

TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Kathleen Haggard, Dionne & Rorick – Town Attorney; Marydale Brooks, White River Hometowns; Mathieu Cameron, citizen; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENCES:

Mayor Peggy Levesque entertained a motion to excuse Eric Satterthwaite's absence from the Regular Council Meeting on March 6, 2007.

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to approve Eric Satterthwaite's absence from the Regular Council Meeting on March 6, 2007. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FLAG SALUTE:

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007:

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2007. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,898.22:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for February 2007 in the amount of \$38,898.22 (thirty-eight thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars and twenty-two cents). **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked about the bill from Office Depot. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** explained the purchases from Office Depot. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said \$1200 was a far cry from what was proposed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** explained that several items that were purchased had a rebate, and the rebate offers had been sent in. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Three Ayes and one nay. Motion carried.** (Councilor Anthony Caldwell opposed). **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he was not finished and disputed the payment for the Rock & Cross after the vote. He said the playground equipment is not working properly. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked Kathleen Haggard, Town Attorney, how they would handle that since the vote had already been taken. **Kathleen Haggard** said the vote had already been taken and the motion carried. She suggested that the Mayor could direct staff to hold the payment for the Rock & Cross until the problems were corrected. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would have Judy Tremblay hold the payment for the Rock & Cross.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Resolution No. 286 – Appointing Sumner Police Dept. as Holder of Record and Authorizing Agreement:**
 - ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approved Resolution No. 286, appointing Sumner Police Department as the Holder of Record and authorizing an agreement. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor**

Anthony Caldwell asked what the fee was for this service, because nothing was stated in the agreement. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she did not know if any fees were involved. **Kathleen Haggard** said the City of Bonney Lake approved the agreement with the Sumner Police Department at their last meeting. She said the State Patrol is in charge of the database for this information. She said she did not know if there was a fee involved, but the Council could table this Resolution. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Sumner Police Department has an audit at the end of the month and was hoping to have the agreement in place. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked if we had to have this agreement. **Kathleen Haggard** said if you have concerns about the agreement, then do not obligate the Town. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he had concerns about no fees stated in the agreement. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2) Authorize opening and review of proposals for On-Call Planning and Engineering Services at a Recessed Council Meeting on March 20, 2007, 7:00 PM:

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to authorize opening and review of proposals for On-Call Planning and Engineering Services at a Recessed Council Meeting on March 20, 2007, 7:00 PM. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the proposals are due by March 12, 2007 and would be opened at the Recessed Meeting on March 20, 2007. No further discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Kathleen Haggard said she is happy to work for the Town of South Prairie. She said she worked for the City of Seattle for three years. She said she is enjoying working on everything, whereas in Seattle she would only work on one issue. She said if the Mayor or Council had any questions they could contact her via e-mail.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Meeting with Governor Gregoire and Representative Hurst:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said there was so much going on that she had to make an outline. She said she and Marla met with Governor Gregoire and Representative Chris Hurst. She said hopefully there is money for road improvements. She it would be nice to have two intersections onto Highway 162. **Councilor Laura Heideman** asked the Mayor which road she was talking about? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said South Prairie Carbon River Road. Discussion followed.

Interlocal Agreements:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she was working on a bunch of Interlocal Agreements and she has a meeting with Julie Williams of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department tomorrow. She said Deputy Boyle wants to get started on impounds, and she's working with Pierce County on the Animal Control Contract. She thought the Animal Control Contract would work quite well with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department agreement. She said there is a separate agency that deals with "junk vehicles" on private property. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she is checking with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department about enforcement of health issues. Discussion followed.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we received a letter from the U.S. Military Department that stated we are required to have a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). She said a plan was developed ten years ago but it is outdated. She said the example plan we received from the U.S. Military Department was ninety-six pages in length. She said that might require another Interlocal Agreement. She said our town is ½ square mile

surrounded by Pierce County. She said she spoke to Barry Barquest, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, and they might be interested in possibly taking over this project for the Town. Discussion followed.

Cascade Land Conservancy:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she met with Ryan Mello with Cascade Land Conservancy and they have a vision for keeping this a "green village." She said they have connections for the financial backing and expertise for these types of projects. Discussion followed.

South Prairie Cares Committee:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said *at the March 21, 2007 South Prairie Cares Committee Meeting there would be discussion of starting a community market.* She said *the April 18, 2007 South Prairie Cares Committee Meeting would include an introduction to the PCNET (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams) Program.* Discussion followed.

Water Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Parametrix is still working on completing the Water Comprehensive Plan. Discussion followed.

South Prairie BMX:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she met with Mark Hutko and they had 150 kids turn out for the South Prairie BMX. She said Mark is working with designers on a feasibility study for an outdoor BMX track at either the Campbell property or the Third Street Park. Discussion followed.

