

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA- Monday, December 9th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Plevna Community Center.

Mayor Thielen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Mayor/Council Present: In person - Gary Thielen, Michelle Gray, Kyle Vennes, Promise Miller, Jason Oberlander

Also present: Ashley Martin, Clerk/Treasurer
Sam Thielen, Water/Wastewater Operator

Mark Thielen - Dump Site Operator - Absent

Members of the Public Present: Lois Geving, Jason Castleberry

Approve Minutes from Town Council Regular Meeting - November 12th, 2024

With one correction of a typo “boarderling” to “borderline” the minutes from November 12th regular council meeting were approved as read.

Public Comment and Questions:

No public comment or questions.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

Grain Elevator Update:

Clerk Martin informed the council that Rich Menger had stopped into the office a week prior, to inform her that he had several people working on letters to help the town of Plevna get the grain elevators torn down. These letters will go to Justin Pearson and Matt Jones. A few days after Rich Menger stopped into the office, Clerk Martin received an email from Rich with all of the letters. Letters were written by Rich Menger, County Sanitarian, Gary Thielen, Town of Plevna Mayor, Kalyn Bohle, Plevna Fire Chief, Amanda Frickel, Fallon County DES/911 Coordinator, and Trent Harbaugh, Fallon County Sheriff. Rick did tell Clerk Martin when he had stopped into the office that he was not expecting to get a response until after the first of the year. Rich Menger did later on, email Clerk Martin to inform her that he had received a response from Matt Jones that said, according to their records the Plevna grain elevators were sold to A N T LLC in 1998 out of Irving, Texas. Rich will be looking into this and getting back to us.

Town Celebration/Dates:

Councilwoman Miller spoke with Vaughn Zenko. From what Vaughn said, what they have put together is a rather large event. They were calling it The Plevna Jamboree. Councilwoman Miller is thinking we will need a committee of about five people to help plan this event and is hoping to get some participation from the town for this committee. July 19th would be a good day as that is one of the times during summer that there isn't very much going on in Fallon County. What they had looked at, they were estimating between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Vaughn also thinks that the commission would pitch in, as well as looking into getting some sponsors like the Bank of Baker to help offset the cost. What had been looked into was having exhibitions of different things that would have been going on in Plevna when the town started (1909), things like blacksmithing. Councilwoman Miller said that it would be ideal to find somewhere close to town that was big enough to do some sort of ranch rodeo. Councilman Vennes said

that Marc Rieger has property that is large and close to town. They were wanting to have a long line of tables down Main Street for a meal at night, as well as a DJ or some sort of local entertainment with a street dance. Vaughn also believes there are some “visitor grants” coming out roughly in March, that he would be willing to help the town of Plevna apply for to help with the costs of this celebration. Councilwoman Miller stated that she would love to see the community be involved with this celebration. Mayor Thielen stated that he would like to see some of the churches be involved as well. Councilwoman Miller stated that anything we could think of that would have been going on during that time, of 1909 would be things that we would want to look into for exhibitions/demonstrations. Krista Nemitz mentioned that it had been talked about to have someone do a demonstration of sheep shearing. Councilwoman Gray mentioned a team of horses for wagon rides. Councilman Oberlander asked if it would be possible to reach out to the Plevna FFA to see if they would be interested in doing any sort of projects as their demonstrations or community service projects. The Town owns the lot directly across from the Plevna Park which would be an ideal place to set up games for kids or demonstrations during a celebration. There is also a grassy area next to the park past the volleyball area that could be used for things to be set up as well. Councilwoman Miller stated that if we wanted to have vendors, that would be a possibility also.

Councilman Vennes motioned to proceed with the planning of a town celebration to take place on July 19, 2025. . Councilwoman Miller seconded the motion. Discussion. Above. Action:

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

New Business:

File Box to Dispose:

Clerk Martin informed the council of a box full of papers that previous Clerk Hildebrand had pulled out of the file cabinets of things she believed could be disposed of. This box contains claims, utility billing paperwork, bank statements, payroll worksheets, claim approval lists, voided checks, chlorine worksheets, and invoices from 2014-2016. Clerk Martin stated that these are all things that she believes can be disposed of, the council just needs to be informed and approve of the disposal. Krista Nemitz stated that it should be double checked as she doesn't believe that the bank statements can be disposed of. There should be a records retention list that the state updates every year.

Department Reports:

- ***Water/Wastewater Operator*** - The Town has received 24 new meters and 24 control boxes. These meters will fit in exactly where the old meters are so it is a simple switch of a couple of wires to switch them out. Once the new meters are installed and activated the transmitter reaches roughly a 3 block radius, so getting meter reads will take a lot less time. The meters also have a digital reading on the meter so it is possible to read them that way as well. It could take as long as 48 months for the bigger meters to come in. The new meters have no moving parts, so they will be very hard to break, or tamper with. The new meters will also be very accurate, which will hopefully help with our water loss.
- ***Container Site Operator*** - Mark said that the last time he called G&G Garbage, he got a new container the very next day. Mayor Thielen spoke with someone at G&G Garbage and informed them that when we call for a new container we cannot wait one to two weeks. Clerk Martin stated that she spoke with someone at G&G Garbage who told her he was working on getting Plevna onto a set rotation so that the town was not waiting long periods of time for a new container when a new container is needed. Mayor Thielen informed the council that he had shared the gate code with the driver for G&G Garbage, that way if the container needs to be

