



Ennis Town Commission Public Hearings & Meeting
February 10, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Ennis Town Hall
328 W. Main Street

Public Hearings: 7:00 p.m.

1st Reading/Ordinance 145: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing “Noise” from Title 11, Chapter 4, Section 5(J) of the Ennis Town Code and Replacing it with “Noise Ordinance: in Title 6, Chapter 8, Section 1

2nd Reading/Ordinance 146: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing the District Minimums and Maximums Setback(s) and Area Chart of Title 11, Chapter 3, Section 4 of the Town of Ennis Zoning Codes.

AGENDA:

1. Open meeting
2. Roll Call of the Council
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes of January 13th Meeting
5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Vote on Council Chair Nomination of Kristy Ranson
7. Presentation of Preliminary Engineering Report Contract for Water System for consideration pursuant to MCA 7-5-4301 (2)(a)-Collette Anderson of Great West Engineering
8. Presentation of Preliminary Engineering Report Contract of Waste Water Management for consideration pursuant to MCA 7-5-4301 (2)(a)-Collette Anderson of Great West Engineering
9. Ordinance #146: Commission discussion and vote on Ordinance 146/Zoning Code Changes (as described above)
10. Ordinance #145: Commission discussion and vote on the 1st Reading of the Noise Ordinance (Changes made to reference times for indoor/outdoor activities)
11. Adoption of Meeting Policy Town of Ennis Drafted Policy for public and council participation at meetings
12. Resolution of Intent by Ordinance to abolish Ennis Ambulance Service per the Town Charter Article II 2.03 (1)
13. Resolution of Intent by Ordinance to lease space to MVMC per the Town Charter Article II 2.03 (7)
14. Department Reports
 - a. Library
 - b. Law Enforcement
 - c. Public Works
 - d. Zoning
 - e. Clerks
15. Commission Reports/Comments
16. Mayor Report
17. **Unscheduled Matters:** Any item(s) not listed for the current meeting. At the Commissions discretion a brief discussion and decision if the matter discussed it to be placed on a future Agenda.
18. Adjourn

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**TOWN OF ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022
7:00 PM
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Mayor opens public hearing and meeting at 7:00 pm.

In attendance: Mayor Haas, Commissioners Hankins, Ranson, Palmerton, Hardy, Bancroft

Ordinance #145 Public Hearing: An ordinance repealing and replacing the noise ordinance for the Town of Ennis.

Mayor asks for public comment.

Trevor Lockhart makes general comment clarifying changes from decibel readings to ‘raucous noise’.

Brittney Hirsch comments in favor of using language that does not interfere with music that local businesses host throughout the year. Reads from proposed ordinance and states that the current proposed language could find those instances unlawful and defers to Attorney Greenbaum to addresses needed changes.

Holly Morrison comments on definition of language within the proposed ordinance. Clarification

Hirsch asks John Moore’s opinion. Moore states he has browsed the proposal but not thoroughly read it.

Bancroft comments that there have not been any complaints so wonders why the Town is worrying about this ordinance.

Moore clarifies that there have not been any formal, written complaints since 2013.

Hirsch comments that the issue with the current ordinance is that it is unenforceable – should there every be a complaint, there is no possibility to enforce what is currently in place which requires a specific decibel meter and knowledge of property lines.

Moore comments that there is always the Montana State Statute on Public Nuisance that can be enforced if needed.

Hirsch reads from the proposed ordinance again and questions section 6a and 6d which states that sound amplifying equipment, loudspeakers, amplifiers and public address systems would be unlawful. States that as written, football games, homecoming parade and other town events could be found unlawful. Comments that she does not believe that this is the intent of the Town and the language should be amended.

Moore confirms.

Greenbaum states the object of the proposed ordinance is to give the Town some reasonable opportunity to enforce loud, raucous obnoxious, nuisance noises which are unenforceable under current town code. States that the language reads authorization for such noise can be granted by town.

Dino Fanelli requests clarification on the purpose of the Town needing an ordinance if there is one already written in Montana Law.

Greenbaum comments on the purpose of local ordinances that make it easier for local law enforcement to address. Confirms that the current Town Noise Ordinance is completely unenforceable – requiring special equipment and property line confirmation. States this noise ordinance is modeled after the City of Bozeman and suggests giving it consideration.

Bancroft comments against comparing Ennis to Bozeman in any way and does not want to address the noise ordinance.

Mayor closes public comment.

Ordinance #146 Public Hearing: An ordinance repealing and replacing the setback(s) minimums and maximums chart in the Zoning Codes.

