

**TOWN OF ENNIS PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2022  
6:00 PM  
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

**Public Hearings**

Annexation by Petition application from JCG, LLC DBA Madison Foods

No public comment.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #145 Repealing and Replacing Noise Ordinance

No public comment.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #147 An Ordinance to Abolish Ennis Ambulance Service

No public comment.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #148 An Ordinance to Lease space at 328 W. Main to Madison Valley Medical Center

No public comment.

**Open Meeting – 6:03 pm**

**Roll Call of the Council** – Mayor Haas, Allison, Hankins, Palmerton, Hardy, Ranson

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Ranson comments on missing motion and comment. Ranson moves to approve with changes. Hardy seconds. Allison abstains, all others vote yes.

**Approval of Minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Palmerton moves to approve. Hankins seconds. Allison abstains, all others vote yes.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**Vote on Resolution 569-2022: Annexation of Land to Town of Ennis Boundaries**

Discussion on zoning, water and sewer hookup. Ranson moves to approve. Hardy seconds. All vote yes.

**Vote to accept and approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote to adopt Ordinance #145 (Noise Ordinance)**

No public comment.

Palmerton comments against the ordinance, states Town should just use MCA and repeal existing ordinance that is unenforceable. Ranson moves to approve. Palmerton seconds. Ranson yes. Allison abstains. Hankins yes. Palmerton no. Hardy yes. Ordinance passes 3:1.

**Vote to accept and approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #147 (Termination of Ambulance Service)**

No public comment. Palmerton makes motion to approve. Hankins seconds. Findings of fact submitted – sustainability study. Allison abstains, all other vote yes.

**Vote to accept and approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #148 (Lease of Garage Space for Ambulance)**

Hardy moves to approve. Ranson seconds. Allison abstains, all others vote yes.

**Unfinished Business**

**Gift for John Bancroft** – gift basket and plaque. Comment made from staff that something should also be done for Town employees after retirement.

**Scheduled Matters**

**Discussion on establishing a Town of Ennis Planning Board- update on interlocal agreement with Madison County Planning Board**

Mayor comments on the need for a planning board. Discussion on possible candidates. Commission asks Clerk to post in Madisonian for interested parties.

**Renewal of James Greenbaum as the Town on Ennis City Attorney 7-4-4602. Appointment -- term of office. (1) The city attorney must be appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the city council.**

Ranson motions to approve. Hankins seconds. All vote yes.

**Review and Vote on Lions Club request for a dog park to be created at the Lions Club Park**

Ranson moves to approve. Palmerton seconds. Public comment on the large portion of the park that would be taken up. Commissioners comment against the location and mixed-used parks. All vote no.

**Review changes to business license code and fees, date for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Review changes from last meeting and plans to bring updates to April 28 meeting for vote.

**Resolution to change fiscal year 2021-2022 budget**

Ranson moves to approve resolution 568-2022 to change the fiscal year 21-22 budget to increase expenditures in administration, financial, services and ambulance. Hardy seconds. Ranson makes a motion to amend resolution 568-2022 to state Ambulance Fund spending authority shall increase from \$0 to \$51,141 to cover final expenditures that include \$47,729 paid to MVMC as agreed and \$3,412 in unpaid ambulance supply invoices and billing software. Palmerton seconds. All vote yes.

**Discussion on repealing and replacing town medical marijuana ordinance with Madison County marijuana ordinance**

Attorney Greenbaum gives informal opinion and suggestion for Town of Ennis to adopt the Madison County Ordinance.

Work session set to follow March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor requests Commissioners come to meeting with their homework done on how to move forward with marijuana regulations.

**Discussion on item of concern from staff members John Moore and James Greenbaum on legality of anti-camping, homeless sleeping- An area must be designated and civil plan adopted and initiated**

Attorney Greenbaum gives summary of the recent court ruling in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Boise vs Martin. The ruling held that cities cannot enforce anti-camping ordinances if they do not have enough homeless shelter beds available for their homeless population.

Greenbaum suggests adopting an ordinance that would define and regulate overnight camping.

**Department Reports**

**Library** – written report. Mayor Haas gives briefing on MMIA decision that libraries must be in compliance with Town in order to be covered.

**Law Enforcement** – written report.

**Public Works** – written report. Hardy asks about need for another employee.

**Zoning** – written report.

**Clerks** – permit fees, bulk water, delinquency fees for resolution

**Commission Reports**

Hankins gives update on Library Meeting. Palmerton asks about light at memorial – Ranson will figure out who can fix the angle it is shining. Hardy comments on his visit to Big Sky during the joint commission meeting. Comments and discussion on implementation of resort tax.

**Mayor Reports**

Reports on working on draft of county District #3 MOU. Litigation hearing Monday at 2:30pm in Virginia City. Partial opening of Lions Park will be happening and volunteers being used to begin repairing park damage. Reports on damaged dike and need for immediate repair. Three CUPs to act on in April meeting. Will request staff reports from Zoning Administration.

**Unscheduled Matters: Any item(s) not listed for the current meeting with the purpose of such discussion shall be to decide if to schedule the item(s) for discussion /vote on a subsequent agenda**

**Claims**

Ranson moves to approve. Palmerton seconds.

**Adjourned at 9:49 pm**

Palmerton moves to adjourn. Ranson seconds

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Nici Haas, Mayor

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Brittney Hirsch, Deputy Clerk