Eagle Scout Projects:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she has four Scouts working on their Eagle Scout Projects:

- 1) Nate Dedge: Working on preparation for the Rock and Cross.
- 2) Jake Dedge: Working on mounting the school bell for the Fire Department.
- 3) TJ Brown: Working on footbridge at Third Street Park.
- 4) Josh Brown: Working on *mounting the Town Hall bell and signage for the Third Street Park.*

She said future projects could include trees, murals and beautification by the main road. She said she got a bid for four signs. She said the Scouts did a very nice job on the work in front of the Town Hall. Discussion followed.

Cleaning up Files:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Marla is working on cleaning up the files at Town Hall. Discussion followed.

Police Call-outs:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell asked if something could be done about the excessive call-outs to one residence? He said there have been four calls in one month and that is \$620 out of our budget. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would ask Julie Williams. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said the excessive call-outs should be billed to the resident. Discussion followed.

Fire Inspections:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the Fire Marshall is about halfway through the inspections, and she was very impressed with his thoroughness. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Rock and Cross Installed:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said the Rock and Cross is installed but it doesn't work. He said he is meeting with the sales person tomorrow about fixing the problem. Discussion followed.

Mandatory Garbage Service:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said we have an ordinance requiring Mandatory Garbage Service and some people have garbage stacked up at their residence. He said he contacted Edie Westmoreland of Murrey's Disposal and their attorney will review our ordinance. He said the Town could not do the billing for the garbage service, but we could bill residents if they did not pay Murrey's for garbage service. He said Murrey's would keep us informed on delinquent accounts. Discussion followed. The Council consensus was to have Anthony Caldwell pursue this issue.

Maintaining Town Property:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said if we expect the citizens to clean up their property, we have to clean up the Town's property. He said Pierce County could bring out the brush hog to cut the weeds along the rights-of-way. Discussion followed.

Spring Cleanup:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said those citizens that do not take garbage service would not qualify to participate in the Spring Cleanup. Discussion followed.

Skateboard Park:

Mayor Peggy Levesque asked about the Skateboard Park? **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said after further review, we decided to try to get funding to put the Skateboard Park on the south side of the Trail Head. He said the second location choice would be at the end of Cascade Avenue but it would require a lot of work. He said the third choice would be next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant but that is not desirable because of the smell. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said both Orting and Buckley have a Skateboard Park along the Trail. He said we could check into grant funding, have a fundraiser, and possibly funds from the Town of South Prairie. He said there is nothing for the young people. **Marydale Brooks** said she liked the location by the Trail. She said you would be more likely to obtain grant funding by documenting the community involvement. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Cleaning up Town Records:

Marla Nevill said she is working on organizing and cleaning up the Town's records. Discussion followed.

Marla Nevill said she received an estimate of \$350 to clean the furnace and asked if she needed Council approval to proceed. Discussion followed. Council consensus was to have Marla order furnace cleaning.

Bids for Electrical Work at the Town Hall:

Marla Nevill said we received a bid from AES to update the electrical outlets at Town Hall. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said there is an electrician here in town. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she contacted several other electricians and they wanted to charge to give us an estimate. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said if someone worked for an electrician, they could do the work. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we could research this issue further before proceeding with the electrical work.

Grant Funding to Build New Town Hall or Multi-purpose Center:

Marla Nevill said we met with Ryan Mello of Cascade Land Conservancy and there is grant funding available to build a "green building" for a new Town Hall or Multi-purpose Center. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

One Hundred-Year Anniversary:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said it feels like the Town of South Prairie has turned a corner and she feels confident that the Town would be around for the 100-year anniversary.

Kubota and Lawnmower in Repair Shop:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said no lawns would be mowed since the Kubota and the lawnmower were both in the shop. Discussion followed.

Mayor Will Not be Here for March 20, 2007 Council Meeting:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said things were going well. She said she would not be here for the meeting on March 20, 2007, as she would be in Hawaii.

On-Call Planning and Engineering Services:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said selecting the firm for On-call Planning and Engineering services could not be based on price but qualifications. Discussion followed.

Trim Around Sewer Lid:

Councilor Dave Lykstad asked about the grass being trimmed back around the sewer lid at his residence. He said that STEP tank has never been pumped. **Marla Nevill** said Larry probably serviced the STEP tank. Discussion followed.

Council Retreat:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she had not forgotten about the Council Retreat. **Marla Nevill** suggested using the Community Center and having Branks BBQ cater the Council Retreat. Discussion followed.

Thank You to Les Russell:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell asked that a "Thank You" card be sent to Les Russell for repairing the slide. Discussion followed.

Dan Plewnarz, Eagle Scout Badge Presentation:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she attended the Eagle Scout Badge Presentation for Dan Plewnarz. She said Dan replaced the picnic tables that were washed away in the flood. Discussion followed.

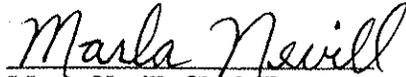
Chips for Third Street Park:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he ordered fifteen more yards of chips for under the Rock and Cross at Third Street Park. Discussion followed.

RECESS TO MARCH 20, 2007:

- ❖ At 8:40 PM, **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to recess the Council Meeting to March 20, 2007, 7:00 PM. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** 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