

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011, 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 August 3, 2011, at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members:** Gerald Boures, Mathieu Cameron, Karen Shell and Tony Caldwell were present. Laura Heideman was absent.

**Also in attendance:** Jerry Thorson, Fire Chief Pierce County Fire District #22 (East Pierce Fire and Rescue); 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 AUGUST 3, 2011:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the Agenda for August 3, 2011. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CHIEF JERRY THORSON – EAST PIERCE FIRE AND RESCUE:**

**Chief Thorson** updated the Mayor and Council Members on several issues pertaining to the Fire District. He said East Pierce Fire and Rescue's (EPF&R) EMS levy expires this year and is on the ballot this month for voter approval and he understood that South Prairie's EMS levy would be on the November ballot. Discussion ensued regarding future annexation into the Fire District, a manned station in South Prairie and working with the volunteer firefighter group. When asked about the number of calls, he responded that there are about 100 calls per year in South Prairie. Mayor and Council Members thanked Chief Thorson for attending the meeting and giving them an update regarding the Fire District.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2011:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2011. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR JULY 2011, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,951.08:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the bills for July 2011, in the amount of \$38,951.08 (thirty-eight thousand nine hundred fifty-one dollars and eight 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) **Agreement with Watershed Company to Complete the Shoreline Master Program Update:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve the agreement with Watershed Company to complete the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** seconded the motion. **Tony Caldwell** stated he was concerned about the forty-three (43) comments from Department of Ecology (DOE) review; but he spoke with Kenny Booth, Watershed Company, and was reassured that the costs to address those comments would be absorbed in the original agreement for \$24,000. **Tony Caldwell** said he did not see any reason not to approve this agreement with the Watershed Company. **Tony Caldwell** said the majority of the comments from DOE were requesting a reduction in the content of the document. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2) **Resolution No. 314 – EMS Levy – Submit to Voters for Approval or Rejection at the General Election on November 8, 2011:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve Resolution No. 314, submitting the EMS Levy to voters for approval or rejection at the General Election on November 8, 2011. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **Labor Agreement with Laborers Local 22:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the Labor Agreement with Laborers Local 242. **Councilor Mathieu Cameron** seconded the motion. Council reviewed the final corrections. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None

## MAYOR'S REPORT:

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said East Pierce Fire & Rescue hosted the National Night Out at the South Prairie Fire Station. She said they had the Smokehouse available. There was not a big turnout but it was a good evening. The Sheriff's Department came and brought a bomb-sniffing dog. She said it is really good that the Fire Department sponsored this event. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she met with the representative from the Union. She thought Representative Christopher Hurst would sponsor a Bill in the House and Pam Roach is sponsoring one for the Senate to resolve the issue with the pension fund. Discussion followed.

## PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

**Larry Harter** said concrete was poured at the project on SW First Street. He said they would start working on the drainage project at Town Hall. He said we have been working on clearing the rights-of-way on Rainier Avenue; and it is looking better. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** stated people are making a point of cleaning up their properties since the Town is cleaning up as well. He said Mart Kask, Code Enforcement Officer, would be sent the information on those properties that have not started resolving code violations. Discussion followed.

**Larry Harter** said he would be going on vacation and gave a list of persons that would be covering the utilities while he is gone. Discussion followed.

**Larry Harter** said there is a sinkhole on SE Third Street. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** said in order to qualify for grant funding, we cannot repair the potholes. Discussion followed.

## CLERK'S REPORT:

**Marla Nevill** said Judy Tremblay had a family emergency and would be out of the office for a while.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

**Councilor Tony Caldwell** requested that letters of appreciation be sent to those residents that have complied with the "Clean-up Notice." Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ At 7:58 PM, **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of August 3, 2011. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Date Approved: September 6, 2011**