TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL:
Council Members: Dave Lykstad, Laura Heideman and Virginia Thompson were present. Robert Stanbary and Chandra Hairston were absent.
Also in attendance: Barbara Hansen, Gazette Reporter; Curt Lokovsek, Tom Inglin and Michael Lakin, citizens; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

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

***Amend Agenda:** **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Councilor Robert Stanbary called in to say he would not be attending the Council Meeting tonight, but she had not received any notification from Chandra Hairston. She said she would entertain a motion to discuss excused and/or unexcused absences.

- **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to discuss the absences of Council Members Robert Stanbary and Chandra Hairston and determine whether they are excused or unexcused. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Marla Nevill** said she believed a Council seat could be declared vacant after three consecutive unexcused absences. She said she would check with Municipal Research Service Center to verify this information. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Council could proceed to post the vacancy after three absences. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Robert Stanbary called in to say he would not be attending the Council Meeting and she requested an amendment to the motion to address the absences individually. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to excuse Robert Stanbary's absence from the Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2006. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to record Chandra Hairston's absence from the Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2006 as unexcused. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2006:

- **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2006. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2006:

- **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2006. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. She requested the minutes be amended to include the attendees at the Council Retreat. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2006, IN THE AMOUNT OF $109,011.67:

- **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the bills for February 2006, in the amount of $109,011.67 (one hundred nine thousand eleven dollars and sixty-seven cents). **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. Council discussed the grant funding reimbursements. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Ordinance No. 470 – Mileage Reimbursement Rate, Repealing Ordinance No. 203 and 420:
"An Ordinance of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington repealing Ordinance No. 203 and No. 420 and setting forth a new mileage reimbursement rate for Town officials and employees on official business, and setting the amount as authorized by the Internal Revenue Service."

- **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve Ordinance No. 470. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. She said she liked the way the ordinance was written, because we would use the yearly rate established by the Internal Revenue Service instead of amending or repealing the ordinance. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2) Review SEPA for the General Permit for Biosolids Management – Authorize Town Attorney to draft Resolution for Council Action and Authorize Clerk/Treasurer to Publish SEPA Document:
Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer, explained that the Town Planner had already submitted the SEPA document to the Country Gazette for publication and the only Council Action needed is to direct the Town Attorney to draft the resolution.

- **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to authorize the Town Attorney to draft a resolution for Council Action on the General Permit for Biosolids Management. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Laura Heideman** asked for clarification on the Council Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2006. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the March 14, 2006 meeting is to review the draft Water Comprehensive Plan. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3) Governor Christine Gregoire Proclamation Request: Proclaiming March 2006 as WOMEN'S HISTORY – MONTH:
Mayor Peggy Levesque read the Proclamation from Governor Christine Gregoire proclaiming March 2006 as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH (attached as Exhibit "A"), and requested Council endorsement of the Proclamation.

- **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to endorse the Proclamation from Governor Christine Gregoire proclaiming March 2006 as Women's History Month. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked when it would be National Norwegians Month? **Curt Lokovsek** asked when it would be National Heterosexual Male Month? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said there are a lot of accomplishments by women and recalled that her mother-in-law served as a WAVE during World War II. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Robert Stanbary – Revisit Installation of Security System, Tabled from February 6, 2006:
Marla Nevill said the bids from ADT and Protection One remained the same. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said her opinion was that it was more important that the Town had adequate police protection. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would entertain a motion.

- **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to hold off on pursuing the security system at this time. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Marla Nevill** requested an amendment to the motion to remove the Security System issue from the table. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** amended his motion to remove the Security System issue from the table. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Michael Lakin – Merit Badge for Citizenship in the Community:
Michael Lakin, a local Boy Scout, stated he was working on his Merit Badge for Citizenship in the Community, and stated that he might be interested in pursuing his Eagle Scout Project in South Prairie. Discussion followed.

Curt Lokovsek – Purchase of New Mower for Town:
Curt Lokovsek said he heard the Town would be purchasing a new mower, but $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) was too much money for South Prairie to spend on a mower. He said repairing the Kubota is cheaper than payments. He suggested the Town purchase a mower from Sears for approximately $1500 - $2000. He said he understood the Kubota was getting old, but he thought the area by the Wastewater Treatment Plant could be fenced and put livestock in there to graze. He brought a magazine featuring lawn mowers and implements for Council review. **Curt Lokovsek** stated the Town Council should think hard about purchasing a $10,000 (ten thousand dollar) mower. He said the Town mower should not be used to mow private property and rocky areas. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked Curt to put his concerns in writing and offered to give him a Council Action Request form. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked if the Council had authorized the Utility Operator to purchase the mower. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Town Council authorized the purchase of a new mower, but she was not certain where the Utility Operator was at in the purchase process. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** stated the Utility Operator should be directed to hold off on purchasing the mower.

- **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to instruct the Utility Operator to hold off on purchasing the $10,000 (ten thousand dollar) mower pending further Council review. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** agreed that $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) was a lot of money to spend for a lawnmower. **Curt Lokovsek** said they are great mowers with some great features, but they're very expensive. He said when you leave the Sears store prices for mowers more than double. Discussion followed. **Curt Lokovsek** suggested the Town control where the mower is being used and routinely do maintenance on the Brush Hog. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Tom Inglin – Police Contract:
Tom Inglin asked what was going on with the Police Contract? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would address that issue under the Mayor's Report.

Council Action Request:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she received a Council Action Request from Stacey Straughn requesting the area around the recycle bins be cleaned up. She said the driver from D.M. Recycling said garbage was being placed in the recycle bins. She said she spoke to Robert Stanbary and he said the place was a mess and we should have the recycle bins removed. Discussion followed. **Curt Lokovsek** said this was not an issue when it was free to go to the dump. It was the consensus of the Town Council to have the recycle bins removed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would contact D.M. Recycling to request the recycle bins be removed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Police Contract:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said the Town Marshall and a couple of officers resigned effective March 31, 2006. She said we do not have twenty-four hour on-duty police coverage. She said the contract fee is approximately $22,000 plus the Town of Wilkeson receives the Fines and Forfeits. She said we are not getting the service we've had in the past, and the coverage seems to be going downhill. She said we are checking into service from other jurisdictions but Orting and Buckley are not interested in covering South Prairie. She said Cynthia Stewart, Northwest Small City Services, is doing a study and she is willing to meet with us on Friday, March 10, 2006, 9:00 AM, to discuss our options for police services. She said the Town of Wilkeson is trying to hire a new Town Marshall, and they are attempting to put the department back together. She said she would like to see twenty-four hour on-duty police coverage, but she did not know if the Town could afford that type of protection without a voter-approved levy. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the City of Buckley is sending two police officers through the academy right now. She said Buckley would offer service to Wilkeson but not to South Prairie, because we have more call volume, and they already provide service to Carbonado. Discussion followed.

Volunteer to Repair Ditch on Carriage Road:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said Jerry Kuranko volunteered to repair the ditch and install a culvert on Carriage Road. She said we could sign Mr. Kuranko up as a volunteer, and we have approval from our insurance pool, the Association of Washington Cities, for the work to be performed by a volunteer. Discussion followed regarding the use of either ductile iron or concrete piping. **Tom Inglin** suggested using a concrete culvert. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the ductile iron piping is $27.07 per foot and we need 60' (sixty feet) of pipe. She said she would

have the Utility Operator check with the engineer to verify the type of pipe we are required to use under a public roadway, and we would have to go with the recommendation of the Town Engineer.

Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for Building Permits:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said she is working with Gordon Aleshire, Pierce County Building Official, on an Interlocal Agreement for Pierce County to handle the town's building permit applications and inspections. She said no money would be involved, but they would receive the building permit fees. Discussion followed.

Road Agreement with Pierce County:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said the Road Agreement with Pierce County expired and Pierce County will contact the Utility Operator to schedule a time to evaluate the condition of the roads. Discussion followed.

