

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 2009, at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Judge James Helbling and Kathy Seymour, South Prairie Municipal Court; Mark Cook, Cook Engineering and Development Services; Tony Caldwell; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 1, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Agenda for December 1, 2009. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SWEARING IN JUDGE HELBLING:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque swore in Judge Helbling for the South Prairie Municipal Court. **Judge Helbling** stated he was a judge for South Prairie about thirty years ago. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated she is pleased that Bonney Lake is handling our municipal court and Pierce County Sheriff's Department is covering the law enforcement. Discussion followed.

**ENGINEERING REPORT – Mark Cook, Cook Engineering and Development Services:**

**Mark Cook** gave an update to the Town Council regarding the information that would be submitted to Department of Ecology. (See Exhibit "A" attached).

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2009, as written. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2009, as written. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,914.62:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the bills for November 2009, in the amount of \$22,914.62 (twenty-two thousand nine hundred fourteen dollars and sixty-two cents). **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and these inquiries were answered. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Ordinance No. 517 – Implementing the Cross-Connection Control Policy per the 2007 Water System Plan and Repealing Ordinance No. 338 pertaining to Backflow Prevention Devices:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve Ordinance No. 517, implementing the Cross-Connection Control Policy per the 2007 Water System Plan and repealing Ordinance No. 338 pertaining to Backflow Prevention Devices. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2) **Ordinance No. 518 – Amending the FY2009 Budget Ordinance No. 506:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve Ordinance No. 518, amending the FY2009 Budget Ordinance No. 506. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **Rescind Council Action of November 3, 2009: a) Appointment of Engineering Firm to Prepare Re-rating Hydraulic Report for Submittal to Department of Ecology by January 2010 and b) Update Town of South Prairie Facilities/General Sewer Plan in 2010:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to rescind Council Action of November 3, 2009: a) appointment of engineering firm to prepare re-rating hydraulic report for submittal to Department of Ecology by January 2010 and b) update Town of South Prairie Facilities/General Sewer Plan in 2010. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4) **a) Appointment of Engineering Firm to prepare NPDES Analysis that is due to Department of Ecology by January 2010; and b) Update Town of South Prairie Facilities/General Sewer Plan in 2010: (State Reasons for appointment of Engineering Firm)**
  - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to appoint Perteet, Inc. to a) prepare NPDES analysis that is due to Department of Ecology by January 2010; and b) update Town of South Prairie Facilities/General Sewer Plan in 2010, because they offered more options to facilitate the Town's needs incrementally. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated we have received several complaints about the trailers parked on Town right-of-way on Emery Avenue South. **Tony Caldwell** suggested the Town Council revisit the restricted parking issue and repost "No Parking" signs. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated this was only half of his business, and he closed his East coast business and brought it to this location. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated a tree broke off at the Veterans Park and was leaning into another tree. She stated she would have someone inspect the tree and cut it down. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated we had a meeting regarding the Town Center. She said in Orting, Mark Bethune donated labor and constructed a lot of the building. She said Orting just recently added a

bathroom and a kitchen. She would pursue this issue further and report back to the Council. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Judy requested that she be allowed to do limited duty (10 hours per week) through March 2010 in order to take time off to get well. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested Council approval to fill in for Judy pending approval from the Town Attorney and the Union. She said it would be approximately thirty to forty hours per month at the Union contract rate of \$10 per hour. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said she thought Peggy would be more knowledgeable than a Temp.

- ❖ Council consensus authorizing Peggy Levesque to cover in Judy's absence pending approval from the Town Attorney and the Union.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

**Tony Caldwell** stated he has the Pierce County Public Works superintendent coming out next week to inspect those areas that require crack sealing and patching. He said Pierce County would also build up the shoulder beside the ditch on South Prairie Carbon River Road, at their expense. He said there is a big low spot on Tubbs Road, due to a spring running under the roadway. He stated the maintenance work would be done now and possibly resurface the road next year. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated the next four years would probably be about repair and replacement. Discussion followed.

**Authorize Mayor to execute agreement with Perteet, Inc. – Pending approval from Town Attorney and insurance. (Reference Action Item #4 under New Business)**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Perteet, Inc. for engineering services pending approval from the Town Attorney and insurance. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Marla Nevill** wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

It was the consensus of the Town Council that the elected officials stipend be paid prior to the Christmas holiday each year. Discussion followed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ At 8:22 PM, **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of December 1, 2009. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Date Approved: January 5, 2010**