

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING**  
**JULY 9, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Ennis Town Hall**

**Open Meeting:** Mayor Vujovich opened the Town Meeting at 7:00

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Commission Present:** Bancroft, Vincent, Pine and Palmerton

**Public Comments:** (non-agenda): Lyndall Morgan discussed naming all alleys in Ennis to allow for ease of deliveries, etc. She suggested that alleys be named after original land owners.

**Minutes:** Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2015 Commission meeting. Vincent seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Palmerton discussed the validity of previous meeting that took place without Mayor. Mayor indicated that she would discuss the matter with the City Attorney to confirm.

**DOT Sidewalk Update:** Rob Buckvich updated Commissioners on project. Great West was brought in to go over what was discussed at a meeting held in Helena regarding concerns. They are here to share information put together with consultant on July 29-(cost of certain items, widths, signage, et al.)

Plans are 30% done-location, alignment, grading done.

287 N and W. Pearl to Auto will be 5 foot sidewalk level with pavement to include rumble strips.

Auto to Madison Foods- 10 foot wide asphalt path.

Relocate crosswalks to make them safer for pedestrians.

Clinic down-Chowning- 8 foot path

*Great West wants to finalize by late 2015; build out summer 2016.*

**Issues brought up:** No encroachment, no drainage issues, driveways not changing except ADA compliant, all State and Federal design standards, increase safety.

Stakeholder's meeting on July 29 will be attended by 2 Commissioners- discussion of sidewalk project. Comments and questions to be provided by Bancroft, Vincent and Pine.

Project renderings will be made available in time for meeting on 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Subdivision Regulations and Variance Procedure:** Great West was chosen to provide assistance in engineering as to provide cohesive documents to allow for growth, zoning etc.

Palmerton discussed that Great West is a conflict of interest for Mayor regarding the North 40. Mayor countered that there is no conflict of interest as she never worked with Great West and her property is already subdivided.

Great West will apply for planning grant (CDBG Grant) to help with costs. Time is of the essence and they have experience in handling these grant applications.

Great West offered an interim plan using County's plan and then analyze all for a more concrete set of regulations.

Pine commented that this looks like Planning Board job. Discussion, in response, was had by Bancroft regarding Planning Board issues and lack of leadership.

Palmerton suggested Planning Board handle this but they don't meet regularly. Mayor feels that this is too much for them to handle.

Mayor indicated that grant application needs to happen as soon as possible and Great West can handle.

Vincent suggested that Planning Board act as "advisory committee". Voted Great West for engineering.

Bancroft voted for Great West as they have been there when Ennis needed them.

Pine wants Great West to handle application for Grant; Planning Board to act as advisory committee.

Mayor entertains a Motion to apply for Planning Grant, Vincent moves to apply for Grant and Motion is seconded by Bancroft.

Motion passes, Palmerton abstains from vote.

**City Attorney Contract Approval:** Pay scale where Blaine left off

Mayor entertains a motion to approve contract. Motion made by Vincent, seconded by Palmerton.

Contract has already been signed.

Vote- All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

**Chowning Alley Update:** Close to agreement with Silvertip permanent easement through property.

**Issues:** Lodgepole John fence and tree in right of way, discussed removal of tree and put up gates that can be opened when necessary.

Discussion by Bancroft- all residents should clear alley as requested or be notified by City that they will be clearing alley and charging residents for job costs.

Mayor requests Commission input regarding how to handle residents that are not complying with requests.

Commission agrees Lodgepole John moves/removes tree and puts up a gate to allow access.

Pine wants further discussion with Norm (Silvertip Lodge).

Mayor wants a decision: Mayor will attempt to work with Lodgepole John.

Other alleys will need to be addressed in future meetings.

Mayor will discuss matter with Audra and alley issue will be back on August agenda for further discussion.

**Town Hall Rentals:** Discussion regarding trailer and title, Kelly will check and report back. Discussion about apartment above Town Hall and additional uses for space. Pine and Bancroft will look into removal of trailer from property.

**Set Worksession for Budget:** Vincent to meet with Mayor and Ginger next week Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

Commission to meet on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for budget meeting.

**Department Reports:**

**Library-** Molly attended and discussed all the new programs the library is offering, new Facebook and Web pages. Written report has been turned in.

**Law Enforcement and Ambulance-** John Moore discussed ambulance repair. 3 new members approved to ambulance crew. 2 EMTs. Morale is down. Ready room would be an asset. Suggested Emergency Responder's Appreciation Day- when, where and burgers.

**Public Works:** Written report has been submitted. Chip seal discussion.

**Zoning:** Written report submitted.

**Clerk:** Written report submitted.

**Claims:** Palmerton made a Motion to approve Claims, Bancroft seconded the Motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioner's voted Yes. Motion Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Becky Vujovich, Mayor

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Ellen Behar