

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA—Monday, February 10, 2020, 7 p.m.**  
**Town Office**

Mayor Benner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmen present were Jordan Hoffman, Kyle Vennes, and Gary Thielen.

Also present: Corrine Sander, Wastewater Operator                      Krista Nemitz, Clerk/Treasurer  
Mark Thielen, Container Site Operator                      Rick Schell, Water Operator  
Mary Grube, Fallon County Planning

Members of the public present: Shawn Sander, Jerry Mellon, Bev Winkley, Shannon Wicks

The minutes were approved for the January 13, 2020, regular meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Jerry Mellon & Bev Winkley feel their commercial garbage rate for J&B is too high. The Council will revisit the rate tiers and consider modification.  
Jerry & Bev left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**Correspondence:**

- **Spring Water School:** Registration forms were sent to the Water and Wastewater Operators for Spring Water School. Both attended the spring school last year. The Wastewater Operator will check to see if they are required to attend the 2020 training.

**Old Business:**

**MDU Yard Lights** – MDU is planning to replace the yard lights at the park with LED yard lights. The Council will consider disconnecting the lights as there are several street lights close by.

**Pool Site Pump** – Mayor Benner brought a couple quotes for pulling the Railroad Well pump. They were around \$100-\$110 per hour for labor with mileage.

**A motion was made by Councilman Thielen, seconded by Councilman Vennes to hire Askin Well Service.**

**Aye: 3              Nay:0              Absent: 1              Abstain: 0              Carried: 3:1**

**Lagoon Pump** – The Council will hold off on ordering a lagoon pump. The Wastewater Operator has expressed that she does not feel it is necessary at this time. Moving forward, it will be the responsibility of the Wastewater Operator to let the Council know if she thinks a pump is needed to perform a draw down.

### New Business:

- Shannon Wicks gave a presentation on job recruitment for the 2020 Census. Everyone present received an information folder and several copies were left with the Town Clerk. Montana is very close to having a high enough population to get an extra seat in the House of Representatives, so having a correct Census count will be beneficial. An accurate census count is also important for obtaining federal funding.
- Mary Grube brought new copies of the Subdivision Regulations. Mary left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
- G&G Garbage contacted Mayor Benner about bringing over 400-gallon garbage bins to set around town. They will work up an estimate and send it to the Town Clerk. The Council may proceed with public meetings.

### Department Reports:

- **Water Operator** – Rick got the transducer fixed. He also tested the water at the Pool Site. He will review the results with Hawkins and Energy Labs. Rick will contact MidRivers about their phone line by the water building being too low. The chlorine truck just barely passes under it. Mayor Benner asked the Water Operator if he currently is using any volunteers. The Operator replied that he is not.
- **Container Site Operator** — The last container taken over to Coral Creek was a little light. Mark will see how full the compactor is on the Saturday before the next scheduled exchange. Councilman Hoffman will visit Baker Metal to discuss the January bill with them.
- **Wastewater Operator** — Nothing to report. Log sheet submitted to Clerk. Mayor Benner asked the Wastewater Operator if she completed the lagoon mowing. The Operator responded, “No, I have not. I have not figured out a way to do it.” The Council will hold a Pre-disciplinary Meeting on February 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss the lagoon mowing directive and find a way to resolve the mowing issue. Mayor Benner asked the Wastewater Operator, “Does that time sound good?” The Wastewater Operator repeated back the date, time and location, giving indication that she was in agreeance. The Wastewater Operator was asked to sign the Corrective Action Form from her January 13, 2020, Verbal Reminder based upon incompleteness of the lagoon mowing. The Wastewater Operator refused to sign the form and stated, “I will forward this to Pete at DEQ to see what he thinks.”

**Clerk Report:** Plevna is still looking for a member to serve on the Planning Board for Fallon County. The reimbursement from MidRivers was received.

### Financial Report — January 2019:

- The January financial report was reviewed and accepted by the council.