

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Dave Lykstad, Laura Heideman, Virginia Thompson, Anthony Caldwell and Eric Satterthwaite were present.

Also in attendance: John Downs, citizen; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2006:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2006. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2006:

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2006. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2006:

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2006. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,552.36:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for October 2006 in the amount of \$37,552.36 (thirty-seven thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty-six cents). **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if we had received a bill for the GIS program? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would have Judy check on this. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she authorized Idol Web Design to copy minutes to disc so we can forward to Washington State Archives to transfer information to microfilm for permanent record requirements. She said we have to transfer the ordinances and resolutions to disc and forward to the Washington State Archives as well. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.** **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked that the check to Mart Kask be held until the Mayor clarifies several items on his invoice. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) BMX Proposal – Mark Hutko:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Mark Hutko was supposed to be here tonight. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he received one complaint about the PA system being too loud. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said they are trying to use Brad Campbell's arena for the BMX track. She said Mart Kask had suggested a Temporary Use Permit for November. She said she and Marla reviewed the zoning

regulations and it looked like it was an allowed use. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would contact Mark Hutko and ask that they turn down the volume on the PA system.

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to table this issue to the Regular Council Meeting on December 5, 2006. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2) FY 2007 Budget Hearing Scheduled for November 14, 2006, 7:00 PM:

Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer, said the Public Hearing for the fiscal year 2007 Budget is scheduled for November 14, 2006, 7:00 PM. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** requested copies of the 2007 Budget be distributed to the Mayor and Council Members. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would not be able to attend the meeting on November 14, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

John Downs – Inquiry on Development at East End of Town:

John Downs inquired about the development at the East end of Town. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the property owner has moved a lot of dirt and the Pierce County Building Inspector would be monitoring the situation. Discussion followed.

John Downs – Run with Salmon:

John Downs asked how the Council felt about the Run with Salmon event and would they be interested in having the event next year? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she thought the Town would be interested in having the event next year and the Council agreed. Discussion followed. **John Downs** said if anyone is interested in ordering a T-shirt to contact him.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Attended Pierce County Council Meeting:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she attended the Pierce County Council Meeting and they discussed the possibility of condemning some properties between South Prairie and Buckley in order to link the Foothills Trail between the two towns. She said a few property owners are still holding out. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she agrees with Mayor Pat Johnson of Buckley and would like to see the trail linked between the two towns. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if Initiative 933 would affect the condemnation process. **John Downs** said he did not think so, but it depends on when I-933 would go into effect. He said two or three properties might be affected by I-933. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said condemnation is a last resort. Discussion followed.

Judge Hamilton Pursuing Litigation:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said in spite of the letter sent to Judge Hamilton from the AWC attorney, he is still pursuing litigation against the Town. Discussion followed.

Comcast Seasons Greeting:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Comcast would be here tomorrow at 10:00 AM to film the Seasons Greeting for the Town of South Prairie and invited the Council Members to participate in the greeting. Discussion followed.

Flooding:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said South Prairie fared well during the flooding. She said three families had to leave their homes. She said we have a few sandbags left. She said we were very fortunate to have a lot of

volunteers help with the sandbagging efforts. She said we sent a truckload of sandbags to the RV Park, and after the sandbags were unloaded, the manager from the RV Park returned with thirty volunteers to help fill sandbags. She said we had volunteers from the Scouts, Cares Committee, LDS Church and a lot of citizens from South Prairie and the surrounding area. She said we received thirteen loads of sand, ten yards on each load. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the efforts of the volunteers really helped to prevent damage to the town. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said food was brought in late in the evening. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Rose Collecchi brought in a lot of food to the fire station for the volunteers. She said she was on the phone to the Emergency Operation Center most of the evening. She said any flood damage to homes or the Town would be covered by FEMA. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would post a "Thank You" to the volunteers on the website, reader board and water bill.

Proclamation of Emergency:

Mayor Peggy Levesque read the Proclamation of Emergency into record. (See Exhibit "A" attached). She said she did learn a few things. She said she would have a laminated card of emergency contact numbers, and a record of the volunteers. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

None.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Parking Restriction on NW Washington Street:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell asked if an ordinance had been prepared restricting parking on the north side of NW Washington Street? **Marla Nevill** said that ordinance would be on the Council Agenda for the Recessed Council Meeting/Public Hearing on November 14, 2006. Discussion followed.

Siren at Fire Station:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said the siren at the Fire Station should go off when the Town needs assistance. Discussion followed regarding use of siren for evacuation purposes only. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she spoke to Chief Packer about using the siren at the Fire Station for disaster warning only and he said the Lahar Siren in Orting cost about \$100,000. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said it is Kyle Bylin's last night in the Fire Station since he was hired by the City of Sumner as a full-time firefighter.

Run with Salmon Event:

Councilor Dave Lykstad asked that we send a "Thank You" letter to the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition for their assistance in putting on the Run with Salmon event. Discussion followed. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said he is looking forward to next year's event.

