

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
7:00 P.M.  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

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

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

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

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

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Chris Murphy asked about the status of the Zoning regulations. He stated he is interested in seeing what, exactly, has been changed.

**Updated Zoning Code Introduction:** Jerry Grebenc, Great West Engineering, was present by "Go to Meeting". He gave the background and introduced what has been done to this point. It was noted the Commission has the Draft and it needs to be put out to the public also for review and comments.

There was some discussion on the proposed ordinance and that it so different from what the Town has now. It is going to take time for review and probably more than one work session will be needed. \*The first work session was scheduled for March 13, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Madison County Floodplain:** Cancelled due to weather/travel conditions.

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan:** Assistant D.E.S. director, Joe Brummell, told the Commission this document has been worked on for the last two years. It will be there for Towns, when needed, to apply for federal funding.

**Lion's Park Agreement:** Mayor Leavitt told the Commission he met with the Lion's yesterday. Some minor changes made include listing the fixtures and major equipment and that the agreement will be reviewed every 5 years. There was discussion on adding language regarding safety standards and whether or not it is needed. The Mayor asked the Commission to review the document and it will be revisited.

**Police Vehicle/Equipment Upgrade/Replacement:** Officer Moore told the Commission his video system is failing so it is a priority to get it replaced. He also found a program through MT. Highway Patrol where he may be able to purchase one of their vehicles for \$5000.00. The vehicle would be an all-wheel drive with the cage.

Vincent asked about the charger we already have. Moore explained it is for travel to training and potentially a short term back up vehicle for patrol.

**Resolution 542-2018:** Mayor Leavitt read the resolution which calls for a budget change to increase spending in the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$18,500 for purchase of police department equipment and vehicles.

Vincent made a motion to adopt Resolution 542-2018. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

**Workshop for Active Communities:** Commissioner Roberts explained that Mark Fenton is available to come to Ennis in May 2018 and do a workshop tailored for Ennis. Roberts asked if the Commission would like to do this. The cost is estimated to be \$750 - \$1000. She told the Commission there is approximately \$3600 in the commission projects account which could pay for this if the Commission agrees. The Commission, with the exception of Palmerton, believe this would be a good workshop. Palmerton stated she believes the money could be used for other things.

**Department Reports:** Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report for review. The Mayor asked if an audit has been done on the heating system yet. Ketchu said it has not occurred yet. She further stated she does not think the system is adequate for the size of the building. There was some more discussion regarding the heating system.

Ambulance: A written report from Patti Austin, Ambulance Manager, was submitted for review.

Police: Officer, John Moore, submitted a written report to the Commission for review and answered questions about the incident at the school that triggered a lockdown.

Public Works: Dan Dedman submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Zoning: There was no Zoning report.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report to the Commission for review and asked them to review the Department of Transportation agreement she included in the handouts for tonight.

**Mayor Report/Comments:** Mayor Leavitt spoke to the Commission about the roof repair that is going to be done soon.

**Commission Comments:** Commissioner Bancroft spoke of training the Fire Department will be doing at Lion's Park, on and in the pond.

**Claims:** Palmerton made a motion to pay 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Blake Leavitt, Mayor

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Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer