

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA –Monday, January 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Town of Plevna Office

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

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

Also present was Rick Schell, water operator; Corrine Sander, wastewater operator; Mark Thielen, container site operator and Luke Holestine with the City of Baker Public Works Department.

No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the December 17, 2018 were approved as presented.

Public Comment - none

Luke Holestine – City of Baker Public Works Department

- Luke gave an update on the search for the suspected water leak. The City of Baker crew has been in town with a listening device used to detect water leaks. They checked the area of town to the left of the water tank and did not find any issues. The next day they checked the fire hydrants and found a leak on the far west hydrant on Railroad Avenue. Luke described the amount of water as equal to a running toilet. The hydrant was exercised a number of times and they leaking stopped. The Baker crew will continue to test the hydrants and valves and will then look at water lines that were installed in Phase I of the water project.

Correspondence

- TWE – offer of comprehensive service maintenance program
- DEQ – proposing new human-health ground water criteria information
- Fallon County Planning Department 1/7/19 agenda and 10/1/2018 meeting minutes

Old Business

- **Biohaven Water Resource Recovery**
A proposal was sent for a WWR project designed to function in the second pond of the Plevna wastewater system. After review and discussion by the council this option was tabled due to the high upfront cost.

New Business

- **Clerk/Treasurer Position**
Nicole Benefiel has taken a job out of the area and has resigned as Town of Plevna clerk/treasurer. Jodi Miller has expressed interest in resuming her position as clerk/treasurer. A motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Alba to reinstate Jodi Miller as Town of Plevna clerk/treasurer effective immediately. All in favor, motion carried.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Water Ordinance Discussion

- Due to issues with renters leaving Town utility bills unpaid and difficulties collecting the amounts owed from the landowners, utility bills will no longer be placed in the renters name. As of January 15, 2019 all properties with new tenants or change of ownership will be billed in the name of the land owner. Tenant accounts existing as of January 15, 2019 will be transitioned from the tenant to the landowner on July 1, 2019. Letters will be sent to all landowners with a history of tenants and the notice will be posted.

Department Reports

- Water operator – working with Baker to find suspected water leak
- Wastewater operator - none
- Container site operator - none

Financial Report – December 2018

- no comments

Mayor/Council Comments

- there has been a mountain lion spotted in and around the town limits

Approve Claims

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Jordan to approve the December claims in the amount of \$1,759.50.

December claims (\$1,759.50)

2336	BNSF Railway Co	\$ 86.95	2337	Coral Creek Landfill	\$ 258.75
2338	Country Media Inc	\$ 31.40	2339	Energy Lab, Inc	\$ 20.00
2340	Farmers Union Oil	\$ 67.73	2341	G&G Garbage	\$ 185.00
2342	METC	\$ 225.00	2343	Mid Rivers	\$ 102.08
EFT	MDU	\$ 912.73	2344	Northwest Pipe	\$ 662.59
2345	Postmaster	\$ 120.00			

Having no further business Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.



Town Clerk, Jodi Miller



Mayor, William E. Benner