

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA – Monday, September 11, 2017, 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, Alba Higgins and Shawn Sander.

Also present was Corrine Sanders, wastewater operator; Rick Schell, water operator and Mary Grube, Administrative Assistant to the Fallon County Planner.

Members of the public present: none

The minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting were read and approved with one addition and one correction.

Public comment – none

Correspondence – none

Discussion was held on the asphalt repair on the Highway 12 frontage. It appears they did nothing to determine the source of the void causing the issue before laying new asphalt. Willie will contact Greg with Stahly.

Town of Plevna Zoning Process – questions and answers – none

Old Business

Ordinance #54 Town of Plevna Zoning – second reading

- A motion was made by Shawn, seconded by Gary approve the Town of Plevna Zoning Ordinance #54.

Aye: Alba, Shawn, Gary

Abstain: None

Carried: 3-0

Nay: None

Absent: position vacated by TC Shelhamer

The Zoning Ordinance will be in effect 30 days from date of final approval, October 11, 2017.

Shawn brought up the issue of the backup well. Discussion was held on the condition of the well and the possibility of it being relined. Both the sand well and railroad well should have a water sample taken. A camera needs to be put down the sand well to determine the condition of the lining. The council would like to determine what is causing the rust colored water at the railroad well. The MDU meter will be reinstalled at the railroad well for electricity to pump the well before testing.

The valves need to be checked going to the hydrant with low pressure on the west side of town. If it is determined there is not an issue the hydrant needs to be painted yellow.

The Midrivers fiber installation that is taking place in town will have to come into property from Railroad Ave as Midrivers has no easements in the alley ~~west~~ east of 4th St North.

Resignation of Council Member – T.C. Shelhamer

T.C. no longer resides in the Town of Plevna. The council will appoint to fill his vacancy at the October 11, 2017 meeting.

Mary Grube indicated the Planning Board will be meeting in October to discuss the updated Subdivision Regulations.

Mary informed the Council that Baker and Fallon County have both adopted the updated Growth Policy.

Resolution #157 – Cancel the November 7, 2017 General Election of Certain Municipal Officers

Due to the number of filings equaling the number of open positions the council has the option of canceling the General Election. The positions up for election are Mayor and the council member positions of Gary Thielen and Shawn Sander. William Benner has filed for Mayor and Gary Thielen and Connie Alberts have filed as council members.

- **A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Alba to cancel the November 7, 2017 General Election.**

Aye: Alba, Shawn, Gary

Abstain: None

Carried: 3-0

Nay: none

Absent: position vacated by TC Shelhamer

Resolution #158 – Approve Budget for 17/18 Fiscal year

The budget was presented with adjustments for the loss of the oil and gas revenue and a 3% cost of living increase for all employees.

- **A motion was made by Shawn, seconded by Gary to approve the 17/18 Fiscal year Budget as presented.**

Aye: Alba, Shawn, Gary

Abstain: None

Carried: 3-0

Nay: none

Absent: position vacated by TC Shelhamer

Department Reports

- Container site operator – no report
- Sewer operator – nothing to report
- Water operator – MacYeaple’s leak has been repaired, the next couple of months will show if this was the source of the water loss.

Willie noted that the area above the water main running the length of the E Free block is settling.

Financial Report - Gary made a motion, seconded by Shawn, to approve the financial report as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor & Council Concerns

- Bertha Kirschten has a dog that barks for long periods of time, the clerk will send a letter.

Approve Claims

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Shawn to approve the August claims as presented in the amount of \$148,044.95, all in favor, motion carried.

August claims (\$148,044.95)

EFT	MDU	\$1,168.83	1997	Alba Higgins	\$ 700.00
1198	Coral Creek Landfill	\$ 236.75	1999	Country Media	\$ 60.00
2000	Energy Lab, Inc	\$1,179.00	2001	Fallon CC&R	\$136,723.61
2002	Farmers Union Oil Co.	\$ 21.69	2003	G & G Garbage	\$ 370.00
2004	Insurance Store, Inc	\$ 100.00	2005	KLJ, Inc	\$ 6,496.42
2006	Midrivers	\$ 99.39	2007	Morrison Maierle	\$ 60.00
2008	Plevna Rural Fire	\$ 150.00	2009	TWEnterprises	\$ 679.26

Having no further business Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.




Town Clerk, Jodi Miller


Mayor, William E. Benner