Mayor opens public comment.

Trevor notes changes.

No other public comment.

Mayor closes public hearing.

Pledge to the Flag

Minutes of the December 2021 Meeting Bancroft moves to approve. Ranson seconds.

Mayor calls to vote. Hankins abstains. Ranson aye. Palmerton aye. Hardy abstains. Bancroft aye.

Lisa Roberts from online audience (outgoing commission member) asks for amendment to language regarding development fees during the Master Plan discussion. Also asks for amendment to her comments on marijuana license – for the Town to *consider* additional licenses.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda matters

Trevor Lockhart comments on East Main St entrance into Ennis. In favor of better/more signage and lighting coming into Ennis. Comments stemming from a tractor trailer crash previous week. States there is very little lighting, reflectors or awareness coming into town.

Holly Morrison comments in favor of more lighting and signage coming into Town. States that coming into Town where double yellow lines start there is no indication of a town ahead. Also comments on enjoying the Ennis Christmas stroll.

Maria Lake comments in favor of amending the agenda format to add ‘old business’ so that ideas and proposals/projects do not get dropped.

Lockhart comments on marijuana tax for the town. Wonders where that sits. Wants to move forward with tax option.

Dino Fanelli comments in favor of moving forward quickly with development fees as a source of much needed income for the Town – ties it in with taking care of old business and requests the Town to take action.

Resolution 566-2022: A resolution of the Ennis Town Commission stating the intent to place on the May 2022 mail ballot an initiative requesting a mill levy for law enforcement services and staffing.

Mayor reads resolution.

Hirsch states that resolution should read taxable value rather than market value.

Discussion on verbiage and amendment to change the market value to assessed value.

Mayor opens for public comment.

Trevor Lockhart asks if \$50,000 is enough to request. Moore clarifies yes because there are already funds in the budget for a half time officer.

Lisa Roberts suggests it may be appropriate to amend the verbiage about mil leavy funds to be used for general law enforcement outside of Ennis Police Department in the case the Town contracts with Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Chief Moore states that the budget already includes funds for contract services with the Sheriff's Department and the verbiage for this mill leavy is specifically written so that it covers the second officer and funds stay within Ennis Police Department.

Mayor closes public comment.

Ranson moves to approve resolution 566-2022. Bancroft seconds.

Palmerton makes motion to amend the word market to the word assessed (value).

Ranson seconds.

Vote on amendment. All vote yes.

Moore comments that this is his way of making sure funding is secured.

Ranson asks for clarification on insurance in budget.

Mayor calls to vote on resolution. All vote yes.

Discussion on Ordinance 145: Repealing and Replacing the Noise Ordinance for the Town of Ennis

Discussion on the origination of decision to update the ordinance. Chief Moore confirms that there has not been a formal noise complaint since 2013.

Hardy comments in favor of updating the ordinance so that it can be enforced should it need to be.

Palmerton makes comment on editing language due to a typo.

Discussion on verbiage throughout draft.

Palmerton comments against the ordinance proposal; states she believes it will create more problems.

Discussion on verbiage, outdoor events, music within Main Street businesses, time frames.

Discussion on Ordinance 146: Repealing and Replacing the setback(s) chart in the Town of Ennis Zoning Codes

Discussion to clarify changes. No further discussion.

Council Chair Nomination Discussion

Mayor comments on reason for Council Chair nomination.

Mayor requests nomination vote on February meeting.

Appointment of Commission member to the Library Board

Mayor appoints Nikki Hankins to Library Board.

Department Reports: Library, Law Enforcement, Public Works, Zoning, Clerk

Library: Karen reviews written report.

Hardy asks about the entrepreneurial support program. Karen says that the program is in the works and it will be an informational program to help with the first steps of starting a business.

Law Enforcement: written report. Mayor asks about a report on Matt Fisher in the Academy. Moore states that he will get an official bi-weekly report.

Public Works: written report. Suggest that Town needs to update Emergency Response Plan for flooding in particular. Mayor mentions that Collette with Great West will address some of those updates in upcoming work session.

Hardy asks about sump pump usage. Olson states that sump pumps are dumping fresh water into lagoon which can impact the lagoon biology and water testing. Mentions that he will be looking into the ordinance to manage the problem. Olson requests a comment on the water bills.

Zoning: written report.

Ranson asks about street bond refunds.

Sprout comments on working on the application with Olson.

Discussion about street bond ordinance.

Clerk:

Written report.

Hirsch comments on increase in electronic billing and ACH. Looking into online portal system that work with Black Mountain Software for customer payments, bill access.

Commission Comments

Hardy asks about CT presentation to Madison County Planning Board in Feb 2022. Mentions training class with Dan Clark. Comments in favor of the adult education spring session classes at high school. Comments in favor of a leaderboard on the front of Town Hall. Comments on the tractor trailer accident on south end of town. Mentions a petition that may go around soon to get more power behind this movement for the lighting and signage on the south end of town.

Hankins comments on her meeting at Willie's Distillery.

Ranson comments in favor of adding more lights within the city limits.

Bancroft comments in favor of a sign for '25 MPH ahead'.

Mayor comments on the change in the bridge possibly correlating with more accidents.

Hankins asks about putting marijuana tax on May ballot.

Mayor to write letter to DOT requesting meeting about south end of town.

Moore mentions Uniform Traffic Code and working with DOT.

Mayor Comments

Comments on speaking with Fire Chief of MVRF with concerns on the fire hydrants that have not been maintained well. Working with Public Works to start maintenance records. Meeting with Great West Engineering for a work session on 24th. Comments on the visit from Bobbie with Rural Water and the ongoing discussion regarding water rates. Comments on her spending time at Town Hall and the many distractions. Comments on Lions Park closure due to flooding. Comments on updating policy manuals and getting Olson's formal offer completed. Comments on State of Montana creating apprentice program for Public Works. Will be in Choteau, MT in March for Mayor's Forum.

Claims: Review and Vote to pay

Palmerton makes a motion to approve. Hardy seconds. All vote yes.

Adjourn

Bancroft adjourns at 9 pm. Palmerton seconds. All vote yes.

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Nici Haas, Mayor

Brittney Hirsch, Deputy Clerk

ORDINANCE #145

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING “NOISE” FROM TITLE 11, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 5 (J) OF THE ENNIS TOWN CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH “NOISE ORDINANCE” IN TITLE 6, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 1

As per Title 11, Chapter 1, Section 13 of the Town of Ennis Zoning Code, “The Town Commission may, from time to time, amend, supplement or change this Title and Zoning Map” and in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 1, Section 3 of Ennis Town Code “AMENDMENTS” the Town Commission of the Town of Ennis, Montana hereby ordains as follows:

1. REPEAL “NOISE” from Title 11, Chapter 4, Section 5 (J) and REPLACE with NOISE ORDINANCE, Title 6, Chapter 8, Section 1 with the following:

6-8-1 Noise Ordinance:

To protect, preserve, and promote the health, safety, welfare, peace, and quiet of the citizens through the reduction, control, and prevention of raucous (a disturbingly loud or harsh noise) noise, or any noise which unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivity.

1. Loud and raucous noise degrades the environment of the city to a degree that:
 - a. It may be harmful to the health, welfare, and safety of its inhabitants and visitors;
 - b. It may interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property reasonably expected in an urban environment;
 - c. It may cause or aggravate health problems.
2. Both the effective control and the elimination of loud or raucous noise are essential to the health and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the city as well as to the conduct of the normal pursuits of life, including recreation, work and communication.
3. The use of sound amplification equipment creates loud and raucous noise that may, in a particular manner and at a particular time and place, substantially and unreasonably invade the privacy, peace, and freedom of the citizens of and visitors to the city.
4. Certain short-term easing of noise restrictions is essential to allow the construction and maintenance of structures, infrastructure, and other elements necessary for the physical and commercial vitality of the city.
5. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

a. "Emergency" means any occurrence or set of circumstances involving actual or imminent physical trauma or property damage which demands immediate attention.

b. "Emergency work" means any work:

1. Performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating physical trauma or property damage;
2. Restoring property to a safe condition following a public calamity;
3. By private or public utilities when restoring utility service; or
4. Performed to protect persons or property from exposure to danger or potential danger.

c. "Health" means an optimal state of physical, mental and emotional well-being and not merely the absence of disease.

d. "Person" means any individual, firm, association, partnership, joint venture, corporation or public entity, including but not limited to federal, state or city government.

e. "Public right-of-way" means any street, avenue, boulevard, highway, sidewalk, alley, or similar place which is normally accessible to the public which is owned or controlled by a government entity.

f. "Public space" means any real property or structure on real property, owned by the government and normally accessible to the public, including but not limited to parks and other recreational areas. For the purposes of this article, public space will also include any property, whether publicly or privately owned, used by members of the general public as a method of ingress, egress or for parking.

6. It is unlawful to perform any of the following acts anywhere within the Town's jurisdictional limits:

a. Yelling and shouting. Yelling, shouting, hooting, or whistling on public rights-of-way at any time as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any normally sensitive and reasonable person.

b. Defect in vehicle or load. Operating any truck, trailer, automobile, motorcycle, or vehicle so out of repair or so loaded in such a manner as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noises.

c. Loudspeakers, amplifiers, public address systems. Except as authorized by the Town the use or operation of any loudspeaker, amplifier, public address system or any similar instrument or equipment whose purpose is to amplify or make sound louder in a fixed or movable position or mounted upon any sound truck for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures, or transmitting music to any person or assemblages, in or on any public right-of-way within city areas in such a manner as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any normally sensitive and reasonable person.

d. Loud or unusual noises. Making or causing to be made any excessive or unusually loud noise or any noise which is so harsh, prolonged, unnatural, or

unusual in time and place as to annoy, disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of any reasonable person of normal sensitivity within the limits of the city.

7. The following activities will be authorized as follows:

a. Non-emergency signaling devices. The sounding or permitting of any amplified signals from any bell, chime, siren, whistle or similar device intended primarily for non-emergency purposes, including but not limited to back-up beepers, will be authorized at any time between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. from October 1 through March 31 and between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. from April 1 through September 30.

b. Construction projects. Operating equipment or performing any construction or repair work will be authorized between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from October 1 through March 31 and between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. from April 1 through September 30. The Director of Public Works may authorize temporary relief from this section upon application and a showing of extraordinary need for the use of this equipment beyond or outside these hours. Such authorization will clearly set forth the dates and hours of the authorized use as well as any special conditions needed to mitigate potential negative noise impacts.

c. Loading, unloading or opening containers. The loading, unloading, opening or other handling of boxes, crates, containers, solid waste containers or other similar objects, including but not limited to the collection of solid waste, recyclables or compostable materials by either the city or a private contractor duly licensed by the Montana Public Service Commission for the collection and transportation of solid waste will be authorized provided the parties obtain and comply with any permits required. Should a permit not be required, this activity is authorized between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from October 1 through March 31 and between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. from April 1 through September 30.

d. Snow blowers, leaf blowers or similar devices. The operation of any equipment as defined above will be authorized between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

e. Outdoor and indoor events, including sound amplifying equipment. Any outdoor or indoor gatherings, public dances, shows, sporting events, and other similar events indoor or outdoor will be authorized provided the parties obtain any permits required the Town. Should the event not require a permit, the gathering will be authorized between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. from October 1 through March 31 and between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. from April 1 through September 30.

f. Outdoor activities. Activities conducted on public playgrounds and public or private school grounds, which are conducted in accordance with the manner in which such spaces are generally used, including but not limited to the use of a city-owned park, swimming pool, skate park, ball fields, school athletic or school entertainment events.

g. Public work. Noise created in the performance of any work in the public right-of-way or on public space as defined herein which is reasonably necessary for the public benefit, welfare, convenience or safety, including but not limited to the maintenance of streets, parking lots, water and wastewater lines but excluding solid waste activities.

8. Nothing in this section will be construed to allow activity which is prohibited by Montana Code or Ordinance

9. Any of which are performed for emergency work for the safety, welfare, and public health of the citizens of the city are exempted from the provisions of this article.

10. Penalty: A violation of this chapter is punishable by a fine as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code.

2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be effective from and after 30 days following its final approval and adoption.

Nici Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer

1st Reading: February 10, 2022

2nd Reading:

Adoption:

ORDINANCE #146

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE DISTRICT MINIMUMS AND MAXIMUMS SETBACK(S) AND AREA CHART OF TITLE 11, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 4 OF THE TOWN OF ENNIS ZONING CODES

As per Title 11, Chapter 1, Section 13 of the Town of Ennis Zoning Codes, “The Town Commission may, from time to time, amend, supplement or change this Title and Zoning Map” the Town Commission of the Town of Ennis, Montana hereby ordains as follows:

1. REPEAL AND REPLACE the setback(s) and area minimums and maximums chart from Title 11, Chapter 3, Section 4 with the following:

District	Area D/U	Lot Area	Front Yard	Side Yard	Rear Yard	Street Frontage	Height	Intensity
Ag 640	640 acres	640 acres	50 ft	1) 10 ft	1) 10 ft	1,200 ft	2) none	2) none
Ag 160	160 acres	160 acres	50 ft	1) 10 ft	1) 10 ft	1,200 ft	2) none	2) none
Ag 80	80 acres	80 acres	50 ft	1) 10 ft	1) 10 ft	1,200 ft	2) none	2) none
R-RD	10 acres	3 acres	50 ft	10 ft	1) 10 ft	250 ft	35 ft	none
R-LD	1/2 acre	7,500 sq ft	20 ft	10 ft	20 ft	75 ft	25 ft	none
R-MD	1/4 acre	5,000 sq ft	20 ft	10 ft	10 ft	50 ft	25 ft	none
R-TD	1/8 acre	4,000 sq ft	15 ft	5 ft	5 ft	50 ft	25 ft	none
L-CR	3)	3)	3)	3)	3)	3)	35 ft	4) 0.8
C-CR	3)	3)	3)	3)	3)	3)	35 ft	4) 3.0
HC	-	3)	25 ft	3)	3)	100 ft	35 ft	4) 0.4
C-I	-	1 acre	50 ft	25 ft	25 ft	100 ft	35 ft	4) 0.4
P-I	3)	3)	50 ft	25 ft	3)	3)	35 ft	4) 0.6

2. REPEALER: All Ordinances or parts of this ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

4. WHEN AFFECTIVE: This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after 30 days following its final approval and adoption.

Nici Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer

1st Reading: January 13, 2022
2nd Reading: February 10, 2022
Adoption: February 10, 2022



EXHIBIT "A"
SPECIFIC TASK ORDERS

February 3, 2022

Town of Ennis
PO Box 147
Ennis, MT 59729
Attn: Mayor Haas

**Re: Task Order No. 7 – Water PER
Town of Ennis On-Call
Great West Engineering Project No. 1-18184**

Dear Mayor Haas:

This letter constitutes *Task Order No.7* to our *Agreement for Professional Services* dated August 1, 2018 for the above-referenced Project. Great West's scope of services, schedule of fees, and schedule for completion of these services ("Services") are as follows:

See attached EJCDC contract.


As compensation for these Services, Client shall pay Great West an estimated total amount not to exceed **\$50,000** as determined by the *Consultant Agreement*. This amount can not be exceeded without Client's written approval.

Please have an authorized representative sign both originals of this letter and return one executed original to Great West at the following address:

Great West Engineering, Inc.
2501 Belt View Drive
Helena, MT 59601

Acknowledgement. This *Task Order No. 7* is agreed to by the parties and is effective as of the date of this letter.

GREAT WEST ENGINEERING, INC.



Collette Anderson, PE

Business Unit Manager _____

TOWN OF ENNIS

Authorized Name, Title

Date



EXHIBIT "A"
SPECIFIC TASK ORDERS

February 3, 2022

Town of Ennis
PO Box 147
Ennis, MT 59729
Attn: Mayor Haas

**Re: Task Order No. 8 – Wastewater PER
Town of Ennis On-Call
Great West Engineering Project No. 1-18184**

Dear Mayor Haas:

This letter constitutes *Task Order No.8* to our *Agreement for Professional Services* dated August 1, 2018 for the above-referenced Project. Great West's scope of services, schedule of fees, and schedule for completion of these services ("Services") are as follows:

See attached EJCDC contract.


As compensation for these Services, Client shall pay Great West an estimated total amount not to exceed **\$70,000** as determined by the *Consultant Agreement*. This amount can not be exceeded without Client's written approval.

Please have an authorized representative sign both originals of this letter and return one executed original to Great West at the following address:

Great West Engineering, Inc.
2501 Belt View Drive
Helena, MT 59601

Acknowledgement. This *Task Order No. 8* is agreed to by the parties and is effective as of the date of this letter.

GREAT WEST ENGINEERING, INC.



Collette Anderson, PE

Business Unit Manager

TOWN OF ENNIS

Authorized Name, Title

Date



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TOWN OF ENNIS PUBLIC MEETINGS POLICY

Ennis Public Meetings Policy Intents and Purposes

The Ennis Public Meetings Policy provides notice to the public of the orderly process for members of the public who may want to participate in the meetings by offering public comments. The Ennis Public Meetings Policy is intended to serve as a guide to the Mayor, Chairperson and Commissioners regarding how public meetings may be held in a more formal manner to promote efficient use of time allotted for the agenda while providing a dignified means of conducting the Town's business in accordance with public meetings laws.

