

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA - February 9th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Plevna Community Center

Mayor Thielen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor/Council Present: In person - Gary Thielen, Kyle Vennes, Michele Gray, and Jason Castleberry. Promise Miller arrived at 7:08.

Also present: Ashley Bondell - Clerk/Treasurer

Sam Thielen - Water/Wastewater Operator - Absent

Mark Thielen - Dump Site Operator - Absent

Members of the Public Present: Josh Stuchl - Brosz Engineering, Rylan Limesand - Brosz Engineering, Mylen & Diane Bohle, and Lois Geving.

Approve Minutes from Town Council Regular Meeting - January 12, 2026.

Minutes approved as read.

Public Comment and Questions:

None

Correspondence:

Letter from Mylan & Diane Bohle - Mylan and Diane Bohle dropped off a letter at the Town office with concerns of the speed limit next to their house. In addition to their house there is also a new business just past their house. Bohle's concerns with the current speed, the amount of deer that have been hit in front of their house as well as the amount of times they have almost been rear ended while slowing, with turn signals on to turn into their driveway. Mayor Thielen stated that he believes that we will have to take this to the County. Diane asked if they would need to go to the county as well. Mayor Thielen informed Diane that what would have to happen is we would have to go to the county and then the county would have to set up a study through the state. Mayor Thielen stated that he will attempt to contact the district administrator and get their letter sent over to him to review.

Old Business:

Efta's fence building permit - Councilwoman Gray proposed to postpone a decision. Mayor Thielen stated that he felt that the permit should be denied as Clerk Bondell was told that where the fence would be placed was marked with flags and Mayor Thielen had not seen any flags. Councilwoman Gray stated that it is marked with some steel posts. Councilwoman Gray's concern with the permit is that the fence will be over two lots, which are not currently owned by Efta's. Mayor Thielen stated that in order to be able to approve the permit we would need something from the property owner stating that it was ok to not only put up a fence, but to put up a fence that would be partially through two different lots. Mayor Thielen stated that we will postpone a vote and decision.

Bohle Conveyance - Clerk Bondell could not find anything in the zoning or Plevna Town Code stating where the Town takes over ownership and maintenance of water lines. Clerk Bondell did reach out to Darcy Wassmann, the Town's attorney and has not received a response as of now.

New Business:

Brosz Engineering - Josh presented the council with a pay estimate and a change order for Arrow Restoration. Josh presented the change order number 2 first. This change order will include adding two of the calf existing pipes as well as adding an additional manhole. Rylan explained that the existing equalizer pipe that is already there is too close to the inlet and there are concerns about short circuiting. That pipe had to be moved to the south side but it can not be left open so both ends needed to be capped. The additional manhole is to have a way to measure influent coming in required by the DEQ. Because of those changes there is a change in the amount of money which comes to the pay application. Pay application #2 will cover some more removal of existing concrete structure, and more materials. If all goes as planned, Arrow Restorations will be working to install the manholes and other concrete inlet structures. Arrow Restoration plans to resume work Tuesday, February 10th and continue until the project is completed. Josh's estimate is that by Friday or Saturday the project will be completed. The pay application comes to \$36,387.89 with an additional \$367.55 for the 1% tax to the state.

Councilwoman Miller moves to approve the change order and approve the pay application of \$36,387.89 to Arrow Restoration and the 1% tax of \$367.55 that goes to the state. Councilman Vennes seconded the motion.

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0

Midco Quote - Clerk Bondell received a quote from Midco Diving. This quote is to replace the anodes on the water tank. Mayor Thielen stated that we don't need to have anodes replaced quite yet so going over the quote and deciding if accepting it or not could wait.

