

TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Recessed Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Mark Hutko, ABA BMX; Kyle Davis, David Fiedler and Eric Sleveland, citizens; 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 add Mark Hutko, ABA BMX.

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to amend the Agenda to add Mark Hutko, ABA BMX. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mark Hutko, ABA BMX – said the last few months have been tough. He said for twenty-five years we were allowed to use an indoor horse arena for the BMX practices, but the owner retired and sold the property to a fencing company. He said we met Tom Campbell and within two weeks we put together a BMX track. He said we have had to deal with mud and parking issues. He said we are losing riders and not making any money and barely surviving. He said if we could have got some gravel in the parking area before it rained, we might have been okay. He said we used to get about eighty models. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if he had contacted the Fair Grounds. **Mark Hutko** said we couldn't afford to rent the Fair Grounds. He said we made inquiries but they wanted \$650 a day. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if they charged spectators to attend? **Mark Hutko** said they charge the participants but they do not charge the spectators. He said they are barely surviving with twenty participants, and for sanctioned events they have to pay insurance. He said if they drop below twenty participants, they would probably have to quit. Discussion followed regarding the Temporary Use Permit. **Mark Hutko** said the property owners should deal directly with the Town of South Prairie on the Temporary Use Permit. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said it sounds like you will finish the season here. **Mark Hutko** said he hoped so, but he felt he had walked into a dispute between the property owners and the Town. Discussion followed. **Mark Hutko** said there is no power at the arena, so they have to run the events at certain times. He recommended that the Council come out and watch the event. He said the events starts between 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said the only issue addressed to the Council was the PA system. **Mark Hutko** said when the issue was brought to his attention; he turned the PA system around. He explained the use of the generator for the PA system and the lights. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked if there was anything they could do to spread the word and asked if he had any flyers? **Mark Hutko** said if you don't have a problem with us running the event at the arena, he could contact the newspaper and post the schedule. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if food was being sold at the event? **Mark Hutko** said Tom's daughter Janelle sells food but it's all pre-packaged food, and it stays within the realm of the Health Department guidelines. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we could help by passing out brochures or flyers. **Mark Hutko** said they should be finished at the arena by April 1, 2007. He said he did not think they would get into an outdoor arena before then. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said we

have to be careful because there are two items that require a business license. He said Mark is charging participants to race and Janelle is selling food. Discussion followed. **Mark Hutko** said he would bring in flyers to distribute.

Mayor Peggy Levesque requested an amendment to the Agenda to add discussion on a Skateboard Park.

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to amend the Agenda to add discussion on a Skateboard Park. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Skateboard Park:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said we are looking into the skateboard environment to determine usability and preferences. He said skateboard parks could be very expensive. He distributed flyers of several types of ramps to get feedback from the audience. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have \$10,000 budgeted for playground equipment, and we are purchasing a teeter-totter. She said **Lois Erath** suggested installing something for the teenagers. Discussion followed. **Kyle Davis** asked where the skateboard park would be located? **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said it would be located at the Third Street Park, and the parking area would be closed off when in use. He said the ramps would weigh quite a bit. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we would have to make sure that safety requirements are met. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said the information on the ramp could be viewed on the web at www.brandxramp.com. He said we are working on purchasing a skateboard ramp and we wanted input from some of the teenagers in town. **Kyle Davis** said he would prefer a cement slab and a few ramps. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked if asphalt is okay? **Kyle Davis** said yes. He asked if they should start a fundraiser? **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said if you want more ramps, then a fundraiser would be a good idea. **Kyle Davis** said it would be cool to get a skateboard park started. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said it would be very helpful if you could monitor the skateboard park since this would be your park too. He thanked **Kyle Davis**, **David Fiedler** and **Eric Sleveland** for coming to the Council Meeting and giving their input. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we might have the funds to purchase the first piece for the skateboard park, but it would be great to have a fundraiser to purchase additional pieces. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he could probably get plans off the web for skateboard ramps. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** said he could get the metal at wholesale if **Tony** could find out the gauge of steel and the dimensions. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said **Jesse** has all types of metal. Discussion followed. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** said he would obtain prices for the metal. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he would like to get moving on the skateboard park since we have put this project off for quite a while. The Mayor and Council thanked **Kyle Davis**, **David Fiedler** and **Eric Sleveland** for their input on the skateboard park. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we discussed a climbing wall at the Veterans Memorial Park at a cost of \$3,500 plus tax, but we dumped that idea.