Public Right to Know and Participate

The public's right to participate and know are rights that are protected in the Montana Constitution. Freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom to protest the government are First Amendment Rights. Public servants are obligated to protect these fundamental rights and must be cognizant to take no action that would appear to hinder, deter, suppress or censor the free exercise of these rights. Conducting public meetings in a fair, reasonable and responsible manner that allows the public the right to comment on matters of importance is of utmost concern. However, this does not mean that decorum should be compromised or that the Town cannot take action to encourage a more respectful open meetings process.

Public Conduct and Public Comment

Public comment may be made orally, by letter or email, and the public should be encouraged and reminded that if time does not permit, that they may submit further comments in writing or electronically via email.

- Public comments are allowed at the opening of the meeting on non-agenda items and on agenda items at the appropriate time during the meeting which will be announced.
- No disturbance of the peace or interruptions of the meeting agenda shall be allowed.
- Public comments should be made in a respectful tone and in a manner that does not disrupt the meeting.
- No persons shall be allowed to speak without first being recognized and identifying themselves.
- All comments are limited to 3 minutes and should be made from the podium or as otherwise allowed.
- Public comment is not a question-and-answer session or time for debate.

- Any comments that are framed as questions should be viewed as rhetorical or as "concerns" for consideration. The Commissioners should be hesitant to engage in a dialogue, unless it is necessary to understand the person's comment.
- Members of the public who insist on having their questions answered should be reminded that they are free to contact staff, the Mayor, appointed and elected officials outside the meeting.
- All comments must be relevant to the agenda item.
- Members of the public should be limited to how many times they may comment on any particular item, and should only speak when recognized.
- It is inappropriate to repeat previous comments.
- Members of the public may comment only after: staff report, applicant presentation, and prior to Commissioner Discussion.
- All comments must be directed to the Commissioners.
- After all persons in attendance actually and virtually have been asked to participate and been afforded a reasonable opportunity to make comment, the Mayor or Chairperson shall close public comments with reference to Non-Agenda / Open Comment or Agenda Items as the case may be.
- No further public comments should be allowed after public comment is closed whether it be Non-Agenda / Open Comment or posted Agenda Items.

Interruptions Not Allowed

Freedom of speech is not absolute. There are certain limits to what is reasonably permissible in a public forum. People who speak out of turn, shout out comments, or want to interject at every turn of the public meeting must be warned to not interrupt the meeting. While the public has a right to participate, elected & appointed officials, staff and others have a right to be able to conduct the Town's business without unnecessary interruptions or unreasonable disturbances. The Mayor or Chairperson must insist that there be no interruptions or disruptions. The public has a right to comment and participate in accordance with the formal meeting agenda policy. The public does NOT have a right to cause or create an unreasonable disturbance of the very forum intended to give the public the means of peacefully participating in the operations of the local governing body. [See: MCA 45-8-101 Disorderly Conduct].

Removal from Public Meeting

The Mayor or Chairperson may ask any person in attendance (including without limitation, any elected or appointed official, staff member, Town employee or other member of the public) to leave or request the assistance of law enforcement to remove any person from any meeting if the person has been specifically warned and continues to cause an unreasonable interruption, interference, disruption or disturbance. [Note: no persons may be barred or banned from attending further public meetings without a court order].

Library Director's Report
Town Commission
February 2022
K. Ketchu

Use: 91/day, January average
PC: 9, Wi-Fi 12/day, January average
Cr use: 423, January total
Programming attendance, January total: 151



Programming:

-January is typically our slowest month, but weekly program attendance is steady. We have been delivering story/craft time to the preschool due to illness.

-Bayley is finished with her reimagining early literacy train the trainer program and will start training other librarians in the state later this spring. The program focuses on incorporating early counting and math skills as well as literacy as building blocks to reading and comprehension.

-We held a seed swap on Jan 29, it was a success, and will continue to work with Kaye Suzuki on gardening series this month through the summer.

