

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA—Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 7 p.m.**  
**Town Office**

*The original meeting of the Town Council was rescheduled for July 15, 2020, due to a lack of quorum on Monday, July 13, 2020. There was no business discussed on the July 13, 2020, meeting date. Mayor Benner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon seeing that there was no quorum, he immediately rescheduled the meeting and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.*

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

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

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

Members of the public present: Shawn Sander

The minutes were approved for the June 11, 2020, regular meeting.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Correspondence:**

- MMIA sent a folder with information about providing the Town with property insurance. The Town Clerk will get a quote from them to present to the Council in August.
- Taylor would like to know if the Town is interested in selling the old well pipe. He is offering \$1/ft for 210ft of pipe. The Council will consider this and make a decision at the next meeting.
- MMIA's Liability Program will now cover communicable disease.

**Old Business:**

**Railroad Well Maintenance** – Work has been completed at the Railroad Well. There was some additional work that needed done to the breaker, the issue is now resolved.

**Water Tank Cleaning** – Rick has not heard anything from MidCo on scheduling. The Town did receive a bid from LiquiVision for tank cleaning. The Council was in favor of staying with MidCo.

**Beyers Gas Storage Tank** – Mayor Benner noted that Ryan Beyers has installed placards on his gas storage tanks since the last meeting. Mayor Benner will follow up with Ryan again to ensure he has met all the requirements and has a fire extinguisher close by.

**Nuisance Grass Mowing** – Letters have been sent out to owners that have a nuisance grass issue. The only response received was from Misty Radue and her property has been mowed. The property's owned by Janz and Branson are yet to be taken care of. A letter will be sent to Daniel Huston asking him to mow the grass on his property at 222 Hauser

Street. A letter will also be sent to Raymond Dennison for his property on N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Clerk will check with the County Treasurer to get last year's delinquent charges assessed onto the property owners' taxes.

**New Business:**

**A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Vennes to adopt Resolution 169, a resolution adopting zoning fees with reference to the Town of Plevna Zoning Ordinance #54.**

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

- Mayor Benner visited with the Sheriff's department and the state about the speed limit on Main Street. Due to the recent increase in traffic the Council will consider putting up more speed limit signs. The Sherriff's Department cannot ticket people for speeding if it is not sufficiently posted.
- Mark Thielen arrived at the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**Department Reports:**

- **Water Operator** – Rick is working on the paperwork for sending the pump house meter off for calibration, he is waiting on a replacement meter.
- **Container Site Operator** – Mark reported that FWP has been bringing quite a bit of garbage from out at Sandstone Lake. The Clerk will contact their Miles City office to set up a commercial garbage account.
- **Bulk Water Pumping Site** – The trucks are having a bit of trouble making the loop down at the fill site. Mark will talk with the drivers to see what is needed to make the road more accessible.
- **Wastewater Operator** — Nothing to report. Corrine turned in the June Lagoon Log Sheet. Mayor Benner asked the Operator if she has come up with a schedule for cleaning the sewers. She stated that no, she has not. Mayor Benner would like to make sure they get done this summer as last year there was a break. Corrine agree that they definitely need to be done this year and she plans to do a copper sulfate treatment at the same time. Corrine is pretty sure there are plenty of bags of copper sulfate left over for this year. Councilman Thielen asked Corrine if she was planning to finish the lagoon mowing. Corrine stated that she sent an email addressing the topic and read aloud the email to the Councilmen. The email is as follows:

*Hello Krista! This email contains follow up information with regards to lagoon mowing. I visited with Rick and he was not able to help with mowing prior to the deadline due to work and personal plans. Also, I contacted Bobby Wiedmer who is affiliated with Fallon County and his mowing crew was not able to mow here either. Therefore, once the funds are restored to the sewer "Repairs and Maintenance Services" line item 360, I will give Rieger's a call to complete the comprehensive work at the Plevna lagoon site. They have the equipment and the talent to get all of the needed work done and are very competent people and have worked for the town before. I have completed my due diligence with regards to the subject of mowing & the additional work needed at the lagoon site, therefore, it is incumbent upon the Plevna town council to approve any and all work orders that are requested by their certified staff and can be viewed as unethical and*



*obstructive for them not to approve and fund requested said work orders. Also, after reviewing my the financial data in my folder, I have not been able to see a credit in the sewer fund for the approximate \$15,000.00 reimbursement from Mid Rivers. Please provide me with a copy of the financial record showing where those \$'s went. In addition, after visiting with Jason at Griffith rental in Baker about the large "brush hog", I do not feel I can safely operate that type of machine – especially on the terrain type at the lagoon site. IF the aldermen want to take on that task themselves that would be fine. Lastly, while I was visiting with Cliff about the required man hole work, I asked him if he would be willing to learn how to run the sewer cleaning machine and he said he could work for the town as an hourly paid person and not under the auspice of CT Excavation. Obviously he would need to be trained by someone on the council and I think he would be a good team leader! Please share this email with Gary and Jordan along with the email that I sent you on 06/25/20, "Sewer fund line item 360 anomalies." Pete, please add this email to your file along with the afore mentioned email. Call me if you would like additional information.. Thanks! C*

Corrine stated that she had asked the Clerk for a hard number as to what is in the maintenance account. Councilman Thielen would like to know why having the Sewer fund numbers is important and what she is going to do with the numbers. Corrine stated that if she knows how much is in the account, then she will know what is available for completing the maintenance. She stated that she will also be able to request more money for the work that needs to be done at the lagoons. Councilman Thielen replied, "You cannot hire Cliff or anyone to do work at the lagoon unless the Council has approved it. Before you go get quotes you should be asking the Council if we are interested in hiring somebody to do the mowing or whatever else."