Cattleman's Ag Supply Garbage Rates - Mark Thielen, Dump site operator, had asked Clerk Bondell what Cattleman's Ag Supply is paying for garbage services. When they had come in to set up an account for garbage the business was not yet open and is technically out of town limits, therefore Clerk Bondell set them up with a rural garbage fee. Since the garbage account was set up the business has now opened and Mark had informed Clerk Bondell that they are bringing in quite a bit of garbage. While Clerk Bondell was looking into the garbage rates, it was found in the resolution tier 1-3 of different rates. All of the churches, Bohle Images, and the post office pay the tier 1 fee. Then there is Happy Campers that pays the tier 3 fee. Clerk Bondell did not find any account in the system that pays the tier 2 fee. Clerk Bondell was also unsure where to find an outline as to what or who pays what tier fee. The account is set up under their business name of Cattleman's Ag Supply. While discussing garbage rates Clerk Bondell informed the council that while she was looking into the different rates and what the different businesses pay, she found that there was one Plevna School account that pays a residential garbage fee and nothing else. This does not include the house accounts for the school, each of those do have the residential garbage fee on their monthly bill. The school has four or so accounts that are just for the school. Councilwoman Miller would like Clerk Bondell to look and see if a breakdown for the tiers can be found before a decision is made on how to charge. Mayor Thielen thought that the school was supposed to be paying \$400 a month or something close to that. He believes that the school should be at least a tier 3 charge. After all the discussion and questions councilwoman Miller asked to table the topic until more information can be found.

Department Reports:

- ***Water/Wastewater Operator*** -
- ***Container Site Operator*** -
- ***Clerks Report*** - Clerk Bondell received an email for a municipal budget workshop earlier in the day. As Clerk Bondell had just received the email about the workshop she was unable to sit down

and figure out the price to see if it would fit in the budget. The workshop itself is just a 1 day, 8 hour workshop and the price is \$100.00 but it is in Helena, MT. The workshop is on March 12th and is supposed to be specific to each municipality.

Councilman Vennes moves to approve Clerk Bondell attending the 1 day budget training in Helena on March 12th. Councilwoman Gray seconded the motion.

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0

Town Financials:

Financial Report(I)

The January 2026 financial report was reviewed and accepted by the Council.

Approve Claims/Voiced Checks –January 2026(A)

The Council reviewed the Claim Detail report for January 2026. See attached January 2026 Claims Check Register in the amount of \$5,144.89 (additional \$36,755.54 approved separately)

Councilwoman Miller motioned to approve the claims. Councilwoman Gray seconded the motion.

Discussion: None. Action:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0

Mayor/Council Comments:

Mayor Thielen had received a complaint about a resident being parked on the sidewalk and staying parked on the sidewalk for the entire week. Mayor Thielen asked Clerk Bondell to send a letter to the resident informing them that they cannot park their vehicles on the sidewalk to work on them, work on buildings, or any other reason.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, Mayor Thielen adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Plevna Town Council will be Monday, April 13th, 2026

3/9/2026
Signature Date:

Ashley Bondell
Clerk, Ashley Bondell

Gary Thielen
Mayor, Gary Thielen

02/24/26
14:57:28

TOWN OF PLEVNA
Check Register
For the Accounting Period: 1/26

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Claim Checks

Check #	Type	Vendor #/Name	Check Amount	Date Issued	Period Redeemed	Claim #	Claim Amount
-99689	E	19 Mid Rivers Communication	109.90	02/09/26			
-99688	E	18 Montana Dakota Utilities	1233.77	02/09/26		CL 2067	109.90
-99687	C E	129 EMC Insurance	0.00	02/09/26		CL 2068	1233.77
-99686 *	E	129 EMC Insurance	618.24	02/17/26	2/26	CL 2069	
4084 *	S	177 Eric Golden	1500.00	02/09/26		CL 2069	618.24
4086 *	S	174 Grasslands Federal Credit Union	298.33	02/09/26		CL 2066	1500.00
4087	S	174 Grasslands Federal Credit Union	52.29	02/09/26		CL 2070	298.33
4088	S	12 Farmer's Union Oil	148.38	02/09/26		CL 2071	52.29
4089	S	145 Samuel Thielen	50.00	02/09/26		CL 2072	148.38
4090	S	9 Energy Laboratories, Inc.	1127.00	02/09/26		CL 2073	50.00
4091	S	20 Runnings Supply Inc.	6.98	02/09/26		CL 2074	1127.00
4092	S	176 Arrow Restoration and Construction	36387.89	02/12/26		CL 2075	6.98
4093	S	53 MT DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	367.55	02/12/26		CL 2076	36387.89
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Total for Claim Checks			41900.33				
Count for Claim Checks							13
* denotes missing check number(s)							
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