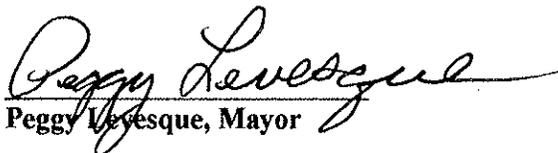
Meeting Request from BC Investigative Engineering:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell asked about the meeting requested by BC Investigative Engineering for the RV Park Water Line Extension? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we received a letter from Mr. Partin's engineering firm protesting the report by Nathan Mozer, Parametrix, for his review of the Water Main Extension application. She said the water main has to be done correctly. She said in Resolution No. 151, if they add a water main; they have to bring the existing piping up to code. She said they have requested a meeting between our attorney, engineer and Town representatives and their attorney, engineer and RV Park representatives. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said our engineer is doing an excellent job. He said it costs money to have the engineer and attorney come out to a meeting and he thought the engineer

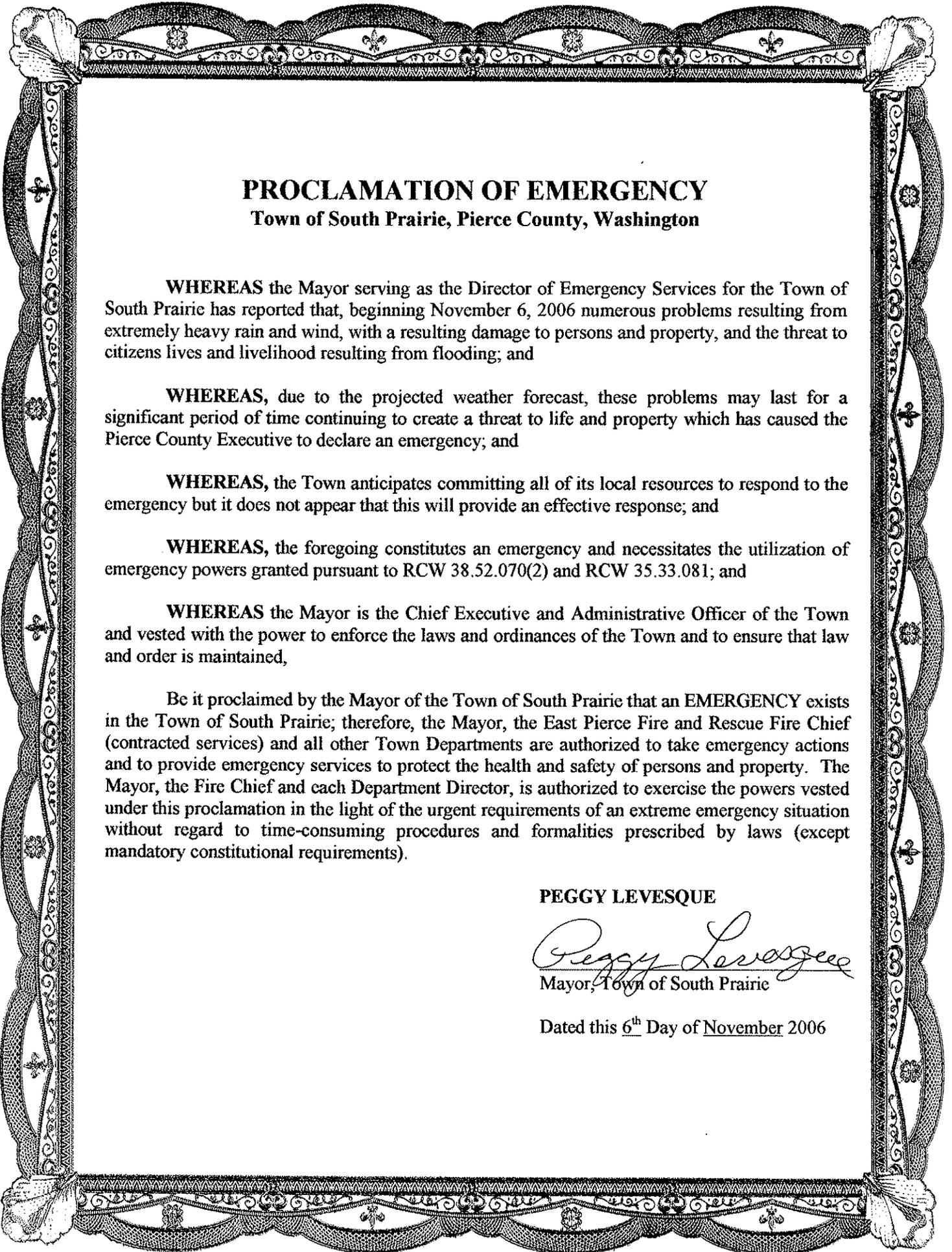
would come to the same conclusion. Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would speak to the new attorney about this issue. She said Mike Reynolds is the Town Attorney until November 20, 2006. She said with the flooding she has not had time to address the Water Main Extension issue. Discussion followed.

RECESS TO NOVEMBER 14, 2006:

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting of November 7, 2006 to November 14, 2006, 7:00 PM. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**


Peggy Levesque, Mayor


Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer



PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington

WHEREAS the Mayor serving as the Director of Emergency Services for the Town of South Prairie has reported that, beginning November 6, 2006 numerous problems resulting from extremely heavy rain and wind, with a resulting damage to persons and property, and the threat to citizens lives and livelihood resulting from flooding; and

WHEREAS, due to the projected weather forecast, these problems may last for a significant period of time continuing to create a threat to life and property which has caused the Pierce County Executive to declare an emergency; and

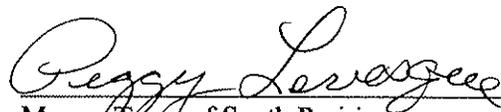
WHEREAS, the Town anticipates committing all of its local resources to respond to the emergency but it does not appear that this will provide an effective response; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing constitutes an emergency and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 35.33.081; and

WHEREAS the Mayor is the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the Town and vested with the power to enforce the laws and ordinances of the Town and to ensure that law and order is maintained,

Be it proclaimed by the Mayor of the Town of South Prairie that an EMERGENCY exists in the Town of South Prairie; therefore, the Mayor, the East Pierce Fire and Rescue Fire Chief (contracted services) and all other Town Departments are authorized to take emergency actions and to provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property. The Mayor, the Fire Chief and each Department Director, is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the urgent requirements of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by laws (except mandatory constitutional requirements).

PEGGY LEVESQUE


Mayor, Town of South Prairie

Dated this 6th Day of November 2006