- exchanged and nobody is able to meet them they're still able to get in to exchange the container.
- **Clerks Report** - Clerk Martin asked for some clarification on a new picnic bench for the Plevna Park. She stated that when she was going through the recording for the minutes the motion was said as a plural. Clerk Martin wanted to clarify if she was to be ordering one or two new picnic benches for the park, and what color the council wanted to order them in. Clerk Martin informed the council that it would be an additional almost \$400 for shipping and that they require either a loading dock, or forklift to receive the shipment or that they charge an additional \$90 to deliver it with a lift gate. Councilwoman Miller stated that the reason for purchasing a new picnic bench was to replace the current one at the park. Councilwoman Miller looked into the website we would be ordering the bench/benches from and stated that it would be roughly \$444 for shipping for two tables, so two tables plus shipping should be right under \$2,200 which would still leave enough money to get the building at the park gutters. The council discussed the color options, Clerk Martin informed the council that although not in the magazine, there is a dark brown option on the website and that she felt that color looked the best. The council agreed upon the dark brown color and two tables. The council also agreed that we should not need to pay the additional \$90 for a loading dock as there are multiple people in town including Councilman Vennes who would be able to use a skid steer or forklift to unload the benches.

Town Financials:

Financial Report(I)

The November 2024 financial report was reviewed and accepted by the Council.

Approve Claims/Voided Checks – November 2024(A)

The Council reviewed the Claim Detail report for November 2024. See attached November 2024 Claims Check Register in the amount of \$21,740.56

Councilwoman Miller motioned to approve the claims report as presented. Councilman Oberlander seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Action:

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

Mayor/Council Comments:

- Councilman Oberlander asked if we would be discussing the entries into the logo contest. Councilwoman Miller stated that the entries were not due until January 1st, 2025. Clerk Martin had included the entries she had received so far in with the council packets, for everyone to be able to view. Clerk Martin was asked if she had copies of the entries with names on them to which she replied that yes, she had kept the names off of the entries for viewing, and until a winner had been picked.
- Councilwoman Miller stated that the only thing she wanted to bring up was that she had forgotten to add the replacement cost for a dog license in her motion to move forward with the dog licensing fees. She stated that we probably needed a motion to amend the motion to include a replacement fee for any lost or damaged dog licenses.
- Councilwoman Gray said that last month there was mention of a grant that was due on December 12, she was wondering if we had any information on that. Sam Thielen stated that he wouldn't mind applying for this grant for a new mowing system for the lagoon and a new chlorine system. Councilwoman Gray asked Sam if he thought he would be able to get what he needed together to apply for this grant by the due date. Sam stated that he would look into it, but that it was very close to the due date so he wasn't sure if he would be able to get it done in time.

- Councilwoman Miller Stated that she had spoken with Vaughn Zenko about the “Grid United” grant, Vaughn thinks that we should put in an application for this grant, possibly for building a new well. Vaughn also stated that he would be more than willing to help us apply for this grant.
- Councilwoman Miller stated that she had received a call the other day asking if the chlorine was high in the water. Sam stated that when the technician from Hawkin came, he didn’t tell Sam that he put all brand new chlorine into the new tank so yes the chlorine was a little high on that day.
- Mayor Thielen let the council know that WBI Energy had donated an old gas house to us. Mayor Thielen said that we would like to get it fixed up, put a floor in it and a heater to have out at the container site so that our dump operator has somewhere to stay warm and does not have to run his vehicle and sit in it to stay warm during his time at the dump. Clerk Martin stated that she had sent a thank you card to WBI for the donation.
- Mayor Thielen asked if we wanted to get Wyrick Construction again for snow plowing. The council agreed that Clerk Martin should reach out to Wyrick Construction and ask if they would be able to plow the streets for Plevna.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, Mayor Thielen adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Plevna Town Council will be Monday, February 10th, 2025

1/13/25

Signature Date:


Clerk, Ashley Martin


Mayor, Gary Thielen

Claim Checks

Check #	Type	Vendor #/Name	Check Amount	Date Issued	Period Redeemed	Claim #	Claim Amount
3744 *	S	999999 BANK OF BAKER	600.00	12/01/24			
3745	S	3 Black Mountain Software, Inc.	157.44	12/09/24		CL 1826	600.00
3746	S	5 Coral Creek Landfill	317.45	12/09/24		CL 1833	157.44
3747	S	9 Energy Laboratories, Inc.	63.00	12/09/24		CL 1816	317.45
3748	S	12 Farmer's Union Oil	84.67	12/09/24		CL 1830	63.00
3749	S	134 Farmer's Union Oil Company	337.50	12/09/24		CL 1832	84.67
3750	S	13 Ferguson Waterworks	15855.91	12/09/24		CL 1819	337.50
3751	S	14 G&G Garbage	185.00	12/09/24		CL 1829 CL 1834	7358.61 8497.30
3752	S	17 Hawkins Inc.	1134.20	12/09/24		CL 1817	185.00
3753	S	121 Krista Nemitz	384.00	12/09/24		CL 1821	1134.20
3754	S	96 Plevna Propane	1350.00	12/09/24		CL 1825	384.00
3755	S	145 Samuel Thielen	900.00	12/09/24		CL 1831	1350.00
3756	S	60 US POSTAL SERVICE	100.00	12/09/24		CL 1824	900.00
3757	S	146 VISA	271.39	12/09/24		CL 1822 CL 1827	100.00 271.39
Total for Claim Checks			21740.56				
Count for Claim Checks			14				

* denotes missing check number(s)

of Checks: 14 Total: 21740.56