-Coming up next week are author talks Cindy Owens (*The Purple Blanket*, Feb 8, 11am) and Tom Harpole (*Rethinking Willingness*, Feb 11, 530pm)

Facilities:

-Thankfully, nothing to report this month

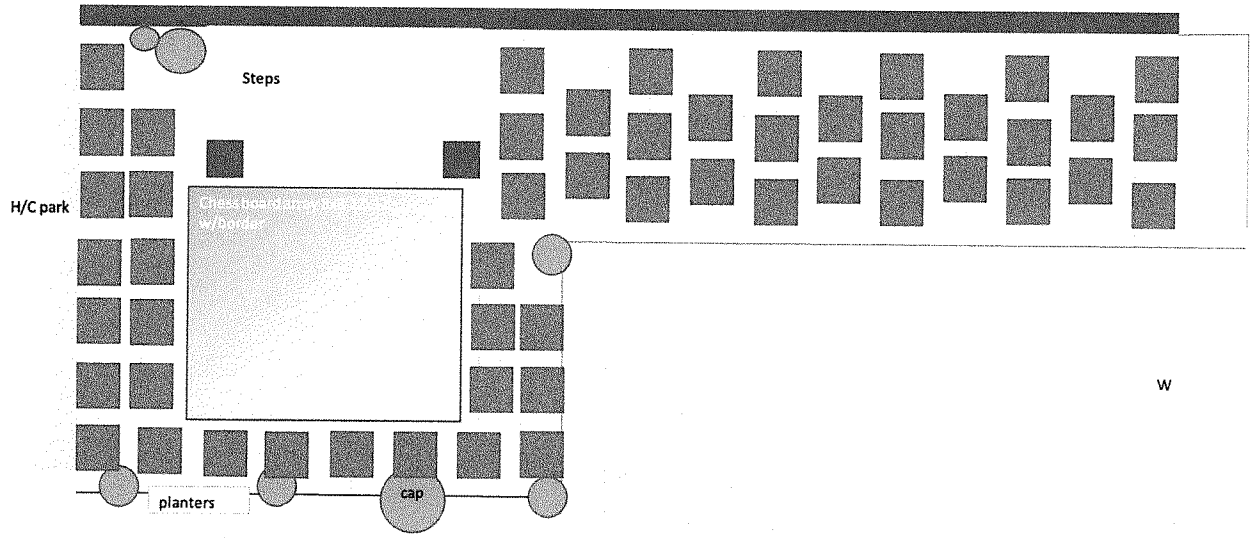
Admin:

We've had some staff illness, so in January I've split my time between customer service, our web site redesign, policy and collection development.

Staff was certified in CPR/first aid through ECE on sat

Thanks, please feel free to stop by or call with questions.

Karen



Landscape concept



ENNIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO THE ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION

Regular Commission meeting February 10th, 2022

The mill levy for Officer Fisher's position has been completed and approved by the Clerk and Recorder's office. The levy will be by mail for the May 3rd, 2022 election. This is only for Town of Ennis residents and the cost per \$100,000 assessed value is \$19.53 for a second full-time police officer..

January was not a high law enforcement demand month allowing me to catch up on paperwork including all the mandatory reporting required by Montana and the Federal Government.

At the time I am writing this Officer Fisher is in his 4th week at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. In his first 4 weeks he has been tazed, handcuffed multiple times, and pepper sprayed. He is doing great, meeting and exceeding all requirements and I'm sure he will keep up the great work.

I have attached the Speed Sign report for January 2022. The speed sign report is for the North Main Street sign. I have continued to include the column on the speed report called "Number of Vehicles Inside Tolerated Range". The tolerated range is set at 30 mph.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please ask, my door is always open, email is available, and my phone is on. "Assumptions are dangerous things to make, and like all dangerous things to make — bombs, for instance, or strawberry shortcake — if you make even the tiniest mistake you can find yourself in terrible trouble." — Lemony Snicket

SYNOPSIS:

During the month of January 2022, law enforcement responded to 25 incidents and/or calls for service. The Ennis Police Department issued 2 citations, issued 46 warnings, issued no parking tickets, and fingerprinted no people for various non-criminal background checks.

INCIDENTS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Date	Location	Agency	Nature of Call	Disposition	TIME
1/2	W Fagin	MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
1/2	N Main St	MCSO	Found Property	Returned	D
1/4	E Main St	EPD/DES	Flooding - Lions Park	Open	D

1/5	E Main St	MCSO	Crash - Semi Truck	Closed	N
1/6	Moore's Crk Ct	EPD	Wildlife Complaint	Closed	D
1/6	E Main St	EPD	Agency Assist – Follow-up	Closed	D
1/9	S Second	DES/EPD	Citizen Assist	Closed	D
1/9	US287	MCSO	Crash	Closed	D
1/11	E Main St	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
1/11	Undisclosed	EPD	Child Abuse Complaint	TOT-CPS	D
1/11	N Main St	MCSO	Lost Property	Closed	D
1/12	Jefferson	MCSO	Lost Property	Closed	D
1/15	E Main St	MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	N
1/18	W Main St	EPD	Found Property	Returned	D
1/18	Undisclosed	EPD	CPS Case	TOT-CPS	D
1/20	Charles	EPD	Student Safety Concerns	Closed	D
1/20	Undisclosed	EPD	CPS Case - Agency Assist	Closed	D
1/21	Charles	MCSO	911 Hang-up	Closed	D
1/23	N Second	MCSO	Crash	Closed	D
1/25	Charles	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
1/25	S First St	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
1/26	Landing Ln	EPD	Abandoned Vehicle	Closed	D
1/26	Clark	MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
1/28	US287	EPD	Disabled Vehicle	Closed	D
1/31	E Steffens	MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D

