

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 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/Public Hearing of Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 7:02 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Ron Heslop, Judge and Kathy Seymour, Court Administrator, Bonney Lake Municipal Court; Ron Weigelt and Marlys Jones, citizens; Judy Tremblay, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 6, 2010:**

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve the Agenda for April 6, 2010. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. Requested amendments to the Agenda as follows: 1) Table the Public Hearing for Sign Regulations to May 4, 2010; 2) Table the Boundary Line Adjustment – Chuck Bonato, Applicant to May 4, 2010; 3) Table Ordinance No. 519 – Amending Ordinance No. 378, Unified Development Regulations, Sign Regulations to May 4, 2010; 4) Ron Weigelt – Cannot speak to Council about his candidacy and would like to discuss community gardens and "Grow a Row" projects. **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to amend his motion to approve the Agenda for April 6, 2010 with corrections requested. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SWEAR IN JUDGE RON HESLOP:**

**Judge Ron Heslop** gave a brief introduction to the Mayor and Town Council and stated he was looking forward to working with the Town.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** swore in Judge Ron Heslop as the Town's Municipal Court Judge.

**RON WEIGELT – COMMUNITY GARDEN & "GROW A ROW" PROGRAM:**

**Ron Weigelt** stated he could not talk about his candidacy. He gave a brief presentation regarding the Community Garden and "Grow a Row" program. He said the food bank in Buckley would take fresh produce. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDING SIGN REGULATIONS:**

Tabled to May 4, 2010 Regular Council Meeting

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2010:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2010, as written. **Councilor Mathieu Cameron** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2010:**

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2010, as written. **Councilor Mathieu Cameron** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MARCH 2010, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,465.55:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for March 2010, in the amount of \$29,465.55 (twenty-nine thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars and fifty-five cents). **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and these inquiries were answered. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Boundary Line Adjustment – Chuck Bonato, Applicant:**  
Tabled to May 4, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.
- 2) **Ordinance No. 519 – Amending Sign Regulations:**  
Tabled to May 4, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.
- 3) **Software Proposals for Budget, Utility Billing and Payroll:**  
**Judy Tremblay** said we had a demo from Bias, a phone demo with Master Meter Systems (a/k/a Green Tree), and went up to Wilkeson to see the Visions program. She explained the different proposals to the Council. She stated she would have to reorder forms soon and was hoping to have the new programs in place to avoid ordering the old forms and then have to purchase new forms as well. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated after June, we would not be able to mail out our billings on postcards. Council discussed the proposals.
  - ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the purchase of Bias Software Programs for Budget, Utility Billing and Payroll in the amount of \$16,501.50, to be paid in full. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4) **USDA Loans – Early Payoff:**  
**Judy Tremblay** stated we have two loans through USDA for sewer with a balance of \$195,050; and we are currently paying 5% (five percent) interest. She suggested paying off the loans and paying ourselves the 5% (five percent) interest, or whatever interest rate the Council approves. She said the funds for the loan payoff would come from the Sewer Department and a loan from Water Reserve Fund, General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. **Judy** stated we are earning less than 1% interest from our money market account.
  - ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to direct the Town Attorney to draft an Ordinance for paying off the USDA sewer loans by borrowing money from the Water Reserve Fund, General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. Council discussed interest rates and terms for repayment to the various Funds. **Marla Nevill** stated concerns about depleting available funds, when we might have to update

our Sewer Comp Plan this year and replace our aging water tanks. After further discussion, Councilor Dave Lykstad withdrew his second. Council consensus to table this issue to May 4, 2010 Council Meeting.

5) **Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Day:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque read into record the Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated she attended the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and there were a lot of kids there. She said the Fire Department has sponsored the event for 57 years. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

Marla Nevill stated she spoke to Mart Kask, and the Tubbs Road, SE Third Street and Emery Avenue Road Project is moving along. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Marla Nevill stated she received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque and the Council Members congratulated Marla on her accomplishment.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

Councilor David Lykstad requested a list of documents that require updating. Mayor Peggy Levesque stated we would research this issue and get back to the Council. She stated we would work on a Projects Timeline. Discussion followed.

Councilor Gerald Boures stated it seems that the Census does not want to count poor and rural areas. Councilor Dave Lykstad said no, they do not mail census forms to Post Office boxes. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ At 8:35 PM, Councilor Gerald Boures moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2010. Councilor Dave Lykstad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Date Approved