

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009, 7:00 PM
South Prairie Town Hall
121 NW Washington Street**

The following is a condensation of the proceedings and is not a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Dave Lykstad, Laura Heideman, Gerald Boures, Mathieu Cameron and Karen Shell were present.

Also in attendance: Tony Caldwell, Flood Damage Project Manager; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Peggy Levesque requested everyone stand for the "Pledge of Allegiance."

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 2, 2009:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Agenda for June 2, 2009. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2009:

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2009, as written. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MAY 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,144.03:

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the bills for May 2009, in the amount of \$47,144.03 (forty-seven thousand one hundred forty-four dollars and three cents). **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and Marla Nevill answered these inquiries. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) **Ordinance No. 512 – Amending Ordinance No. 488 – Parking Restriction on NW Washington Street:**
 - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve Ordinance No. 512, amending Ordinance No. 488 pertaining to parking restrictions on NW Washington Street. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Marla Nevill** said after speaking with the Town Attorney, it would not be necessary to repeal previous ordinances pertaining to parking restrictions on the south side of NW Washington Street since they were specific to Hillstrom Cabinets, which is no longer at that location. **Tony Caldwell** said we would have to repaint the curbs. He said they have to be painted red five feet on either side of the driveways. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** stated the "No Parking" signs would have to be removed from the south side of NW Washington Street. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said some of the work could be done by the person coming out to do community service work. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Declare playground equipment surplus and delegate someone the power to dispose of it and Town must acquire reasonable fair market value for the equipment:**
Mayor Peggy Levesque said according to the Town Attorney, we could declare the playground equipment surplus. Councilor Dave Lykstad read letter from Town Attorney. Mayor Peggy Levesque volunteered to handle the disposal of the playground equipment.
 - ❖ Councilor Karen Shell moved to declare the playground equipment surplus and appoint Mayor Peggy Levesque power to dispose of the equipment with a Hold Harmless agreement. Councilor Gerald Boures seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Reminder that filing dates are June 1 – June 5 and that we have 2 Council Positions and Mayor Position Openings:**
Mayor Peggy Levesque said just a reminder that filing for Mayor and Council Positions are this week. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Tony Caldwell said there is vandalism going on and he shut down the restroom at the Third Street Park until it could be cleaned. Discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said ten volunteers worked from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM last Wednesday cleaning up the community center. She said we would still need to clean the kitchen and the front door. She said the new shelves in the closet are wonderful and the construction crew did a nice job on the countertops. She said since January 7th, we finally have our community center back. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she attended the Pierce County Regional Council meeting. She said one issue was that South Prairie would be required to have 79 low-income housing units within just a few years' time under the new Countywide Planning Policies. She said it is a moot point as this was voted down. She said the homes had to be priced at \$180,000 or less; and Gig Harbor did not even have any vacant lots for less than \$180,000. She said this was a long and difficult issue; but it was approved without the number requirements. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said our Fire Department passed the Fire Flow issue back to the Pierce County Fire Marshall. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque requested permission to attend the AWC Conference in June; and the Town Council unanimously approved her request.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we have been working on the records project; and in order to expend the remaining grant funds, we have to put in about ninety hours before June 15, 2009. She said she found a map today that had the original addressing; and the Fire Station address was 79 Highway 162. She said we tried to locate an elevation certificate for the Fire Station/Community Center, which has to be submitted to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with our application. We could not locate this document so we had to hire a surveyor. Discussion followed.

Councilor Gerald Boures asked about the status of renaming the Community Center. Mayor Peggy Levesque said Dave would address this issue under Council Members' Report.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT – FLOOD DAMAGE:

Tony Caldwell gave a report on the progress of the flood damage repairs as follows:

- 1) Reimbursement request submitted to FEMA for approximately \$160,000, but they would only consider \$105,000;
- 2) Reimbursement Request has to be reviewed and approved by the State and Federal branches of FEMA;
- 3) An email was received from AWC and they're neither covering nor denying any of the claims submitted for the flood damage;
- 4) He stressed the importance of obtaining the NFIP insurance coverage;
- 5) As a member of the AWC insurance pool, we might not have to pay the deductible if there are enough claims;
- 6) Received bid for cleaning floors in the amount of \$2,102.10, which includes the Community Center side and the Fire Station side;
- 7) Sewer Outfall must be repaired within the window of July 15th – August 31st.

Council discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested Council Action to approve expenditures for repairs to Sewer Outfall and Storm Drain cleaning.

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to authorize repairs and payment of expenditures related to the January 2009 Flood damages. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Tony Caldwell explained repairs that would have to be done. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** suggested he prioritize projects, with the sewer outfall being the number one priority. **Tony Caldwell** explained that we would have to get approval from Corp of Engineer and Fisheries before any work could be done on the sewer outfall or repairs done in the creek. He said Mart Kask would submit the paperwork to the proper agencies. He said if we do not repair the sewer outfall, we could face fines of up to \$10,000 per day. Discussion followed. **Councilor Gerald Boures** asked about the check from FEMA. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the City of Buckley did not receive their check from FEMA until January 7, 2009 for the 2006 flooding. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the mitigation on the Davis property is being turned over to Mart Kask. She said we have to be the lead agency for this project as we are the governing body. She said it took an hour just to fill out the Letter of Intent and the application is sixty-eight (68) pages long. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Tony Caldwell said we are holding the payment for the playground equipment until we receive all the parts. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Marla Nevill requested Council Action on whether to purchase property west of the Town limits for expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion followed. Council consensus was "No" on the purchase of the property.

Marla Nevill relayed to the Council that we could utilize Solid Waste Management for removal of "Junk Vehicles." Discussion followed.

Marla Nevill relayed to the Council that we received a letter from CIAW (Cities Insurance Association of Washington) offering services through their insurance pool. Discussion followed. **Marla Nevill** said we also received a rebuttal letter from AWC, our insurance pool, regarding the letter from CIAW. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Laura Heideman said we met with FEMA and were told we have to purchase the insurance policy through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). She said State Farm would process the paperwork for the Town and submit it to NFIP. She said State Farm collects no fees for processing this paperwork. She said the most coverage we could get is \$950,000. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we were unable to locate the Elevation Certificate for the Fire Station/Community Center. **Tony Caldwell** said FEMA had a surveyor out here. Discussion followed. **Councilor Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked about the deductible. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said the lowest deductible is \$1,000. She said NFIP coverage is as follows: 1) WWTP \$100,000 coverage is \$742 per year; and 2) the Town Hall coverage of \$50,000 for the building and \$100,000 for contents costs \$688 per year. She said since the Fire Station/Community Center is in a Zone A, she would need the Elevation Certificate in order to process the application. Discussion followed.

Councilor Dave Lykstad said in regards to renaming the Community Center, some of our more seasoned citizens recalled that the Fire Station/Community Center was dedicated to Art Hillstrom. He said he had given the suggestion on memorializing Janet Shelton. Discussion followed. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said usually when a building is dedicated to someone, the building bears the same name. He suggested putting this issue on hold pending further thought and review.

Councilor Dave Lykstad said in reference to the Spring Cleanup, why isn't our garbage ordinance being enforced? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said if we could bill for garbage on our utility billing, we could better enforce the ordinance. Discussion followed.

Councilor Karen Shell asked who was in charge of maintaining the Trail. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Pierce County Parks. **Councilor Karen Shell** suggested they install pet waste containers and bags. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN:

- ❖ At 8:45 PM, **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 2, 2009. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**


Peggy Levesque, Mayor


Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer


Date Approved