

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA — MONDAY, May 13, 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, Kyle Vennes and Alba Higgins. Jordan Hoffman was absent.

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

Members of the public present: Cliff Tudor

The minutes of the April 8, 2019, meeting were approved as presented.

No Public comments or questions.

Correspondence - The Department of Transportation has sent out the statewide 2019-2023 Improvement Program for local governments to review. They are asking for any feedback to be sent in by May 26, 2019. The Mayor will look over the plans and forward any feedback to the clerk to be submitted.

Old Business

- **Keystone EXP water use** — The Keystone EXP group would like to get a contract drawn up for use of water. The council agreed upon a set bulk water rate of \$8/gallon with a one-time \$1,500 surcharge to help cover the costs of making the well operational. The town will also require that all trucks will top fill.

A motion was made by Alba, seconded by Kyle to set a bulk water rate of \$8/gallon and require in the contract with Keystone EXP that water trucks will top fill.

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

- **Janz Property** - A letter was sent to the owner of the vacant lot next to Lois Geving concerning the overgrown grass and collection of debris and trash. There has been no reply from the land owner. Gary will contact Lisa Passmore to mow it along with Misty Radue's property. The town clerk will send the bills appropriately.
- **Street Repair** - Alba was given a better idea of what size areas needed patching so he could account for what type of equipment to be brought over from Baker. The council members will compile a list of areas that need patching. It was agreed that four loads should take care all areas with the remnant cold mix being dumped by Bohle Images for later use.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Kyle, to purchase four loads of cold mix for patching the streets.

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

- **Sanders & Railroad** - Work is coming along on the new road being put in at Sanders & Railroad. There was some discrepancy on the actual boundary lines, which has been resolved. Cliff put in a drain ditch and the road will have scoria laid. It was estimated that the crushed scoria to finish the project will cost around \$5,200. The road will later be graveled.

A motion was made by Alba, seconded by Kyle, that the council purchase the crushed scoria for completing the project.

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

- **Water Leak** — The ongoing water leak has considerably increased in rate. Cliff will begin checking water pits to narrow down the source.

New Business

- The town wide water shut off on May 11th came up with no water leak sources. Cliff and Rick will start checking the Diamond J project area as a potential source of the leak.
- The curb stop at Jerrid Geving's property at 321 Conser Ave needs an extension. Cliff will take care of the necessary maintenance.
- Cliff will also fix the hydrant at Railroad & Sanders along with putting up the road signs.
- The town's representative on the Little Beaver Soil Conservation District Board has come to term. It was determined that Kodie Olsen is willing to serve again.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Alba, that Kodie Olsen be reappointed to serve as representative for the town on the Little Beaver Soil Conservation District Board.

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

- A free rabies clinic will take place on June 8th.
- Town Clean-up Day will be May 8th from 9am-6pm. Mark will order two containers to have available for the day. We will not be accepting tires.
- Optional, additional worker's compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters has been made available from MMIA. Due to the passing of Senate Bill 160, municipalities can obtain presumptive coverage under worker's compensation for certain diseases associated with firefighting. The mayor and councilmen will review the material and readdress the topic at a later date.
- Alba Higgins will consider filing for another term on the town council.
- Discussion was held considering hooking the well back up at the old pool site.
- Clint Dietz will be moving in a few more RV campers and will need to have new meters installed on their water lines.
- Mark Thielen would like a meter to his garden water line.

Department Reports

- **Water Operator** — Nothing to report.
- **Container Site Operator** — Nothing to report.
- **Wastewater Operator** — absent

Financial Report — April 2019

- A bill from Direct Electric was received for work performed at the Community Center. It was determined that the work done is the responsibility of the Fire Council. The town clerk will cancel the check and forward the bill on to the Fire Council Secretary. The mayor brought up the fact that having electrical wires hanging out the back window of the Community Center is a hazard and it was agreed by all present that this issue needs to be dealt with.

Mayor/Council Comments

- The mayor has acquired Julie Straub to serve as the town's Human Resources Officer to help sort out the problems surrounding the Waste Water Manager and the Town Council. Julie will set up times to interview every member of the Town Council and every employee involved.

Approve Claims

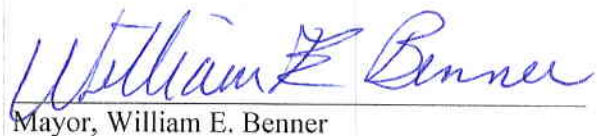
A motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Alba to approve the April claims in the amount of \$2814.01.

April Claims (\$2814.01)

2414	Coral Creek Landfill	\$244.25	2416	Energy Lab	\$40.00
2417	Farmers Union	\$39.66	2418	G&G	\$370.00
2419	Gooseneck Implement	\$50.85	2420	Griffith Exc.	\$897.50
2421	Insurance Store	\$100.00	2422	Jodi Miller	\$79.00
2423	Local Gov. Services	\$185.00			
EFT	MDU	\$722.51	EFT	Mid Rivers	85.24

Having no further business, Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Plevna Town Council will be Monday, June 10, 2019.


Town Clerk, Jodi Miller


Mayor, William E. Benner