

TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Recessed Council Meeting of January 19, 2006 at 7:02 PM, and requested everyone stand for the "Pledge of Allegiance."

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Robert Stanbary, Laura Heideman and Dave Lykstad were present. Virginia Thompson arrived late. Chandra Hairston was absent.

Also in attendance: Lois Erath, citizen; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVAL OF FINAL BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2005, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$906.09:

- ❖ Councilor Robert Stanbary moved to approve the final bills for December 2005, in the amount of \$906.09. Councilor Dave Lykstad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Approval of the Budget Document for Fiscal Year 2006:

Council discussed possible future revisions to the Budget Document and a Council retreat to review this and other issues as well. Council requested the Town Clerk check into the procedures for increasing the Town's sales tax. Discussion followed.

- ❖ Councilor Robert Stanbary moved to approve the Budget Document for Fiscal Year 2006. Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss E-mail Distribution:

Marla Nevill asked for Council approval to forward e-mails instead of having to copy and distribute them. Council discussed the issue. Council authorized the Town Clerk to forward e-mails to the members who have e-mail addresses. For the Council Members who do not have e-mail, the information would be copied and put in their mailboxes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mayor Peggy Levesque asked for citizen comments. Lois Erath said she is here for support.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she is trying to go through a lot of documents. She said she is looking into a Council table from the City of Orting. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Councilor Robert Stanbary said the Utility Operator submitted a request to purchase a lawn mower for the Parks Department. Discussion followed.

Councilor Robert Stanbary said he would work on the police contract. Virginia Thompson arrived at 7:27 PM. Councilor Robert Stanbary said we should try to get a similar or better contract for police services. Mayor Peggy Levesque said the City of Buckley might be able to offer more services. She said we received a "Letter of Resignation" from the Town Marshall. Councilor Robert Stanbary said the Town Marshall is in the hospital and he is very sick. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

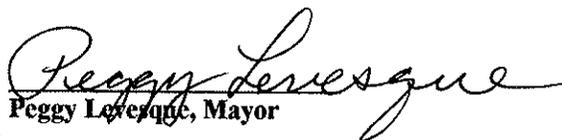
Marla Nevill requested Council authorization to start planning the Festival in the Park. Councilor Robert Stanbary said we should start planning early. Discussion followed. The Council gave approval to start planning for the Festival in the Park. Marla Nevill said the first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2006, 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Councilor Dave Lykstad said at the South Prairie Cares Committee meeting, he had discussed having a South Prairie Salmon Run in the fall of the year. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** suggested that he start planning early for the event. Discussion followed. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said they would probably schedule the event for late September, and John Downs had suggested that he contact the Pierce County Parks Department about helping with the event. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** suggested contacting the local tribes about helping with the event, as well. She said the town has an Easter Egg Hunt, nothing for the Fourth of July; they used to have a May Day Parade; and last year we had the Festival in the Park. Discussion followed regarding possible future events. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she thought the Salmon Run was a good idea. She said like Robert stated, she would like to get back to a more positive atmosphere.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ❖ **Councilor Robert Stanbary** moved to adjourn the Recessed Council Meeting of January 19, 2006, at 7:42 PM. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**


Peggy Levesque, Mayor


Maria Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer