

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.**  
**TOWN OF PLEVNA OFFICE**

Mayor William Benner opened the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Plevna council at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen present were Shawn Sander, T.C. Shelhamer and Gary Thielen. Also present: Corrine Sander, wastewater operator; Rick Schell, water operator; Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering.

Member of the public present: Rick Brown, Vicki Brown, Connie Alberts, Vivian Panasuk

The minutes of the October 12, 2015 minutes were read and approved.

Mayor Benner opened the floor for public comment:

- Connie Alberts, Rick Brown and Vicki Brown expressed concern over the condition of 4<sup>th</sup> St South. Connie state that the area in front of her house was dug up more than once this summer and has no remaining surface. Willie has looked at the streets and has contacted the Commissioners. Next summer the county will assist the Town with chip and seal for all streets. To help with the condition of 4<sup>th</sup> St South this winter and spring the area in front of Connie's house will be dug out and gravel will be put down, the town will also lay additional gravel on 4<sup>th</sup> St South.
- Vivian Panasuk stated that when Diamond J did work in the alley to the east of her shop it resulted in the soil against her shop being removed. The foundation of the shop is now exposed and has resulted in openings that will allow rodents to get into her shop. TC will use his Bobcat to replace the dirt.
- Vivian also would like a solution to the drainage problem that has appeared on Second street to the west of her house. The council will look at installing a culvert going east and west across Second Street.
- Vivian would like to see the trash cans that were in front of the Fire Hall put back. The council will look into the possibility of Town trash cans.
- Connie Alberts asked if something could be done about the drainage between her house and Mellons. Driveway culverts are the homeowners responsibility.

7:25 p.m. – Rick Brown, Vicki Brown, Connie Alberts and Vivian Panasuk left the meeting.

**Stahly Engineering – Ryan Rittal - Water Project**

- Ryan presented Change Order No. 5 for an increase of \$42,595.44 and final Pay Application No. 6 in the amount of \$217,329.32. The original engineers estimate for the project was \$2.17 million and the actual came in at \$2.07 million. The entire project, Phase 1 and Phase 2, also came in under budget.
- Ryan will send a list of Kinkaid warranty items to be completed.
- Ryan will send As Builts for all new water lines, paper copy and electronic
- Shawn stated the fire hall curb stop has water in it, there is a hole developing at the end of the county building and the line has settled at Paula Fuchs' little rental on Second Street.
- The sewer lids on Railroad Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> St South need to be exposed.
- Ryan will send an OM for the livestock pit meters.

- Vennes pit has only one shut off valve? Ryan will look into this.
- All valves on the streets need to be below grade.
- Need to make sure all valve boxes are straight.
- The original town marker at the corner of Railroad and Sanders on Bobby Losings property needs to be replaced.
- Willie spoke with Midrivers about the fiber optic boxes installed in the Middle of the new street that was built on the west side of town. He has not heard back from them yet.
- There were rocks in the plumbing at the school house on First Street. Payment of the repair invoice to Allied Plumbing in the amount of \$209.00 will be deducted from Kinkaid's Pay App 6. Any additional meter problems in the next year will be a warranty item for Kinkaid.

**Motion was made by Gary, seconded by T.C. to approve Change Order #5 in the increased amount of \$42,595.44 and Pay Application #6 in the amount of \$217,329.32.**

**Aye: T.C., Gary, Shawn**

**Abstain: None**

**Carried: 3-0**

**Nay: None**

**Absent: None**

- Shawn asked to have Kinkaid clean Main Street.
- The west side of the intersection of Main Street and Railroad (by Gazette boxes) is still not draining.
- The manhole at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> St South is also buried.
- Approach culverts on state hwy, by stop sign going south are plugged.

Ryan is doing his best to get to a good end for this project and have Kinkaid finish their work in a timely manner.

8:20 – Ryan left the meeting.

CT Excavating will be completing water project work for the Town outside of the contract with Kinkaid.

- Meter pit for Henry (Beaver) Hastig
- Move park water hydrant out of the ditch, move park garbage can, take out blow off valve by water hydrant)
- Remove Marc Riegers old pit
- Remove Nick O'Connors old pit??(Cliff will contact Nick)
- Remove Hoffman's old pit
- Complete drainage at filled in pool
- Install bollards around fire hydrants at senior center and tennis court at school

**Correspondence:**

- Nathan Schneider – building permit and \$10.00 fee for fence. Approved
- Council Resignation letter from Roscoe Gray dated November 4, 2015.

**Council Vacancy:**

Ross Gray has resigned as Alderman. A notice asking for letters of interest for the Alderman position will be run in the Fallon County Times for two weeks, notice will also be posted at the town office, post office and Plevna Bar. Appointment will be made at the December 14<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

**Motion was made by Shawn, seconded by T.C. to accept the resignation of Roscoe Gray as Alderman.**

**Aye: T.C., Gary, Shawn                      Abstain: None                      Carried: 3-0**

**Nay: None    Absent: None**

**Department Reports:**

Rick Schell, water operator – chlorine usage is back to normal. Meter with foggy readout was replaced.

Corrine Sander, sewer operator – expressed concern that sewer lids be exposed.

Shanna Medearis, dump site operator – absent

Eileen Dahl, park maintenance – absent

8:43 p.m. – Rick Schell left the meeting.

**Bulk Water Rates:**

The sale of bulk water was discussed. The railroad well is not operational right now. Bulk water will be sold from the fire hydrant. The previous rate per barrel was .25, the current rate in Baker is .55 per barrel.

**Motion was made by T.C., seconded by Shawn to increase the bulk water rate to .55 per barrel.**

**Aye: T.C., Gary, Shawn                      Abstain: None                      Carried: 3-0**

**Nay: None    Absent: None**

**Garbage Rates:**

In Fiscal year 14/15 garbage fund revenue was \$16,334.38, expenses were \$16,771.39 and 10% of receipts (\$1,633.43) transferred to the R & D Fund. This resulted in an income/expense deficit of \$2,120.45. The fund has also had a deficit in August, September and October of 2015. Discussion was held on how to alleviate the loss without putting undue stress on the utility customers. It was decided to propose an increase of no more than 50%.

**Motion was made by T.C., seconded by Shawn to increase the garbage rate by no more than 50%.**

**Aye: T.C., Gary, Shawn                      Abstain: None                      Carried: 3-0**

**Nay: None    Absent: None**

There will be a public hearing on December 14<sup>th</sup> during the regular council meeting. Notice of the hearing will be published in the Fallon County Times (M.C.A. 7-1-41.27). A notice will be mailed to all persons serviced by the utility, which will contain an estimate of the amount the customer's average bill will increase, at least 7 days and not more than 30 days prior to the hearing (M.C.A. 69-7-111). A notice of the hearing will also be mailed to the Montana consumer council.

**Zoning Ordinance:** no discussion

**Approve Claims:** Motion was made by T.C., seconded by Shawn to approve the claims as presented in the amount of \$6,893.09 and payroll in the amount of \$3,142.92, all in favor, motion carried.

October Claims (\$2,602.45)

1520	Boss Office Products	\$ 39.99	1521	Direct Electric LLC	\$ 191.50
1522	G & G Garbage	\$ 555.00	1523	Hawkins Inc	\$ 525.35
1524	Jodi Miller	\$ 156.40	1525	MDU	\$1,134.21

Payroll October 1 – 31, Gross pay (\$3,142.92)

1526	Eileen Dahl	\$ 469.91	1527	Shanna Medearis	\$225.00
1528	Jodi Miller	\$1,218.75	1529	Corrine Sanders	\$394.26
1530	Rick Schell	\$ 835.00			

November Claims (\$4,290.64)

1531	City of Baker	\$3,530.00	1532	Coral Creek Landfill	\$572.75
1533	Country Media Inc	\$ 10.00	1534	Jodi Miller	\$ 59.98
1535	Mid Rivers Comm.	\$ 117.91			

Having no further business Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

  
Town Clerk – Jodi Miller

  
Mayor – William E. Benner