

TOWN OF ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 9, 2022
6:15 PM
ENNIS TOWN HALL

Public Hearing

1st Reading of a proposed amendment to Title 10 - Water and Sewer to define bulk water for the purpose of setting fees with vote to adopt first reading. No public comment. Palmerton moves to approve first reading. Hankins seconds. Mayor calls to vote. All vote yes.

Mayor opens meeting at 6:19 pm

Roll Call of the Council – Allison, Hankins, Palmerton, Hardy present. Ranson absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of May 12th Meeting

Palmerton moves to approve. Allison seconds. All present vote yes.

Approval of Minutes of May 19th Meeting

Palmerton moves to approve. Hardy seconds. All present vote yes.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Jack Beals makes comment on the lack of improvements and maintenance to Ennis streets, would like an update on plans for funds that are designated for streets. Mayor to put item on next agenda for an update on plans.

Unfinished Business

Planning Board Formation-update

Mayor updates that there is still a need for three more interested parties to fill the board of seven, one must be a Town Commissioner. At this time the board consists of: Craig Abernethy, Jeremy Ramirez, Shawn O'Donnell (TOE staff).

Discussion on Anti-camping regulation as it pertains to Martin vs Boise- Need decision on direction in which to continue

Mayor requests the Commission to make a decision on how to move forward with this item. Suggests that a commissioner may tackle the legislation or contract it out to move forward if they would like. Attorney Greenbaum gives briefing on history and need.

Hankins comments in favor of regulating. Hardy comments in favor and suggests a possible mirror of Twin Bridges. All commissioners comment in favor of park behind Town Hall rather than Lion's Park. Hardy will get copy of Twin Bridges for initial review.

Parking in North 40- Title 7 Chapter 7 Section 6 subsection H to add parking restrictions

Suggestions: no parking on Pearl Street (north of Clark), no parking on Clark, Vujo, Landing Lane, no parking on oval and Stepheie, one-way street, parking on east side of street only. Commission comments in favor of moving forward with this update.

Scheduled Matters

Appoint of Martha Klaumann to Library Board per recommendation from the Library Board

Ketchu reads Martha's interest letter.

Hankins makes motion to approve. Palmerton seconds. Mayor calls to vote. All present vote yes.

Update from Zoning Board of Adjustments on Moen-Johnson Carwash Conditional Use Permit Hearing

Maria Marzulo comments that the ZBA upholds the denial – requests Town to move forward with a Zoning Text Amendment.

Treglia, Peterson and Cordoso comment in favor of ZBA recommendation.

Mayor confirms that it would be a regular ordinance amendment to change the zoning text. Breann Johnson will get proposed text amendment to Town as soon as possible and then the Town will publish as necessary and move to the next available agenda.

Update on Well Site Testing and Water Preliminary Engineering Report being done by Great West Engineering

Short pumping was done, O'Keefe will be back to do a longer period of pumping to determine the health of the well. Mayor comments on current water system situation. Makes comments on major leaks in Town. Public Works is working night and day to chase the leaks and valves. All this work stemmed from and is classified as hydrant repair and replacement which can be paid for through ARPA funds. Estimates of 30-70% leakage among hydrants, valves, pipes. Discussion on water rate increases needed to be eligible for grants and loans. Report coming from Great West later in the year to

determine total costs of all repairs needed and provide recommended rate structures. Hardy comments on need for protocols for notifying town residents. Hirsch comments in favor and states that the recent online portal technology for utilities was also paired with a notification system that can be set up and utilized. Hirsch will prioritize that setup.

Department Reports

Library -written report. Ketchu requesting backflow testing for plumbing at Library. Looking for a plumber certified to perform the testing. Comments on summer programs offered at the Library. Ketchu gives update on MMIA process for establishing interlocal agreement with Town. Hardy asks for clarification on volunteers, Ketchu will confirm.

Law Enforcement -Hankins asks if there will be future night coverage.

Public Works -mayor comments that the Town is preparing to hire another member for public works. Town will be purchasing a leak detection system. Mayor gives thanks to Bozeman public works for coming down to assist and 4050 Development for their use of equipment during this repair.

Zoning -written report. Discussion on upcoming Riverside project

Deputy Clerk – Hirsch recently mailed ~400+ business license renewals with updated application, first month of online utility portal – working out basic admin setup and process kinks, positive feedback from residents,

Clerk -written report. Hardy requests meeting with auditors. Mayor to provide audit reports to Commissioners. Discussion on need for future cross training in office for payroll, claims, to allow/prepare for vacation and leaves of absences.

Attorney – suggests a public records request fee schedule be set as soon as possible

Commission Reports

Hardy comments on need for increased revenue through a resort tax and comments on recent trainings he has attended. Allison comments on her interest in reviewing impact and zoning fees. Palmerton comments on her interactions with Ennis residents, suggestions for communication about water interruptions.

Mayor Report

Written report – Mayor plans to send the recap to the paper for publishing. Comments on need for job descriptions and employee reviews.

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 Allison moves to approve claims. Hardy seconds. All present vote yes.

Adjourn Allison moves to adjourn. Hardy seconds. All present vote yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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Nici Haas, Mayor

Brittney Hirsch, Deputy Clerk