

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
May 11, 2017
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Open: Pine opened the Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Commission Present: Pine, Vincent, Palmerton, Roberts, Leavitt and Bancroft

Minutes of the April Meeting: The minutes of the April 2017 meeting were reviewed.

Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Dave Crawford of TD&H Engineering spoke. He offered background information about TD&H, citing the firm's office locations and gave examples of what the firm has done in Ennis, specifically the work on the hospital, library, First Madison Valley Bank and Madison Manor. TD&H did the waste water lagoon project and installed the sewer service with the Forest Service building. His firm also represents Belgrade, Livingston and Manhattan. Dave and his firm appreciate the relationship with Ennis.

Michael Casey: Main Street TND Project: Discussion pushed back on the agenda until Art Behar can be present. He was on an ambulance run at the time.

Town Pump: TND Project: There was no representative present for Town Pump. Pine indicated his understanding was that the demolition work was to begin in June and construction after July 4. Architectural plans are still being finalized. Vincent said there are items that need to be addressed, and TND approval will be contingent upon certain conditions being met as stipulated by the Council members. Pine said the Council may need to draw up legal documentation. Vincent offered that it may be a memorandum of understanding, and that this paperwork will add time to the process. Pine said there needs to be MDT approval as well.

Department Reports:

Library: Karen Ketchu had submitted a report but it could not be located at this time.

Ambulance: Art Behar submitted a written report to the Commission for review. In Behar's absence, John Moore spoke. He indicated that Patti Austin will take his place as Ambulance Manager.

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Clarification was made between felony and misdemeanor DUI's and details were offered about a fatal accident on Varney Road the previous day.

Public Works: Kelly Elser submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Bancroft asked if water samples are taken around town. Answer: Yes, and if someone specifically asks for a sample to be taken, there is a \$20 fee.

Levitt asked about the status of the Green Space next to Town Hall. Elser shared that although the project has been labor intensive, it is coming along nicely and supported by volunteers.

Levitt asked about the sidewalk project status. Elser said few complaints have been made and the MDT crew is on schedule. The timeline for completion is June 12, 2017.

Pine inquired as to the latest update for the July 4th Parade. Discussion centered around seating being provided for spectators, associated permits, and location of that seating. The Grand Marshall is John Scully. Bathrooms for parade participants are available at the school.

Zoning: There was no Zoning report.

Clerk: There was no Clerk report.

Mayor's Report: Pine thanked Lisa Roberts for her efforts on the Open Space. The budget is coming up and should the Commission have a meeting to prepare. Vincent discussed a timeline and that the Commission needs to address the Road Maintenance District budgetary items: this item needs to be on next month's Commission meeting agenda. Roberts brought up the latest gas tax passed by the Montana Legislature. Ennis will receive monies from this by March next year. Vincent said there should be a budget template filled in by mid-June. Levitt said the Commission should look at the town's health insurance. Mayor's Report to be continued after TND Project Presentation.

Michael Casey: Main Street TND Project: Art Behar will not be at tonight's meeting. Casey went ahead with a brief presentation, including an update on the parking spaces, and a proposed sidewalk for access to the apartment residents. The Commission looked at the drawings and discussed taking action on the project once Behar offers his input and the permit is signed.

Mayor's Report Continued: Pine asked if Council members received the letter from Town Attorney, Greenbaum regarding current town litigation. Bancroft asked a question. Roberts clarified that no discussion should take place unless the item is specifically on the agenda. Pine shared that Ambulance crew is working hard and thanked them for their service. An Ambulance Board Meeting was held and members are looking for an Ambulance Manager replacement.

Commission Comments: Palmerton asked if anyone knew about a Time Capsule that was buried by the Lion's Club over 20 years ago.

Roberts attended the two-day Local Government Public Officials Training Conference in Billings. She suggested the town post the Commission agenda for meetings on the town website and that the most recent minutes need to be updated on the town website as well. The official locations for posting the agenda are the Post Office and the Library, and perhaps another location can be added. Also, the town logo can be put on the agenda/minutes in color so that readers can make a town association.

Bancroft shared that the sewer and water rates need to stay in line with the state. Elser clarified that that's an easy number to find. He also said that if rates go up over 3%, that the public needs to be notified along with a public hearing.

Claims: Bancroft made a motion to accept and pay claims. Levitt seconded the motion. 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 as adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Larry Pine, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer