

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 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 Pro-Tem Gerald Boures called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Mike and Cheryl England, citizens; Tony Caldwell; Larry Harter, Utility Operator and Marla Nevill, Clerk-Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Boures requested everyone stand for the "Pledge of Allegiance."

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 2, 2010:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Agenda for March 2, 2010. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Marla Nevill** requested to add the appointment of Mart Kask as Project Manager for the ARRA or JOBS Bill under New Business, Item #4; and Recess the Council Meeting to March 23, 2010, Item #5. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to amend his motion to approve the Agenda for March 2, 2010, with the corrections requested by Marla Nevill, Clerk-Treasurer. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2010:

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of February 2, 2010, as written. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2010, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,894.22:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for February 2010, in the amount of \$20,894.22 (twenty thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars and twenty-two cents). **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and these inquiries were answered. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Review Sign Regulations as Requested by Marlis Ross, Citizen (Tabled from the February 2, 2010 Council Meeting):**
 - ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to table the discussion on the Sign Regulations issue to March 23, 2010 Recessed Council Meeting; and schedule Public Hearing for April 6, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 2) **Option 1) Amend Sign Regulations Ordinance (Set Public Hearing) or Option 2) Require Citizen to Apply for a Variance (Set Public Hearing):**
 - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to delete Option 2. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 3) **Reaffirm Authorization for Expenditure of a Maximum of \$35,000 for the Engineering Design for the ARRA Funded Road Project:**
 - ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to reaffirm approval for expenditure of a maximum of \$35,000 for the engineering design for the ARRA Funded Road Project. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Boures** updated the Council Members on the ARRA Funding Project meeting. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 4) **Appointment of Mart Kask as the Project Manager for the ARRA Funded Road Project:**
 - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to appoint Mart Kask as Project Manager for the ARRA Funded Road Project. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. Council discussion regarding the project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 5) **Recess Council Meeting to March 23, 2010:**
 - ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to move Item #5 to the last item on the Agenda. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mike and Cheryl England submitted a request to obtain the Town's sewer hookup located at the corner of Emery Avenue South and SW First Street. They stated that the lot is vacant and the Town is not currently using the hookup. **Mike England** stated he had high expectations, but they are not making any money on this espresso stand. Discussion followed. **Mike England** stated their espresso stand only produces approximately thirty gallons of sewer per day. He also stated he was aware of a vacant home on Tacoma Avenue. **Cheryl England** stated it would be worth it to them to pay the connection charge. **Larry Harter** stated you couldn't look at the gallons; you have to look at the strength of the sewer. Discussion followed. **Mike England** stated any help by the Town Council would be greatly appreciated. Discussion followed regarding different options. **Cheryl England** asked when they could expect to receive an answer. Council requested that the request be forwarded to the Town Attorney for a response; and send a letter to Mike and Cheryl England.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Boures stated the Mayor is in Hawaii. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Larry Harter stated the I & I Study prepared by Cook Engineering was rejected by Department of Ecology (WDOE). He stated they did not follow the prescribed formula that WDOE requires. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter asked who the Town Engineer is. He said Dwight is trying to get a Certificate of Water Availability. Discussion followed. Larry Harter stated he has some questions regarding the proposed water usage and number of connections. He said the number of connections was not completed on the Certificate of Water Availability application. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter stated he is getting quotes for the leak detection. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter requested that the Fee Schedule under Resolution No. 185 and later amended by Resolution No. 237 be changed. He stated according to our Water Comp Plan, we should be charging based on ERUs (Equivalent Residential Units) not connections. He said with the water leaks, we are getting close to our maximum of 200 connections. Discussion followed. Larry Harter stated the Council needs to enact a new ordinance.

Tony Caldwell stated last week we met with Mart Kask and he thought we could select one of our Town Engineers for the ARRA funded Road Project; but we could not do that and have to get proposals from the Town's engineers and two other engineering firms. He said we meet with Dick Egolf, WDOT, tomorrow and he will let us know what we have to do and the timeline we have to meet. He said we have to have drawings completed, but they could also be available for future use. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Marla Nevill stated with Peggy and Judy gone, it has been hectic dealing with ARRA and other issues. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Karen Shell stated she met with Marlis Ross and discussed a dog park and possible location. She said we would have to research this issue further. Discussion followed.

RECESS:

- ❖ At 9:32 PM, Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to recess the Council Meeting to March 23, 2010, 7:00 PM. Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

April 6, 2010
Date Approved