

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA—Monday, September 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Plevna Town Office

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

Councilmen present were Gary Thielen, Jordan Hoffman, Alba Higgins and Kyle Vennes.

Also present: Krista Nemitz, Clerk/Treasurer Rick Schell, Water Operator
Mark Thielen, Cont. Site Operator Corrine Sander, Wastewater Operator
Mary Grube, Fallon Co. Planner

Members of the public present: Cliff Tudor, Nick Schumacher, Shawn Sander

The minutes were approved for the August 10, 2020, regular meeting.

Public Comment: Cliff Tudor would like information about the rules pertaining to dogs in town. The Town Clerk provided a copy of the Town Code.

Correspondence:

- DEQ: Monitoring Waiver for Asbestos Approval
- Evergreen Landscaping: It is time for the sprinklers to be winterized. Alba will ask the County if they would be willing to take care of them.

Old Business:

Speed Limit Signs – Mayor Benner will add some flags to the speed limit signs.

Park Mower – Larry Dahl will gather a few quotes for a new mower.

Street Maintenance – Councilman Hoffman brought an estimate for valve risers. He is estimating \$23.50 for a 2” and \$26.00 for a 4” from Northwest Pipe.

A motion was made by Councilman Thielen, seconded by Councilman Vennes to purchase any necessary valve risers.

Aye: 4 Nay:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0

Grants Received – The Clerk was asked to do some research into a grant awarded to the town but not collected. There has been nothing found yet, but the Clerk will continue to look through old meeting minutes.

New Business:

- IRS Notice 2020-65 was recently sent out to all businesses. Each employer has the option to defer their employee’s social security taxes for a period of time. At the end of the deferral each employee will be required to pay back the deferred amount. There is a possibility that these deferred taxes will be forgiven.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Vennes to not participate in the deferral of social security taxes for the period.

• Aye: 4 Nay:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0

- Krista Nemitz has volunteered to serve on the Fallon County Planning Board. The Town of Plevna will provide the Fallon County Commissioners with a letter of appointment.
A motion was made by Councilman Vennes, seconded by Councilman Higgins appoint Krista Nemitz to the Fallon County Planning Board.

• Aye: 4 Nay:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0
- The Plevna Zoning Commission is in need of a new member as Michelle Grey has moved out of town. Jennifer Tudor has volunteered to serve on the Commission. The Town would like to have 5 members altogether.
A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Thielen to appoint Jennifer Tudor to the Plevna Zoning Commission.

• Aye: 4 Nay:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0
- The Town Clerk would like to order a message center to be installed in front of the office. This project had been planned by the previous clerk and the funds were set aside in the General Fund. Town notices could be posted easily along with pertinent town information.
A motion was made by Councilman Thielen, seconded by Councilman Hoffman to purchase a Town Office Message Center.

Aye: 4 Nay:0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Carried: 4:0

Department Reports:

- Water Operator** – Rick will check the blow off valves around town to be sure they are closed. Mayor Benner would like Rick to get things taken care of with the pump house meter. It has been put off for too long. Rick and Cliff will get together to take care of whatever needs done. Rick inspected the meter at Wagon’s to be sure it was reading correctly. He will proof the meter to be sure there are no problems. There has been no word from the tank inspectors. Rick will call them to see what their plan is.
- Container Site Operator** – Mayor Benner would like to have the Town’s lidded container returned to our site.
- Bulk Water Pumping Site** – Nate Nemitz has a small building that the Town can have to place over the riser at the fill site. Cliff will take a look at it and make arrangements to get it moved.
- Wastewater Operator** — Corrine would like to try scheduling the sewer cleaning. Councilman Vennes is available to help as needed. Councilman Hoffman volunteered to help this coming week-end or the weekend of the 26th. The operator turned in the lagoon log sheet.

Clerk Report: The past due accounts were reviewed with the Council and shut offs were scheduled. TC Energy was invoiced for the previous month. They have yet to pay for the first billing cycle, terms listed in the contract state 45 days to pay. The Clerk will contact someone at TC Energy to make sure payment is on the way. The Railroad also bought some bulk water and has been invoiced for that. The Council was provided with updated budget reports.

Financial Report — August 2020:

- The August financial report was reviewed and accepted by the council.

Mayor/Council Comments: No additional comments.

Approve Claims: