

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA – Monday, December 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Town of Plevna Office**

**PRESENT:** Mayor William Benner with Councilmen Gary Thielen, Kyle Vennes, Alba Higgins, and Jordan Hoffman. Also present was Nicole Benefiel, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Thielen, garbage; and Corrine Sander, Wastewater Operator. Members of the public present: Mary Grube, Fallon County Planning Board.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Benner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 13, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed by the Councilmen and approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Council reviewed correspondence from:

***Planning Board:*** Weekly correspondence.

***DEQ Public Notice:*** regarding the 2018 Integrated Waste Management Plan.

***TruPipe:*** presented a brochure regarding sewer cleaning and camera inspection services they provide, as well as their pricing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Yield Signs versus Stickers:*** Nicole updated the council on the information she had gathered from Gary Harper with the DOT out of Glendive. In the most recent communications, he relayed that we will not be able to get our signs from the State's sign shop in Helena. He suggested three companies that we could check with that included Newman Signs (who we had already received quotes of \$13.00 for stickers vs. \$36.25 for signs), Billings Construction Supply out of Billings, Montana (with a quote of \$42.63 per sign with HIP reflectivity), and Highway Specialties out of Black Eagle, Montana (with a quote of \$120/sign). Willie believes we may actually have a couple yield signs in the old building. Willie will look into this further with our current signs, and check those to see if there's some reference on those signs as to where we got them.

***On-site visit by Floating Island International Company:*** Council reviewed the packet that they had sent with additional information. They have not, however, forwarded us a proposed plan specifically for Plevna with a price quote. Nicole will email their representative (Alicia Petty's) and see if she's worked up any quotes for us.

***Letter for Signature regarding Contents of Container Site of Baker Metal & Recycling Notice:*** Council reviewed drafted letter and signed for mailing.

***Town of Plevna water loss logging system search:*** Mayor Benner relayed that Cliff Tudor got all the valves exposed from alley to alley on Main Street (Railroad Avenue to the Vo-Ag shop). Rick Schell is coordinating scheduling with Baker's Public Work's Luke Holistine. Cliff called Luke to verify how many valves to have exposed. Additionally, Councilman Alba Higgins had brought up to the Fallon County Commission that the Town of Plevna had been chasing these water leaks. The Commissioners came up with two different places and actually got ahold of Bros Engineering to see if they could get us help to chase this leak. Based on that conversation, we have the option to set an appointment with the commissioners to visit about this as an

additional option. Councilman Jordan Hoffman stated that the City of Baker logging system is going to be much more cost effective than Bros Engineering. Jordan is confident the City of Baker's logging system can chase this down as long as they have access to our entire system.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Black Mountain Software Services:*** We currently have unlimited software support for their system. Other options available also include Cloud Hosting (quotes provided) & scanners which would allow documents to be scanned in directly to the system for readily accessible viewing, rather than searching through file cabinets. The cloud hosting comes with many extra benefits, but also does come at an additional cost; and the cost of a desk scanner would be approximately \$350.00. The Mayor would like to consider this in comparison to what the current budget allows before making a definitive decision on this.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

***Water Loss Report:*** Council reviewed this month's water loss report.

***Garbage: Mark Thielen*** – No report.

***Water: Rick Schell*** – Not present.

***Sewer: Corrine Sanders*** – No Report.

***Fallon County Planning Board - Mary Grube: – Zoning:*** She had recently put an article in the Fallon County Times, and it got her to wondering if the Town of Plevna had appointed a zoning officer. After a brief discussion, it was determined that at this time, the Town of Plevna will have to wait on that. Mary also wants to meet with the zoning commission. She knows Michelle is on there but Mary's not sure if she'll want to continue; and if she is not willing, another volunteer will need to be found. Mary will find out for sure and put a letter out. The zoning commission will meet in January for the annual meeting. Currently Vivian, Marge, and Michelle sit on the zoning commission. At this time, we will have to wait on the zoning administrator. Mary volunteered to fill in until the Town of Plevna can get somebody.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018:** Reviewed by the council.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Alba Higgins: The snow plow needs to go over and get fueled. He checked on it, however, and it fired right up.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Councilman Gary Thielen, seconded by Councilman Kyle Vennes, to approve the November claims as presented in the amount of \$5,790.65.

EFT	MDU	\$ 771.24	2314	City of Baker	\$ 1080.00
2315	Coral Creek Landfill	\$ 357.00	2316	Energy Laboratories	\$ 20.00
2317	Farmers Union Oil	\$ 70.30	2318	G&G Garbage	\$ 1,260.00
2319	Griffith Excavating	\$1,630.00	2320	Hawkins, Inc.	\$ 398.15
2321	Mid-Rivers	\$ 81.97	2322	Nicole Benefiel	\$ 49.99
2323	US Postal Service	\$ 72.00			

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business, Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



*Nicole Benefiel*  
Town Clerk, Nicole Benefiel

*William E Benner*  
Mayor, William E. Benner