think our current form of government is able to handle effectively address these challenges?

5) Do you believe the current local government makes the best use of taxpayer dollars for available services? Y/N, comment

6) For example, rate the use of funds in each department, 1-5, comment, pie chart

Administration  
Court Services  
Ennis Police Department  
Library  
Parks  
Planning/zoning  
Sidewalks  
Water/Sewer

7) Are financial matters of the town easily accessible? Y/N, comment

8) What characteristics of our local government are important to you? Rate 1-5, comment

Transparency  
Responsiveness  
Effective management of taxpayer funds  
Being responsive to change/adaptable to change  
Being proactive to challenges  
Employee retention  
Consistent Leadership  
Fairness

9) Do you feel the Town of Ennis has a clear long-term strategy to continue providing services to its residents? Y/N, comment

10) Do you feel a different form of government that may provide more oversight in

day-to-day operations would benefit taxpayers? Y/N, comment—link?

11) Do you have any other comments for the local government review study commission?