D = Day Call 0600-1800 N = Night Call 1800-0600
23 Day Calls and 2 Night Calls

EPD CITATION ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY:

Traffic Citations-
 Stop Sign

2

Criminal Citations-

Ordinance Violations-

EPD PARKING TICKET ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY:

None

Custom Report

Technician Name: administrator

Location: N Main Street Southbound 300 Block

State/Province: MT

Address: 305 N Main St

Postal Code/ZIP: 59729

City: Ennis



Report Period: 1/1/2022 to 2/1/2022

		Total Vehicle Count	Number of Speed Limit Violations	Number of Vehicles Respecting Limit	Number of Vehicles inside Tolerated Range
1/1/2022	00:00:00	1,349	916	433	554
1/2/2022	00:00:00	2,213	1,555	658	1,065
1/3/2022	00:00:00	2,111	1,398	713	945
1/4/2022	00:00:00	1,898	951	^H 947	713
1/5/2022	00:00:00	1,893	961	932	735
1/6/2022	00:00:00	2,044	1,344	700	938
1/7/2022	00:00:00	1,585	1,097	488	707
1/8/2022	00:00:00	1,449	987	462	632
1/9/2022	00:00:00	2,147	1,480	667	1,008
1/10/2022	00:00:00	2,203	1,526	677	996
1/11/2022	00:00:00	2,104	1,478	626	996
1/12/2022	00:00:00	2,192	1,520	672	998
1/13/2022	00:00:00	^H 2,321	^H 1,663	658	^H 1,106
1/14/2022	00:00:00	1,755	1,186	569	745
1/15/2022	00:00:00	1,433	1,008	425	627
1/16/2022	00:00:00	2,095	1,442	653	971
1/17/2022	00:00:00	2,114	1,449	665	987
1/18/2022	00:00:00	2,034	1,315	719	922
1/19/2022	00:00:00	1,981	1,265	716	860
1/20/2022	00:00:00	2,128	1,413	715	986
1/21/2022	00:00:00	1,597	1,124	473	700
1/22/2022	00:00:00	1,446	1,038	408	647
1/23/2022	00:00:00	1,997	1,301	696	905
1/24/2022	00:00:00	2,009	1,298	711	900
1/25/2022	00:00:00	2,138	1,544	594	1,044
1/26/2022	00:00:00	2,173	1,500	673	1,027
1/27/2022	00:00:00	2,231	1,583	648	1,079
1/28/2022	00:00:00	1,773	1,217	556	773
1/29/2022	00:00:00	1,386	991	395	643
1/30/2022	00:00:00	1,940	1,354	586	942
1/31/2022	00:00:00	1,032	734	298	469
		SUM: 58,771	SUM: 39,638	SUM: 19,133	SUM: 26,620

Clerk/Treasurer Report
February 10, 2022
Ennis Town Commission Meeting

- Payroll (Includes quarterly reports)
- Deposits
- MAD-TOWNS Interlocal business
- Prepared claims for payment
- Process, mail, distribute, etc. claims after approval
- Cash Reconciliation (Fiscal Year 21-22 being worked on)
- Continued contact with Floodplain Administrator for Floodplain related matters
- Assist with Armitage alley matter when needed.
- Continued work with Deputy Clerk
- Completed Calendar Year-End reports. (W-2's, 1099's, etc)
- Working to complete Annual Financial Report (Completed)
- Prep work for Audit: Ongoing with the help of the Deputy Clerk
- Set up new Payroll information for newly elected officials
- Completed Property Insurance updates. **There were increases in replacement values that occurred this year as they had not been re-assessed in numerous years.
- Continued work with Mayor Haas for upcoming matters, etc.
- Preparation has begun for the 2022-2023 Budget. Some information is starting to filter in. **Please let me know if you have items/projects that you want considered so they are listed and not lost in the barrage of information that comes in. A full description, with costs, is needed.