

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 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, July 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Tony Caldwell, Flood Damage Project Manager; Larry Harter, Utility Operator; and Judy Tremblay Deputy, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JULY 7, 2009:

- ❖ Councilor Laura Heideman moved to approve the Agenda for July 7, 2009. Councilor David Lykstad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2009:

- ❖ Councilor Gerald Boures moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2009, as written. Councilor Dave Lykstad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR JUNE 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,105.68:

- ❖ Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the bills for June 2009, in the amount of \$93,105.68 (ninety-three thousand one hundred five dollars and sixty-eight cents). Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and Judy Tremblay answered these inquiries. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinance No. 513 – Adopting and Incorporating By Reference those Portions of the Pierce County Code that Pertain to Fire Flow in Rural Areas and Superseding Conflicting Portions of Ordinance No. 451:
 - ❖ Councilor David Lykstad moved to approve Ordinance No. 513 amending Ordinance No 451 Pertaining to Fire Flow in Rural. Areas. Councilor Karen Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) **Resolution No. 303 – Requesting Pierce County Auditor Call for a Special Election in Conjunction with the November 2009 General Election for Consideration of a Proposition to Increase the Town’s Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy.**

❖ **Councilor David Lykstad** moved to approve Ordinance No. 303 requesting to increase the Town’s Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Resolution is unclear how many years this is for and if the wording is correct for the Proposition. Motion was withdrawn and will come before the Council next month.

3) **Authorize Mayor to Hire Permanent Part-Time Help for Utility Department:**

Mayor Levesque explained that she is not ready to hire someone now, she just wants to look into it. Needs a job description from Larry Harter as to what kind of help he would need and if they would need to be certified. Hours and wages would need to be determined and any input from the union. It was the consensus of the Council that the Mayor obtains additional information and brings it back to the Council.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS:

Tony Caldwell stated the Town might consider getting an event going, possibly something to do with horses. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated she had tried to get a Centennial Event together for this year; but she could not get anyone interested in helping. She said we are already involved with the Salmon Run, and sometimes have issues with getting enough people to volunteer.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated that the Salmon Run is Saturday, September 26, 2009, and could use more volunteers. The Rainier to Ruston race was in June and it turned out to be a good day.

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated that the Town had used most of the hours for the records grant. There is another Record’s Grant coming up and we might apply for that since we still have more records to microfilm and have some more boxes to go through.

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated that we have been approved by Work Source to get two people to help install the new water meters. The Work Source program is through FEMA.

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated she would be gone for the August 2009 meeting.

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated she would like to work on getting some grants, maybe Stimulus Money.

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated we did surplus the playground equipment.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT – FLOOD DAMAGE:

Tony Caldwell stated he received a letter from Steve Brewer, FEMA, outlining the projects that have been approved and would be paid. The outfall and the Community Center are still under review and awaiting a decision. We should be receiving some money soon. He is still working on the Outfall Project to get it going. He also stated that the Parking Lot at the Fire Station was denied.

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT:

Tony Caldwell stated we need some Road Repairs done and he is having Pierce County come out and give us an estimate. Pierce County suggested we do pothole repairs this year and not chip seal. Also,

the catch basins need repair and the Town streets need to be swept. Tony is getting prices for those projects.

Larry Harter stated he could use a part time person and would check into whether or not they need to be certified for the WWTP. Larry also stated that everyone needs to read the report and we need to improve our cross connections program. Mayor Peggy Levesque asked Larry to make sure the Cross Connection Resolution gets done. Also, we need to redo our 6-year transportation plan.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Judy Tremblay requested that several Purchase Requests be reviewed and approved.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Gerald Boures noted that the National Forestry trucks were at 3rd Street Park. Discussion followed.

Councilor Dave Lykstad stated that he has access to 40 feet of slotted PVC pipe that the Town could use on SE Second Street for runoff from the spring. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN:

- ❖ At 9:05 PM, Councilor Karen Shell moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of July 7, 2009. Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Laura Heideman, Mayor Pro-Tem



Judy Tremblay, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

8/4/2009
Date Approved