

TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010, 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, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

SWEAR IN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Peggy Levesque swore in Council Members Dave Lykstad and Laura Heideman.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Mart Kask, Town Planner; Marlis Ross and Dwight Partin, citizens; Larry Harter, Utility Operator; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 5, 2010:

- ❖ Councilor Karen Shell moved to approve the Agenda for January 5, 2010. Councilor Dave Lykstad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2009:

- ❖ Councilor Laura Heideman moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2009, as written. Councilor Karen Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,263.62:

- ❖ Councilor Karen Shell moved to approve the bills for December 2009, in the amount of \$75,263.62 (seventy-five thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars and sixty-two cents). Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and these inquiries were answered. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Shoreline Master Program Public Participation Program – Schedule Public Hearing for February 2 or 7, 2010, 7:00 PM:
 - ❖ Councilor Karen Shell moved to schedule the public hearing for the Shoreline Master Program Public Participation Program for February 2, 2010, 7:00 PM. Councilor Dave Lykstad seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore: Councilor Laura Heideman** nominated Gerald Boures as Mayor Pro-Tempore. There were no further nominations.
- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to appoint Gerald Boures as Mayor Pro-Tempore. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **AWC RMSA Interlocal Agreement was forwarded to Town Attorney for Review:**
Marla Nevill relayed to the Council that the AWC RMSA Interlocal Agreement was received and forwarded to the Town Attorney for review.
- 4) **Council Approval for Parametrix to Update Water System Map:**
- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve Parametrix to update the Water System Map. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Larry Harter** stated the Town needed to pursue the leak detection and needed an updated Water System Map. Council discussed the estimated cost to update the map. **Dwight Partin** stated he was concerned that he had already paid for the mapping when he installed the waterline extension and now Parametrix is trying to charge the Town for the same thing. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested that Marla contact the engineer to verify whether the mapping Dwight mentioned was the same as the Water System Map. No further discussion. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to amend his motion to approve Parametrix to update the Water System Map if the work had not already been done. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Marlis Ross stated she has lived in South Prairie for thirty years and been a business owner for seventeen years. She stated she just started another business and requested the Council consider amending the Sign Code to allow portable sandwich-board signs to be placed beside the main arterials. **Larry Harter** stated there is a small public right-of-way along the State highway. **Marlis Ross** stated other towns allow the posting of off-premise advertising signs. She relayed examples of sign ordinances from other towns. She stated the signs would only be posted during business hours. Discussion followed. **Mart Kask** stated this could be dealt with through the Variance process or the Council could amend the ordinance. He said either option would require a public hearing. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked Mart how long a Variance would be good for. **Mart Kask** said for the length of the business. He said each variance application would be examined on its merits. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated the variance application is \$250 plus the Town Planner's fees. **Mart Kask** stated the Council should try to avoid directional signs, and the State Department of Transportation (WDOT) would have to approve the sign posting. He said the coffee shop had to move their sign back as directed by WDOT. **Marlis Ross** stated she would like to know by May and she would be willing to pay a permit fee to post the signs. Discussion followed.

Dwight Partin congratulated everyone for being elected. He stated Buckley has the Logger Rodeo, Orting has whatever and South Prairie has the Trail. He stated he has worked with the County on a tentative agreement to extend the Trail through the RV Park. He said he did not believe the Town wanted horse waste down here so he proposed a Horse Trail on his property. He would change the name of the Park to Happy Trails. He said the new building located at the east end of his property is for a Rec Hall and he is getting the permits. He said he would eventually like to install a hay barn where the storage area is currently located. He showed a map and described his proposal. **Marlis Ross** asked if he was planning on having a rodeo or play day. **Dwight Partin** stated that would be entirely up to the horse people. He would like to keep the western type motif. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated Rails to Trails would be thrilled that there would be better access for the horse trail. **Dwight Partin** stated he would be attending a meeting at the end of the month to find out what he would need to do to make it fit. He said Pierce County wants the bicycle trail all the way to Mt. Rainier. Discussion followed. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked Dwight what his timeline was for the project completion. **Dwight Partin** stated with the banks the

way they are his hands are tied, but he is having a person design the plans. He would take the plans back to Montana and have the logs designed. He said it would be something people could be proud of here. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked if he was looking at five years for completion. **Dwight Partin** said no, this year. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked if he had received any promises from the County. **Dwight Partin** said he is still waiting to hear from the County, but that is not holding him up. Discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she attended the funeral for Pierce County Sheriff's Department Officer Kent Mundell. She said he worked mostly for the Mountain Detachment. She said the funeral service was very impressive and he seemed to have loved life and his job. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Marla swore her into office before the end of the year. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Larry Harter asked about the Cross-Connection Control Ordinance. **Marla Nevill** stated the ordinance was approved at the December Council meeting. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter stated he would be losing the WorkForce employees at the end of the month. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter stated he has been dealing with the engineer for the Infiltration and Inflow (I and I) analysis. He said we had some difficulty, but we are moving forward. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque asked Mart about the buyout of the flood damaged property on South Prairie Road. **Mart Kask** said the news is not good. He said the State is doing everything in their power to get the purchase approved. He said so far, we have not been able to meet the ratio requirement for the cost/benefit analysis. He said the State has a formula that takes in three flood losses, but the applicant has not been able to produce documentation from the 1996 flood. He said we have two points, and we're 80% away from where we need to be. He said the State is not considering the application at this time. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said if a claim was paid, there should be documentation. She said she would check to see if there was any information on a claim. Discussion followed. **Mart Kask** stated an elevation certificate is required. He gave them an estimate, but they want a licensed surveyor. He said they have to have the survey for the application to be complete. Discussion followed. **Mart Kask** said it's a repetitive loss, and the State supports us that it's a 5 – 10 year event. That is another problem as FEMA says it's a 100-year event. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we talked to the Land Conservancy, the Stream Team, and Pierce County Roads about purchasing the property. **Mart Kask** said he spoke to Pierce County Roads and they just fixed the road and do not need to fix it again for a long time. He said the Land Conservancy turned it down. Discussion followed. **Mart Kask** said he would write a letter to the applicant.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Marla Nevill stated she submitted her Certified Municipal Clerk's application to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC); and she should hear back within eight to ten weeks. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Gerald Boures stated we have heard reports that there were tires slashed in town. Discussion followed.

Mart Kask stated one requirement of the Shoreline Master Program update is GIS mapping. He said he would be attending training on Thursday for the Pierce County Countyview Web. He said he would purchase the license so he could produce maps to meet the Department of Ecology (DOE) requirements. He said the Town would not need to renew the license for two years, 2010-2011. He said if the Town needs maps he could update them. He said it seems to be a user-friendly program. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ❖ At 8:30 PM, **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting to January 19, 2010, 7:00 PM. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2/2/2010
Date Approved