

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF PLEVNA- Monday, September 9,  
2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Plevna Community Center.**

Mayor Thielen called the meeting to order at 6:12PM

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

Also present: Ashley Martin, Clerk/Treasurer, Krista Nemitz (Former Clerk/Treasurer)

Members of the Public Present: Lois Geving, Shawn Sander.

Krista started the meeting with R&D funds. Out of the water fund the Town will be transferring 15% which comes to \$8,553.95. Out of the Sewer fund the Town will be transferring 10% which comes to \$3,978.31. Out of the garbage fund the Town will be transferring 10% which comes to \$3,207.71. All of this will be reflected on the line items throughout the budget documents.

Expense amounts are more than what revenue would typically spend. This will work out as there is too much excess in the general fund. The rule is that you cannot carry over more than 50% of budgeted cash reserves. Excess money will need to be spent throughout the year. Under the general fund an object line of 200 has been added to log and keep separate fuel purchases by the town clerk/treasurer for transporting deposits to the Bank of Baker. Increased the fund for clerk training so the clerk can attend the yearly clerk training held in Great Falls.

Facilities Administration is anything that has to do with the town office building itself. Increase of the 360 line of repairs and maintenance, as there are several small things that could be updated within and outside of the building (cracks, thresholds, paint).

Going into Revenue of the general fund, Gambling Machine permits are not expected as the bar is no longer open. Miscellaneous revenue would be things like grants, last fiscal year the Town received \$47,000 most of which was SB536, as of now there is no miscellaneous revenue expected.

There is still \$15,000 in a restricted fund to be used for a "beautification" project of the town or for updates of the park.

New fund of 2935, this is for sponsoring the Sieler Schoolhouse. This fund is for housing any money or grants for the moving of the Sieler Schoolhouse that the council voted to be a sponsor for. This fund currently has \$6,300 in it.

Wages have been shifted so that the majority comes out of the general fund. This is going to be for the council, mayor, and clerk, as wages for the water/wastewater operator and dump operator both have to have their wages coming out of the appropriate funds from the water and garbage funds.

730 Line for Donations has decreased to zero as the Town has fulfilled their 10 year obligation to EPEDC.

Total expenses are set at \$113,000.

The Town has received two resolutions for the City of Baker, they will give us some of their ARPA but the Town of Plevna has to spend the money and then request it back from Baker.

Repairs and Maintenance fund for Garbage has been increased to cover expenses of any updates possibly needed on the compactor, as well as to cover the cost of mowing fees for the dump.

A decision needs to be made as far as what to do with the excess in the general fund before the budget can actually be approved.

**Councilwoman Miller motioned to approve the FY24/25 Budget with the expectation of spending an additional \$40,000 towards community projects. Councilman Oberlander seconds the motion.**

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

Mill Levy - 15,931 comes from the 2024 certified taxable valuation information sent from the state. This year they will allow us to levy 97.61 mills. This number is higher than the previous year.

**Councilman Oberlander motioned to approve the recommended Mill Levy of 97.61. Councilwoman Gray seconded the motion.**

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

Having no further business Mayor Thielen adjourned the municipal budget hearing at 7:14pm

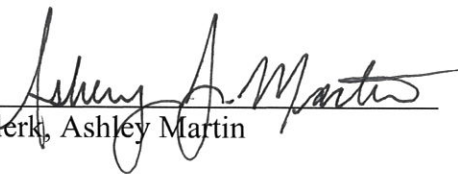
Mayor Thielen re-opened the Municipal Budget Hearing at 7:19

**Councilwoman Miller motioned to amend the motion to approve the cost of living increase of 4.1% Councilman Vennes seconded the motion.**

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

Having no further business the Municipal Budget Hearing was reclosed at 7:21pm

10/7/24  
Signature Date:

  
Clerk, Ashley Martin

  
Mayor, Gary Thielen