Transportation Grants:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said Jim Seitz, Association of Washington Cities, would be working with the Town to help obtain transportation grant funding for some of the town's road projects. Discussion followed.

Dog Running at Large:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said we had received complaints about a vicious dog running at large and Metro Animal Control was contacted and they came out and picked up the dog under the Mutual Powers Act. She said the owners of the dog already paid the fine and picked up the dog. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we might be able to contract with Metro Animal Control for Animal Control Services.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:
None.

CLERK'S REPORT:
SPC Committee Request to Purchase Tree in Memory of Clay Gatchel, Discuss Establishing a Policy:
Marla Nevill said the South Prairie Cares Committee has requested the Town purchase a tree in memory of Clay Gatchel, a long-time supporter of the Trail. She said he and his wife patrolled the Trail on a regular basis. She said as recommended by the Auditor, the Council would need to establish a policy to cover donations. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested the Town Clerk contact the Town Attorney and the Auditor regarding this issue.

SPC Committee Request Council Approval to add the Committee to the Veterans Memorial Fund:
Marla Nevill said the South Prairie Cares Committee requested Council approval to add the South Prairie Cares Committee to the Veterans Memorial Fund. She suggested two separate funds, one for the Veterans Memorial Fund and one for the South Prairie Cares Committee. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Town would review this issue further and let the South Prairie Cares Committee know if we can establish another fund.

Review, Repeal and/or Reinstate the following Ordinances and Resolutions: Ordinance No. 371, 372, 395, 423, 429, 444 and 463 and Resolution No. 239 and 241:
Marla Nevill asked the Council to review Ordinances 371, 372, 395, 423, 429, 444 and 463 and Resolutions 239 and 241 for repeal and/or reinstatement. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** suggested that the ordinances and resolutions be forwarded to the Town Attorney to review, repeal and/or reinstatement for Council Action at the April Council Meeting. Discussion followed.

- **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to forward Ordinances 371, 372, 395, 423, 429, 444 and 463 and Resolutions 239 and 241 to the Town Attorney for review, repeal and/or reinstatement as necessary. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:
Mayor Peggy Levesque said the Council Retreat was excellent and we received some great information from Cynthia Stewart, the facilitator. **Barbara Hansen, Gazette Reporter,** said committee assignments were discussed at the last Council meeting and asked if Council Members had been assigned to different committees. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Laura was assigned to redesign the Town Center and she would be checking into grant funding; Robert was assigned to Water/Sewer; Dave was assigned to Community Development; Chandra was assigned to

Streets; Virginia was assigned to Emergency Response Planning and she was assigned to Public Safety. Discussion followed.

RECESS:

- At 8:35 PM, **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2006 to March 14, 2006, 7:00PM. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Peggy Levesque

Peggy Levesque, Mayor

Marla Nevill

Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1987 Congress designated the month of March as "National Women's History Month" across the country and the President authorized the issue of a proclamation, calling upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 National Women's History Month will hold a special significance for all women as we recognize the many strides, accomplishments, and contributions that women have made in the past century, and the great expectations, challenges, and success for women in the future; and

WHEREAS, during this celebration, we should especially remember the women from Washington State who are serving with our military in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world, as well as those who have served previously in the military; and

WHEREAS, to honor Women's History Month, the Washington State Employment Security Department, Pierce County Veterans, and AMVETS Post#1 in Tacoma will host a job/career fair as an opportunity for women veterans and job seekers to connect with colleges, employers, and community organizations looking for qualified employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2006 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 27th day of January, 2006

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

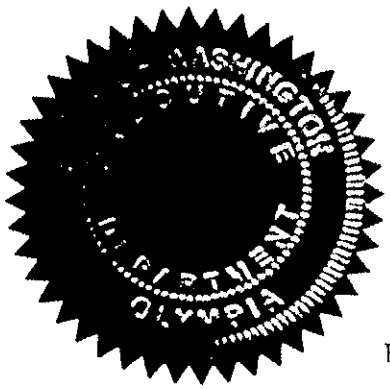

EXHIBIT "A"
3/7/06