Corrine stated that the Clerk told her to put together a task list of what will need to be done at the lagoons for this next year. The Clerk agreed that a task list of potential work is important for finalizing the budget numbers.

Councilman Thielen would like to know how we are going to solve the issue with finishing the lagoon mowing. Mayor Benner stated that the deadline has come and gone and the mowing is still in progress. Mayor Benner requested that the Wastewater Operator contact the Council when she would like budget numbers or additional financial reports as the Clerk is a part time position and does not have a lot of extra time.

**Clerk Report:** The past due accounts were reviewed with the Council and shut offs were performed. The Clerk updated the Town's Record Request Form for public requesting documentation. The Wastewater Operator had requested three years of Town bank statements. There is an MCA outlining the fee schedule for records request. To have this specific documentation gathered by the Bank of Baker it would cost a minimum of \$40 plus \$0.25/copy.

The Town's account issues with G&G have been resolved and the billing should be on the right track now.

The Council was provided with the total receipts for their utility billing services and the figures that will be transferred to the individual R&D funds are as follows:

5210	102240	\$6,742.04
5310	102240	\$2,777.77
5410	102240	\$2,250.24

The Council agreed to hold their Public Budget Hearing on August 10, 2020, at 7:00p.m.

The Clerk questioned if she is supposed to be sending an invoice to the Plevna Bar for their business operating license. She will inquire with the previous clerk and check the resolution book.

Mark will bring the meter reading sheets for bulk water to the Council meetings and the Clerk will begin billing on a monthly basis.

There was a check made out to MT DEQ to cover the lagoon discharge permit from this last spring. Since the Town did not need to perform a discharge of the lagoons, the permit was not needed and the check was never sent.

**A motion was made by Councilman Vennes, seconded by Councilman Hoffman to VOID check #2641 to MT DEQ in the amount of \$1,200.00.**

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

**Financial Report — June 2020:**

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

**Mayor/Council Comments:** A letter was sent to Shane Brewer about his dogs excessively barking. Mayor Benner visited on the phone with him. The Council is aware of the pit bull living at Happy Camper. It has not become an issue and Mayor Benner has communicated that they need to keep it on a leash.


**Approve Claims:**

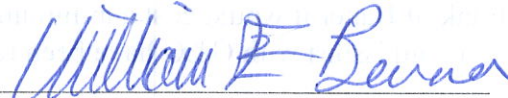
**A motion was made by Councilman Thielen, seconded by Councilman Vennes to approve the June claims in the amount of \$47,146.71.**

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

**June Claims (\$47,146.71) see attached document**

Having no further business, Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Plevna Town Council will be Monday, August 10, 2020, at the Town Office.

  
Town Clerk, Krista Nemitz

  
Mayor, William E. Benner



07/28/20  
10:36:45

TOWN OF PLEVNA  
Check Register  
For the Accounting Period: 6/20

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Claim Checks

Check #	Type	Vendor #/Name	Check Amount	Date Issued	Period Redeemed	Claim #	Claim Amount
-99832	E	19 Mid Rivers Communication	89.24	07/16/20		CL 1188	89.24
-99831	E	18 Montana Dakota Utilities	842.10	07/16/20		CL 1192	842.10
2703 *	S	126 Askin Well Repair	18465.50	07/13/20		CL 1198	18465.50
2704	S	5 Coral Creek Landfill	196.00	07/13/20		CL 1195	196.00
2705	S	68 CT Excavation, Inc.	25047.20	07/13/20		CL 1189	4500.00
						CL 1193	20547.20
2706	S	9 Energy Laboratories, Inc.	22.00	07/13/20		CL 1190	22.00
2707	S	12 Farmers Union Oil Co.	85.34	07/13/20		CL 1194	85.34
2708	S	17 Hawkins Inc.	529.75	07/13/20		CL 1196	529.75
2709	S	99999 KRISTA NEMITZ	227.30	07/13/20		CL 1187	227.30
2710	S	49 MMCT & FOA	50.00	07/13/20		CL 1191	50.00
2711	S	48 MT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS	165.00	07/13/20		CL 1180	165.00
2712	S	88 PETTY CASH	77.28	07/13/20		CL 1186	77.28
2713	S	92 Plevna Rural Fire District	240.00	07/13/20		CL 1197	240.00
2714	S	14 G&S Garbage	1110.00	07/13/20		CL 1199	1110.00

Total for Claim Checks 47146.71  
Count for Claim Checks 14

\* denotes missing check number(s)

# of Checks: 14 Total: 47146.71

