

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE**  
**RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006, 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Recessed Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Nathan Mozer and Jennifer Dvorak, Parametrix – Town Engineers; Barbara Hansen, Gazette Reporter; Tom Inglin, citizen; Larry Harter, Utility Operator; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque requested everyone stand for the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

**\*Amend Agenda:** Mayor Peggy Levesque requested an amendment to the Agenda to address Council Member absences.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to amend the Agenda to discuss Council Member absences. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** 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 the absence for Council Member Virginia Thompson as being excused. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Laura Heideman** stated Virginia Thompson had informed the Council at the last meeting that she would not be in attendance at tonight’s meeting because she would be out of town. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to record the absence for Council Member Chandra Hairston as being unexcused. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. She said Chandra Hairston had not contacted the Town Hall to say she would not be able to attend the Council Meeting tonight. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** said Chandra is trying to change her work schedule. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have to record the absences as either excused or unexcused. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** stated again that Chandra was trying to change her schedule and that she was working a twelve-hour shift. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** stated there were plenty of phones around and she could call the Town Hall. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** and **Councilor Dave Lykstad** both stated that Chandra needed to contact the Town Hall if she could not attend a Council Meeting. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Two Ayes and One Nay, Motion carries.** (Councilor Robert Stanbary opposed).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Draft of the South Prairie Comprehensive Water System Plan:**

**Jennifer Dvorak and Nathan Mozer, Parametrix – Town Engineers:**

**Jennifer Dvorak** presented the Draft Water Comprehensive Plan for Council review. She said the document is approximately 75% (seventy-five percent) complete. She said they would review comments submitted by the Council, Utility Operator and citizens prior to final draft and approval by the Town Council. She said then the document would be forwarded to the Department of Health for review and approval. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** commented on the nice job Parametrix did in preparing the document, and said she noted a few corrections. **Jennifer Dvorak** addressed the new regulations for arsenic levels. She recommended several options to address the issue: 1) drill the well deeper, 2) blend with the upper well, or 3) filter the lower well. She said the arsenic issue is probably the number one priority, because we have to meet regulatory requirements. Other issues she addressed were cleaning and resurfacing the water tanks, cleaning the water pumps and locating the water leakages. She said one of the reservoirs is reaching its life expectancy. Discussion followed. **Larry Harter** expressed his concern about one of the water tanks not having earthquake straps. He said he watched the staff gauge bounce up and down after the last earthquake. Discussion followed regarding anchoring or replacement of the water tank. **Jennifer Dvorak** said under the draft Comprehensive Water System Plan they proposed tank replacement during the timeframe of 2020–2025. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said there are mixed reviews on the inspection of the water

tanks, and she expressed concerns on whether the water tanks would last that long. **Jennifer Dvorak** recommended that the tanks be inspected, cleaned and painted as soon as possible. **Larry Harter** said the piping in town might be listed as a low priority. **Nathan Mozer** asked Larry to let them know if he felt they were off the mark on prioritization of projects. He said they would look for funding sources within the next few months for some of the projects. He said the average income for South Prairie puts us out of the running for Block Grants. He suggested that the Town request having the income reassessed. Discussion followed regarding grant funding, proposed treatment for arsenic levels, use of School Yard well for emergency purposes only, water rights and leakages. **Jennifer Dvorak** suggested the Town of South Prairie have an agreement with a neighboring water purveyor, in the event of an emergency. **Jennifer Dvorak** distributed a Service Area Policy Handout to the Mayor and Council Members. Discussion followed. **Jennifer Dvorak** thanked the Mayor and Council Members for scheduling tonight's meeting so both she and Nate could attend. The Mayor and Council Members thanked Jennifer and Nathan for their presentation.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested an amendment to the Agenda for input from Larry Harter, Utility Operator, on the purchase of the mower.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

##### **Discussion on Purchase of Mower:**

**Larry Harter, Utility Operator**, said we currently have the Kubota tractor with a pull-behind mower. He said we purchased the Kubota fourteen years ago. He said he would anticipate that a Z-Tek Mower would last at least fourteen years. He said he already has a purchase order for the mower. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked if the mower would be used as a backup mower? He said that is a lot of money to mow lawns. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** asked if we were going to go out and purchase a \$2,000 (two thousand dollar) mower every two years? **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said he believed we could get five years out of a riding lawn mower. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said there is about five acres of lawn just at the Third Street Park. **Larry Harter** said the Kubota is currently in the shop having the clutch fixed. Discussion followed. **Larry Harter** said he believed the Z-Tek mower would last longer than a Craftsman mower from Sears. He said the Z-Tek has a diesel engine, and diesel engines usually last longer than gasoline engines. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the previous Mayor was in favor of purchasing a new mower. She said she is in favor of maintaining the lawns on Town property. **Dave Lykstad** said he would be in favor of purchasing a \$2,000 (two thousand dollar) lawn mower from Sears. **Tom Inglin** said the Craftsman mower would not last as long as the Z-Tek mower. Discussion followed. No Council Action was taken on this issue.

#### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

##### **Effective Council Meetings Workshop:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested Council authorization to attend the Effective Council Meetings Workshop on April 12, 2006, in Fife. Discussion followed. Council authorized Mayor Peggy Levesque to attend the Effective Council Meetings Workshop on April 12, 2006.

##### **Frederico Cruz-Uribe – Avian Flu Pandemic:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Frederico Cruz-Uribe, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, would be attending the Regular Council Meeting on May 2, 2006 to give a presentation on the Avian Flu Pandemic. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said flyers would be posted in Town.

##### **Police Services:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she had a meeting with Cynthia Stewart, Northwest Small Cities Services, to discuss Police Service options. She said Mayor Kepka, Town of Wilkeson, hired Glen McKinney as the new Town Marshall. She said several officers would also be resigning on March 31, 2006. She said it would be nice to start fresh and define our expectations for the Police Department. Discussion followed.

**Gordon Aleshire, Pierce County Planning and Land Services – Building Permits:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she has been working with Gordon Aleshire, Pierce County Planning and Land Services, to handle the building permits and inspections. She requested Council approval to direct the Town Attorney to review the draft Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County and draft a resolution for Council Action.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to direct the Town Attorney to review the draft Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Planning and Land Services to handle the South Prairie building permits and inspections and prepares a resolution for Council Action. **Councilor Robert Stanbary** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Animal Control:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would be pursuing Animal Control Services through Metro Animal Control, and she would report back to the Council. Discussion followed.

**Roads:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would be working with Pierce County Public Works to update our contract for road maintenance. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Purchase Request Authorizing Transfer of Resolutions, Ordinances and Minutes to CD and Microfilm:**

Marla Nevill requested Council authorization to approve the purchase request to transfer the Town's resolutions, ordinances and minutes to CD and microfilm.

- ❖ **Councilor Robert Stanbary** moved to authorize the purchase request to transfer the resolutions, ordinances and minutes to CD and microfilm. **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.**

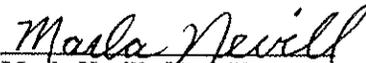
**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ **Councilor Robert Stanbary** moved to adjourn the Recessed Council Meeting of March 14, 2006, at 8:35 PM. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

  
Peggy Levesque, Mayor

  
Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer