

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA—Thursday, June 11, 2020, 7 p.m.**  
**Town Office**

This meeting was conducted virtually using ZOOM and teleconference. The meeting was open to the public with participation Meeting IDs provided by request.

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

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

Also present: Krista Nemitz, Clerk/Treasurer                      Rick Schell, Water Operator  
Mark Thielen, Container Site Operator

Members of the public present: none

The minutes were approved for the May 11, 2020, regular meeting.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Old Business:**

**EXP Bulk Water** – Mayor Benner suggested hiring someone to read the meter at the fill site for the bulk water. The Council agrees, along with daily monitoring of access and fills. Mayor Benner suggests hiring Mark Thielen for an additional hour each day. Mark is willing to take on the additional job duties and would like to have a log book system put in place. Councilman Thielen will source a log book.

**A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Vennes to hire Mark Thielen to take on the additional job duties involved with monitoring the fill site at the Railroad Well.**

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

The EXP Group sent over a new contract for purchasing bulk water from the Town. They are offering to pay \$40,000.00 up front to help cover the cost of installing a new pump for the Railroad Well along with the necessary road and pump house maintenance. They proposed a price of \$5.00/1,000 gallons of bulk water. The Council discussed these changes to the contract.

**A motion was made by Councilman Thielen, seconded by Councilman Hoffman to agree to the newly proposed contract with EXP Group for the sale of bulk water.**

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

**Railroad Well Maintenance** – Work on the road is going well. Trees are being removed along the south side of the approach, as necessary. Cliff will be pouring concrete next week and reported that all his parts are in for completing his portion of the work. The Town Clerk will reach out to Askin Well Repair for an update on the well progress.

**MIT Water Tank Cleaning** – The Council would like to see if cleaning of the water tank can be worked into the budget for approximately every five years.

**Beyers Gas Storage Tank** – Ryan has implemented a containment for his above ground storage tank. Mayor Benner stopped by his residence to make sure the other requirements have been met as well. If Ryan’s tank is not compliant with the previously outlined regulations, he will be required to remove it.

**Garbage Service Interest Letter** – The Town Council has been advised against submitting a letter of interest in favor of a new garbage service being offered by a private party. The Council agrees that the Town should not endorse one garbage service over another.

**Lagoon Mowing** – The Wastewater Operator is yet to complete the mowing at the Lagoon site. Councilman Hoffman gave a report to the Council that he was approached at his residence by the Wastewater Operator. She stated that Jason from Griffith Rental is not comfortable with the Town using his mower around the lagoon cells. She took photos into Griffith Rental to discuss her mowing requirements with Jason. Councilman Thielen had also visited Jason with recent photos after the Wastewater Operator had been there. After this visit with Councilman Thielen, Jason had no problem with the Town renting the Brushcutter and felt it was more than adequate to handle the job. The Council decided to try getting the Wastewater Operator on the phone to clear up this disagreement. Corrine Sanders was called on her home line at 7:23 p.m. with no answer. Corrine Sanders was called again on her cell line at 7:25 p.m. with no answer. The Council requested that the Town Clerk set up a directive meeting with the Operator and two Councilmen. Mayor Benner will contact Human Resources.

**New Business:**

- Brian and Jill Hildebrand would like an extension on their building permit. All Councilmen agreed that there would be no problem extending the permit.
- The Town Clerk will start mailing out letters concerning mowing. Letters will be sent to Janz, Branson, and Radue for now.
- Mary Grube has reached out to the Plevna Town Council via email to suggest they adopt an ordinance with planning fees. The Council is in agreeance with this.  
**A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Vennes to move forward with an ordinance covering planning fees associated with zoning.**

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

**Department Reports:**

- **Water Operator** – Rick is working on the paperwork for sending the pump house meter off for calibration.
- **Container Site Operator** – Mark reported that someone dumped a boat trailer in the metal bin at the container site sometime after hours. He will be changing the lock code on the gates.