

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA—Monday, March 9, 2020, 7 p.m.
Town Office

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

Councilmen present were Kyle Vennes, Alba Higgins, 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 Rich Menger, Fallon Co. Health

Members of the public present: Shawn Sander, Lois Geving

The minutes were approved for the February 10, 2020, regular meeting.
The minutes were approved for the February 27, 2020, special meeting.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Correspondence:

- A building permit was submitted by Ricky and Vicki Brown to build a metal shop on the lot next to their house at 29 4TH St South. The permit was approved.
- The Plevna Garage, with help from Eastern Montana Brownfields Coalition and Montana Department of Environmental Quality, as well as Fallon County, will be removing structures and any environmental damage from past released hydrocarbons. If you would like to view the site map and sampling results, they are on file at the Plevna Town Office. You may contact Rich Menger at Fallon County Health if you have questions.
- The Council will consider hiring Lisa Heim to mow around town if necessary. Any outstanding mowing charges from last year will be added to the land owners property taxes.

Old Business:

RRGL Planning Grant – The Town of Plevna was awarded the RRGL Planning Grant for \$15,000. The grant monies will be used to have a preliminary engineering report done at the lagoon site and have an O&M written for the Wastewater Treatment System. The Town Clerk is awaiting the grant agreement before work can begin. The Council will need to select an engineer for the project. Josh Jabalera with Midwest Assistance Foundation will be assisting with the writing of the O&M. He will be invited to meet the Council at the next regular meeting.

Rich left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Commercial Garbage – Jerry and Bev Mellon brought concerns of their garbage rate being too high for the amount of trash their business produces. The Container Site Operator stated that they are only bringing two cans of garbage each week.

A motion was made by Councilman Vennes, seconded by Councilman Thielen to move J&B Auto to a Tier One Commercial Garbage Rate.

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

Railroad Well Maintenance – The well has been pulled and the Town Clerk is waiting on a price before the Council discusses moving forward. Mayor Benner will contact Taylor.

Baker Metal & Recycling – Councilman Hoffman visited with Baker Metal & Recycling about the most recent invoice for alterations and improvements made to the Town's garbage containers. They explained the difference in charges to Councilman Hoffman.

A motion was made by Councilman Thielen, seconded by Councilman Higgins to pay the Baker Metal & Recycling invoice of \$4,726.26 out of the Garbage Replacement and Depreciation Fund.

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

New Business:

- The Fallon County Planning Board is requesting commencement to begin the process for the 2022 Updated Growth Policy Update. Mary Grube discussed a few of the main topics that will be covered.

A motion was made by Councilman Vennes, seconded by Councilman Higgins to approve the request to commence with the 2022 Growth Policy Update.

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

Mary Grube left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

- The signs down at the Wastewater Treatment System are dated and need to be replaced. The Town Clerk will gather options and pricing for the next Council Meeting.
- At the Special Meeting held on February 27, 2020, the Council approved the funds for moving forward with the DEQ General Permit for Discharge. During the January 13, 2020, Council Meeting, the Wastewater Operator was given the directive of filling out the necessary paperwork required for obtaining the permit. Mayor Benner asked the Wastewater Operator if she was going to proceed with filling out the permit application. The Operator replied that she had contacted DEQ's Susan Bawden while gathering information for the permit and was directed by Susan that the permit is an "owner project". She stated that the Council will have to take on this task now. The Operator also believes it could be considered a consultant level project. The Town Clerk stated that there are no funds available to hire a consultant to complete the permit for the Town. Mayor Benner directed the Wastewater Operator to take the permit and instructions to Rich Menger for his guidance. There was no response from the Wastewater Operator.