APPROVAL OF REMAINING BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$652.10:

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to approve the remaining bills for December 2006 in the amount of \$652.10 (six hundred fifty-two dollars and ten cents). **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Ordinance No. 491 – False Alarms:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Pierce County is not thrilled with their ordinance, so if they revise their ordinance we will have to change our ordinance as well. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if the Town is involved with the billing? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have to notify the alarm companies, but Pierce County would collect the fees.

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve Ordinance No. 491. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. She said we

have to change the effective date to February 1, 2007. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to amend her motion to change the effective date to February 1, 2007. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the amended motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for further discussion. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked how citizens would be notified of the new False Alarm Ordinance? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said a flyer would be sent out. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2) Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Document:

Marla Nevill showed the original color document to the Mayor and Council Members. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Goal and Vision Statement that we discussed at the Council Retreat last year was implemented into the Budget Document.

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Document. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. She said the document is very nicely done. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said yes. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3) Disaster Preparedness Training for Neighborhoods – Introductory Meeting at Mayor’s House on January 22, 2007 7:00 PM (See Flyer from Pierce County Emergency Management):

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the introductory meeting for the Disaster Preparedness Training for Neighborhoods would be held at her house on January 22, 2007, 7:00 PM. She said the training would be broken down into eight classes. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we should really get to know our neighbors. She said she is very impressed with the program. **Marla Nevill** said she would post the Agenda as a Recessed Council Meeting. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked why the meeting was not being held at Town Hall? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she was trying to get more community involvement. She said the meeting could be moved to the Community Center if too many people show up. Discussion followed.

4) Mayor’s Proposal to Work for Town – Cleaning and Inspecting Community Center and Miscellaneous Duties as Needed:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she removed the Christmas tree at the Community Center and had taken care of several miscellaneous duties. She said **Marla** and **Judy** suggested she request Council approval to get paid for cleaning and inspecting the Community Center and other miscellaneous duties as needed. She said she is requesting Council approval for wages at \$10.00 per hour for these extra duties. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said the wages could come out of the rental fees. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said you put in so many hours and you should go for it. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve wages for **Mayor Peggy Levesque** for cleaning and inspecting the Community Center and other miscellaneous duties as needed at \$10.00 per hour. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Council Retreat:

Due to unavailability at the Tkopechuck Lodge for January 28, 2007, the Council Retreat is tentatively rescheduled to February 25, 2007 at the same location:

Tkopechuck Lodge, 32217 – 122nd Street East, Buckley, WA 98321, 3:30 – 7:30 PM

Mayor Peggy Levesque said **Marla** went ahead and tentatively scheduled the Council Retreat for February 25, 2007 at the Tkopechuck Lodge. She said we could try to find an alternate location if the Council so chooses. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve the location and time for the Council Retreat at the Tkopechuck Lodge on February 25, 2007, 3:30 – 7:30 PM. **Councilor Laura Heideman**

seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Increased Crime Activity:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said there has been a lot of crime activity within the last two weeks. She said we received a call from a citizen in the 600 block of Highway 162 East who had quite a lot of stuff stolen. She asked the Council to watch for suspicious activity. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the crime activity for South Prairie could be viewed on the Pierce County website. She said the non-emergency phone number for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department is (253) 798- 4721. She said this number could also be used to report thefts of less than \$500. She said Deputy Kocher would be attending the Safe Streets meeting at the Community Center on February 7, 2007, 7:00 PM. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he already covered the issue of the playground equipment earlier in the meeting. Discussion followed regarding the playground equipment and the skateboard ramp.

CLERK'S REPORT:

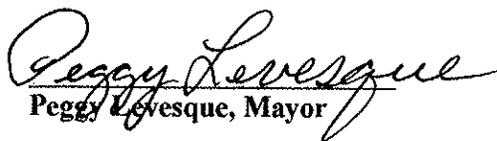
Marla Nevill said she tried to get a scholarship to attend the Washington Municipal Clerks Association conference in March, but the scholarships had already been awarded. She said she would try to attend the conference next year. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

None.

RECESS TO JANUARY 22, 2007:

- ❖ At 8:40 PM, **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to recess the Council Meeting of January 16, 2007 to Monday, January 22, 2007, 7:00 PM, for a workshop at the Mayor's residence at 118 NW Franklin Street for Disaster Preparedness Training for Neighborhoods. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**


Peggy Levesque, Mayor


Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer