

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA – Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Town of Plevna Office

PRESENT: Mayor William Benner with Councilmen Gary Thielen, Kyle Vennes, Alba Higgins, and Jordan Hoffman. Also present was Nicole Benefiel, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Rick Schell, water operator, and Mark Thielen, garbage. Members of the public present: Sarah Robbin from Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions (RATES).

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

OATH OF OFFICE: Councilman Jordan Hoffman was given the Oath of Office to replace the vacancy of Seth Wiseman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 15, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed by the Councilmen and approved as written. The minutes of the October 29, 2018 special meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Arnold Pinnow – Past Dues on Rental Properties: Not Present.

Sarah Robbin - RATES (Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions): Ms. Robbin is a technical assistance provider who helps towns and operators with whatever they need such as rate structures or money for projects, picking out engineers, etc. She described her position as like a financial manager. Her company also has operators. She attends council meetings and helps city/town councils communicate with citizens on matters such as rural interpretations. Her services are available to the Town of Plevna, as these services are provided through grant money. She is certified for ground water, so she can help with those issues, too. She handles most of the Montana systems. Rick Schell mentioned to her about the concerns and frustrations of the town's water loss since the new system; and a further group discussion ensued.

CORRESPONDENCE: Council reviewed correspondence from:

Anonymous: regarding a parking complaint. Council noted complaints such as this are hard to address when they are not aware of who filed the complaint or who the complaint is specifically about, and were not able to witness the specific incident themselves, having knowledge of it only after the fact.

Mid-Rivers: regarding proposed buried telecommunications cable. Council reviewed the map of the proposed area that was provided by Mid-Rivers.

Sonja Wiseman: regarding Mae Bohle water bill. Mayor thought perhaps it was a hydrant issue. The water will be shut off after the meter so there's still pressure to the meter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Yield Signs versus Stickers: Newman Signs out of Jamestown, North Dakota was contacted. The representative for Montana provided information regarding stickers versus signs. Stickers cannot be applied to any present sheeting. The current signs would require hydrostripping; and unless the Town of Plevna has the tool to do this, that can be expensive. The stickers must be applied to clean aluminum. He did relay that his company works with a company in Oregon, Northwest Sign Recycling, that actually purchases old signs, hydrostrips them, and then re-sells

the sign. Through Newman Signs, the cost of a complete new sign is \$36.25, and the cost of the sticker faces is \$13.00. Montana Department of Transportation was also contacted in an effort to determine whether they also had a means for jurisdictions to replace old signs with new signs. We are currently waiting for a response from Gary Harper of the Glendive Main Office to get back to us regarding this information.

On-site visit by Floating Island International Company: Alicia Pettys, the company's client relationship manager, met in person with the Mayor at the Town Office on November 13th and provided an informative presentation regarding their islands. She'll send more information through the email with pictures for the council to look at. She's also going to work up a proposed plan and estimate of what it would cost.

Scoria: Gary related that the scoria has been hauled in that was requested by Cliff Tudor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mylen and Diane Bohle: Are requesting to tie into the Town of Plevna's water to run a line on the Mae Bohle Estate property (Seth Wiseman property) tying in at the fence and running a line straight west all the way out to the boundary line. The council felt if it was all in the city limits, that there shouldn't be any issue.

BaRSSA/HB473 Grant: The application was submitted successfully. We received notice of a direct deposit in the amount of \$2665.55 on 11/01/2018.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Water Loss Report: The water loss numbers are up and down with no consistency from month to month. The council discussed ideas what could be causing the water loss each month. Kinkaid is the company that put the new system in. They pressure tested everything and everything tested fine; but since the new system, the location of the leak has not been able to be identified. It could be the result of some of the pressure testing they did initially. The well is pumping hard, and there is no consistency from month to month. A logging system could possibly find it by detecting noise. Councilman Jordan Hoffman noted that Baker has the logging system with 8 loggers that would cover two blocks, and that maybe the City of Baker could allow Plevna to utilize the equipment.

Garbage: Mark Thielen – Absent. Mark requested that Councilman Gary Thielen bring to the Council's attention that Shawn Sander is reportedly entering during closed hours and taking items out of the dumpsters. He has been confronted about pulling and taking metal out of the metal dumpster, specifically the brass and copper, which he takes home and in turn sells. Baker Metal hauls off the contents from this container for the Town of Plevna as a convenience, and does not charge us for it. It was determined that a letter will need to be written and sent to Mr. Sander regarding this issue, and that he cannot be doing this; specifically making clear that "The contents of the container are not the Town of Plevna's, but rather the property of Baker Metal." Additionally, it was suggested that a sign could be erected on-site stating "*Contents Property of Baker Metal.*"

Additionally, Councilman Gary Thielen suggested that the cattle guard at the entrance of the container site should be taken out since there are no horses there anymore, and that it should just have scoria put in it. Mayor Benner stated we could do this in the spring.

Water: Rick Schell – No report.

Sewer: Corrine Sanders – Not present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2018: Reviewed by the council.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS: The Lutheran's said they couldn't believe how light it was by the church since the street light has been fixed.

CLAIMS APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Kyle Vennes, seconded by Councilman Alba Higgins, to approve the October claims as presented in the amount of \$4177.47.

EFT	MDU	\$ 884.25	2295	Baker ACE	\$ 4.49
2296	Coral Creek Landfill	\$ 237.00	2297	CT Excavating	\$ 2,678.70
2298	Energy Lab	\$ 20.00	2299	Evergreen Landscaping	\$ 92.00
2300	Farmers Union Oil	\$ 72.55	2301	G&G Garbage	\$ 35.00
2302	Mid-Rivers	\$ 82.05	2303	Petty Cash	\$ 71.43

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Council will be held Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. due to the necessity to have a quorum and the unavailability of councilmen on the regularly scheduled date of December 10th.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.


Town Clerk, Nicole Benefiel


Mayor, William E. Benner