

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA — TUESDAY, October 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

**Plevna Community Center**

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

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

Also present: Rick Schell, Water Operator Jodi Varner, Stand-in Clerk  
Corrine Sander, Wastewater Operator

Members of the public present: Sign-in Sheet Attached

**Public Comment:**

- Clint Dietz questioned the Council and Mayor on why there is such a difference between the proposed residential rates and RV rates.

Response: Residential is for people living in the community where as RV use is temporary and it is the council's opinion that they create a lot of garbage. The day the water meters are read is the same day the campers will be counted for being charged for garbage. The only other option would be an honor system.

- Jennifer Tudor asked what the specifications for the three business rates would be. She feels it is unfair to single out people in RVs. Baker went to a tiered rate for RVs. Jennifer presented the Council with a Baker/Plevna Garbage Rate Comparison as well as a Monthly Garbage Rate Comparison between Plevna and similar sized towns in the area. She stated that 11 or more campers in Baker would cost \$95/month and the city hauls the trash for you. She also listed the following rates for comparison: Broadus \$35, Ekalaka \$26.98, Terry \$33.30, Wibaux \$66. Jennifer feels rates are out of line and feels an RV park should be listed under a business tier.

Councilman Higgins stated that the cost of garbage service is the driving head to increase the rates.

- Jennifer states that her issue is not with raising the rates but with the fact that the RV park is being discriminated against.
- Albert Paul feels the rural rates are being discriminated against.
- Carmie Steffes asked if the rural customers can be charged on tiers.

Councilman Higgins stated that Construction & Demolition containers will be cut out to help reduce the per ton disposal charges.

- Cliff Tudor suggested there needs to be a scale to weight the tonnage and charge accordingly.

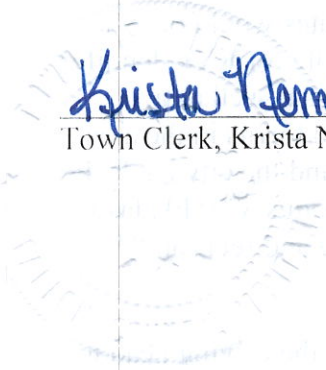
Response: The council will get a price quote for a scale and reiterated that there will no longer be a C&D container.

- Lisa asked if there would be an increase in services for the rate increase. She would like to see a gradual water rate increase every year instead of such drastic jumps. She suggests \$5/year.
- Albert Paul does not agree with the rural garbage rate increase.
- Jennifer Tudor would rather have a flat rate.

**Mayor/Council Comments**

- There will be no C&D Container available any longer.

After hearing all public comment, Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Plevna Town Council will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the Town Office.



*Krista Nemitz*  
Town Clerk, Krista Nemitz

*William F Benner*  
Mayor, William Benner

10/15/2019 Public Meeting

Sign-in Sheet:

Carmie Stuffed

Clint Ditzel

Janice Dencey

SHAWN SANDER

Corrinne Sander

Jennifer Tudor

Cliff Tudor

Sonja Byrnes

Lisa Byrnes

Gina Carroll

Thomas Wood

Yvonne Wood

AS Gray

Alicia Inne

Lizbeth Inne

