

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2018
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: Mayor Leavitt opened the October 11, 2018 Commission meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of the September Meeting: Palmerton made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2018 Commission meeting. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Shorty Roberts asked about the Floodplain mapping and where it is at. It was explained that on September 28th they were submitted to FEMA. FEMA then has 90 days to respond. The maps will then go back to Great West with responses from FEMA, if there are any. Great West will then have a period of time to respond back to FEMA again with changes and comments.

Shorty Roberts also asked what is happening with the Zoning Regulations updates. Commissioner Roberts explained what is planned for next.

North 40 Final Plat: It was noted that the Preliminary Plat was approved. The Mayor asked Josh Vujovich about the roads not being turned over to the Town. Josh is to look into the roads.

It was asked if there are questions on any conditions that were or were not accomplished.

Kelly Elser asked if there will be parking on Rachel Avenue. Vujovich answered no. He went on to say the curb on Rachel Ave. was designed to be driven over for the parking purposes.

Roberts made a motion to approve the Final Plat of the North 40, Phase 4, with the condition that all roads are dedicated to the public use. Vincent seconded the motion.

Discussion: Hardy asked if we vote tonight that means we cannot change anything even if it goes against our current code. He was told that is correct.

There was some discussion on lot sizes and how the lots were figured. (Charity Fechter confirmed Vujovich figured the lots as it was explained to him.)

Palmerton said she is still confused on how many lots and the lot sizes that are listed.

Vujovich stated he used the 8 units per acre, as per Ennis Town Code, for the design of this portion of the subdivision.

Roll Call Vote: Palmerton abstained (still don't understand), Bancroft abstained (don't understand). Vincent, Roberts and Hardy voted yes. Motion approved.

Vincent spoke about when abstaining in a vote is appropriate and when, instead of abstaining, a Yes or No vote should be used.

Burnt Tree Brewery Introduction: Scott Kelley told the Commission he is planning an addition to the East side of the Gravel Bar to build a 950 square foot brewery. He is hoping to start this winter and have it completed by April, 2019.

Kelley, when asked, said he has not considered what signage the brewery will have.

The Mayor told the Commission this is a TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development) project so the Commission will have to vote on it.

Vincent made a motion to approve the TND application. Roberts seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Comley Park Master Plan: Roberts explained what has been done so far. She has met with people regarding the park and has obtained pledges from Imerys Talc and Madison Foods for funds to help.

Department Reports: Library: Karen Ketchu submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Ambulance: There was no Ambulance report.

Police Department: John Moore submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Public Works: A written report was submitted to the Commission for review. Kelly Elser told the Commission that he attended the League Conference but did not feel it was very good this year. He stated that the ownership of Grandma Ennis Park is still being worked on and asked for approval to have a survey done. He went over the basics of the telemetry system, spoke about GIS mapping and told the Commission about a water leak under the Townhouses on Beaverhead and a sewer backup on E. Ennis Street.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted a written report to the Commission for review.

Mayor Comments/Report: Mayor Leavitt told the Commission that MDT is not going to allow a tree to be planted on the East end of Town Pump. He spoke of the culvert on Comley and Highway 287. It is on MDT right-of-way but they will not do anything about it so the Town keeps filling the hole the failing culvert is creating. Leavitt stated that when street striping was done by Main Street Apartments there were no parking stripes put on a driveway so that will have to be figured out. He told the Commission the Madison Valley Medical Center is planning to do a study of EMS in the hospital district and they have asked for Town involvement.

Commission Comments: Roberts informed the Commission that Ennis has been accepted in the Montana Main Street Program. Their grant cycle will be coming up soon. Their emphasis this year is on rural communities. She suggested a needs assessment be done. Roberts told the Commission that she is asking the County to get a grant writer again. The Varney Bridge is not going to work for what was wanted but may be able to be used in another application. The deadline to adopt the bridge is December 18th.

Claims: Vincent made a motion to pay claims. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Adjourn: Bancroft made a motion to adjourn. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Blake Leavitt, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer