

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA—Monday, January 13, 2020, 7 p.m.
Town Office

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

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

Also present: Corrine Sander, Wastewater Operator Krista Nemitz, Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Thielen, Container Site Operator Rick Schell, Water Operator
Rich Menger, Fallon County Enviro Health

Members of the public present: Shawn Sander, Lois Geving

The minutes were approved for the December 9, 2019, regular meeting and the November 6, 2019, special meeting.

Public Comment:

- Lois Geving would like to know what the new garbage rate will be. Mayor Benner replied that a final vote on the new rates would be done tonight. The per month rate will be \$20. Lois would like to know if residents can opt out of having garbage service. Mayor Benner stated that would not be an option. The new rates will be posted at the Town's three designated places and will go into effect January 25th.

Correspondence:

- **Wastewater Operator Job Description:** The Town Clerk sent a letter to the Wastewater Operator requesting her to sign the approved job description for her position. Mayor Benner asked the Wastewater Operator if she signed her job description. The Operator replied, "No, I did not sign it. There are parts in the description that make it very substandard and repetitive." Mayor Benner asked, "Do you think you should have then cooperated with writing it?" The Wastewater Operator replied, "I was never offered that opportunity." Mayor Benner stated that Julie Straub contacted the Wastewater Operator in regards to having her input on the job description. The Wastewater Operator replied, "I guess I don't remember that." Mayor Benner stated that the job description was written with the help of Pete Boettcher from DEQ. The Wastewater Operator would be willing to meet with Julie now. Mayor Benner replied that the job description has already been approved and is in effect. The Wastewater Operator replied, "When Julie talked to me initially, she said that I could offer input. I wrote up my own job description in collaboration with Pete." Mayor Benner replied that the job description that was approved by the Councilmen is what we will be using.
- **DEQ Wastewater Lagoon System Operations:** DEQ sent a letter clarifying their findings after a complaint was made to them in regards to the operations at the Plevna Lagoon System. The issues described in the complaint included the inability to conduct operations as required due to lack of access, and whether "Cell #3" is state water which impacts the ability to conduct a draw down on the lagoons. The letter is on file at the Town Office. The letter states that the Town will need to obtain a permit before a draw