

PUBLIC HEARING – GARBAGE RATE INCREASE – Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

PLEVNA COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Benner opened the public hearing on the Garbage Rate increase at 7:01 p.m.

Aldermen present were Shawn Sander, T.C. Shelhamer and Gary Thielen.

Also present was Corrine Sander, wastewater operator.

Member of the public present: Sanford Tullis

Mayor Benner opened the floor for public comment:

- Mr Tullis inquired why rates were increasing and what the consumers would get in return.
- The email sent by Vicki Brown protesting the rate increase was acknowledged by the council.

Mayor Benner addressed the questions presented:

- Dump site hours were increased in July of 2015, an hour was added to Wednesday evening (6-8 p.m.)
- The garbage fund lost money last year and has been losing this year also. The council does not want to impose undue hardship on the community but must have sufficient income to cover expenses and to fund a replacement reserve.

There being no further comment, Mayor Benner closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA – MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

PLEVNA COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor William Benner opened the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Plevna at 7:16 p.m.

Aldermen present were Shawn Sander, T.C. Shelhamer and Gary Thielen.

Also present was Corrine Sander, wastewater operator.

Member of the public present: Sanford Tullis

T.C. Shelhamer was re-elected in November, T.C. read the Oath of Office. The oath was signed by T.C. and Mayor Benner and filed with the Town Clerk.

Public comment: None

Correspondence: None

Stahly – Water Project: no one from Stahly was present.

- Phase 2 warranty items: T.C. is cleaning culverts for Kinkaid. The council reviewed a December 8th email from Eric responding to the items on the warranty list dated Dec. 3rd.

EPEDC: Jason Rittal was not able to be at the meeting due to weather.

- The council reviewed an email from Jason dated Dec. 13th, 2015. Remaining project funds total \$326,846.37. The council is concerned that Kinkaid is contesting many items on the Phase 2 warranty list and would like to hold onto the remaining funds until the items are cleared up. The town streets will also need to be resurfaced in the summer of 2016. Mayor Benner will meet with the Commissioners on Monday, Dec. 21 and discuss these issues.

- Mayor Benner will talk to Bobby Wiedmer, County road dept foreman, about purchasing the town's road chips at the same time the county purchases their chips. He will also inquire about the 200 yards of chips the county owes the Town of Plevna from a number of years ago.

Old Business

Zoning Ordinance: Delayed to the January 2016 meeting.

Council Vacancy: No Letters of Interest were received. Jason Oberlander may be willing to serve on the council, Mayor Benner will contact Jason.

New Business

Garbage rates – Resolution #152: The council reviewed the garbage rate increase worksheet provided by the clerk.

Motion was made by T.C., seconded by Gary, to increase garbage rates by 25%.

Aye: T.C., Gary Abstain: None Carried: 2-1

Nay: Shawn Absent: None

Resolution #152 will be prepared by the clerk and signed by the Mayor reflecting this increase.

Alleyways: A estimate on an alleyway survey was received by email from Dan Stahly dated Dec . 14. They have figured the north side of the highway at \$5,000. Pepper's Addition, which is east of 4th Street on the north side of the highway and everything south of the highway has not been figured yet. Dan Stahly is working on the estimate and will get it to the town as soon as possible.

Department Reports

Sewer: Corrine reported all is well to her knowledge.

Water: Rick was unable to attend due to illness but had reported to the clerk all was well.

Garbage: Shanna was absent.

Financial Report: The council reviewed the financials provided by the clerk.

Budget Report: Oil and Gas revenues are down significantly and the budget may have to be adjusted.

Council/Mayor Concerns:

- One of Bobby Losing's pin has not been replaced.
- Mayor Benner met with Midrivers, they will move the fiber boxes off of the new street to the west of town in the spring.
- Yard hydrants: Mellons, Sparks, MacYeaples. Mayor Benner will check on Sparks and Mellons, MacYeaples will install a meter pit in the spring.
- Shawn has wired the Vennes meter pit that was not wired correctly by Kinkaid. The meter under Gene's house needs to be removed.
- The Fire District gave the clerk two invoices from Direct Electric totaling approximately \$1,700. This was to repair the electrical line to the Community Center. It is speculated the line was damaged by Diamond J during construction but cannot be proved definitively. The Town will pay these invoices out of project funds.

- Gary questioned the location of Vivian's chain link fence.
- T.C. added dirt in the alley along Vivian's shop where it was removed during construction .
- Cliff has installed the hydrant bolsters at the school.
- Cliff has done work in three pits for Kinkaid, Marge's, Hoffman's and Rieger's. He has found that not all ladder rungs were installed in Marge's pit and the strainers were installed upside down in all three pits.

Approve Claims: Motion was made by Gary, seconded by T.C., to approve the claims as presented for November in the amount of \$244,901.93, Payroll in the amount of \$4,468.01 and claims for December in the amount of \$1,596.75. All in favor, motion carried.

November claims (\$244,901.93)

1536	Allied Plumbing	\$ 209.00	1537	CT Excavation, Inc	\$ 2,891.20
1538	Griffith Excavating	\$ 340.00	1539	Kinkaid Civil	\$ 217,120.32
1540	MT Dept of Revenue	\$2,195.25	1541	Stahly Engineering	\$ 8,271.68
1542	Bob's Tree Service	\$2,175.00	1543	Boss Office Products	\$ 22.06
1544	CT Excavation	\$9,256.75	1545	Energy Lab	\$ 20.00
1546	G&G Garbage	\$ 185.00	1547	Griffith Excavating	\$ 610.00
1548	Holmlund Lock	\$ 9.00	1549	MidRivers Comm	\$ 127.98
1550	MDU	\$ 835.69	1551	Stahly Engineering	\$ 633.00

Payroll November 1 – November 30, Gross pay (\$4,468.01)

1552	William Benner	\$ 450.00	1553	Shanna Medearis	\$ 150.00
1554	Jodi Miller	\$1,473.75	1555	Corrine Sander	\$ 444.26
1556	Shawn Sander	\$ 375.00	1557	Rick Schell	\$ 825.00
1558	T.C. Shelhamer	\$ 375.00	1559	Gary Thielen	\$ 375.00

December claims (\$1,596.75)

1560	Boss Office Products	\$ 3.59	1561	Coral Creek Landfill	\$214.00
1562	Country Media Inc	\$ 54.60	1563	Direct Electric	\$ 75.00
1564	Northwest Pipe	\$ 1,178.58	1565	Post Master	\$ 68.00
1566	Runnings Supply Inc	\$ 2.98			

There being no further business Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.


Town Clerk – Jodi Miller


Mayor – William E. Benner

