

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2018  
7:00 P.M.  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

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

**Commission Present:** Brian Vincent, Brandi Palmerton, Lisa Roberts, Cory Hardy and John Bancroft.

**Pledge to the Flag**

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

**Minutes of the May 2018 Meetings:** The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting. Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Vincent abstained as he was not at the meeting. Palmerton, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Motion approved.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting. Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes. Roberts seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Vincent abstained as he was not at the meeting. Palmerton, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Motion approved.

**Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County Sheriff's Department:** Mayor Leavitt explained what changes are proposed for the agreement.

Roberts asked: In the case we need extra coverage for an event can we charge the event for the extra law enforcement cost. The answer was yes.

Sheriff Thompson told the Commission the area of the memorandum dealing with extra charges was left a little gray on what would and would not be charged for. An example of something that would be charged for is Moods of the Madison. Events like the homecoming parade, etc. would not be charged. He said community type events would be no charge.

Roberts made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

**Resolution 543-2018-A Resolution to Change the Fiscal Year 17-18 Budget for the Varney Bridge Feasibility Study:** The Commission reviewed the Resolution.

Vincent made a motion to approve Resolution 543-2018. Roberts seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Vincent, Roberts, Hardy and Bancroft voted yes. Palmerton voted no. Motion approved.

**Resolution 544-2018-A Resolution Requesting Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds:** Ginger explained what the new money coming in is. The Commission reviewed Resolution 544-2018.

Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 544-2018. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

**On Call Engineering:** Kelly Elser gave his opinion on how to handle this decision. He doesn't think everyone may have had a chance to thoroughly review the applications that came in.

Elser explained that this agreement doesn't bind you to a firm. The Town can still hire a different firm if certain projects warrant it.

He suggested that the Commission do their review then he and the Mayor will review them and make the decision.

Jeff Barron from WWC Engineering was present and told the Commission they can now do a project up to \$50,000 without going out to bid. (Kelly Elser stated he believes the limit is \$80,000.)

Jeff stated his firm thoroughly enjoys what they do. They would walk hand in hand with the Town on any project they are on. He spoke of his company and how they operate.

Jeff was asked what cities and towns they have done work for. He told them Billings, Helena and Culbertson. They have done, or are doing, a wastewater facility upgrade, a swimming pool and an irrigation district.

Roberts made a motion to grant authority to the Mayor and Public Works Director to choose the Engineering firm for the On-Call agreement. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

**Department Reports:**        Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report for Commission review. She told the Commission the Library is in full summer swing with the Summer Reading Program and other programs for the kids. When asked she told the Commission there were 21 businesses represented at the job fair but only 5 people looking for job opportunities came.

Ambulance: Patti Austin submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Roberts said they are now having board meetings monthly. There was a question and explanation of the wreck on the dump hill.

Police: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review. John was asked if he keeps track of how many times he responds to an address. Answered: Yes. He was asked how many officers are in our area/county. Answered: 1 Highway Patrol, 9 County officers and 2 in Ennis.

Public Works: Kelly Elser submitted a written report to the Commission for review. He told the Commission the Town worked with the County on gravel roads. The County did the grading and the Town supplied the Mag Chloride. There are some problems with Town Pump paving and it is causing large puddles in front of Shedhorn Sports and the patch by the Pic-A-Nic Basket is not satisfactory.

Zoning: No report.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report to the Commission for review. Hardy asked what MAD-TOWNS is. Ginger asked Kelly Elser to explain the program. Kelly also told the Commission they have ordered a new sewer camera/cleaner.

**Mayor's Report/Comments:** Blake Leavitt told the Commission that Public Works is looking for a new employee. There was a Zoning Commission meeting last week.

**Commission Comments:** Roberts said she applied for the MT. Main Street Program and the Speed Signs have been approved by MDT.

**Claims:** Palmerton made a motion to pay claims. Vincent 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Blake Leavitt, Mayor

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Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer