

TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:07 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Mathieu Cameron and Karen Shell, citizens; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

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

EXCUSE MAYOR'S ABSENCE FROM RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 27, 2007:

- ❖ Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve Mayor Peggy Levesque's absence from the Recessed Council Meeting on March 27, 2007. Councilor Anthony Caldwell seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- ❖ Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2007. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Mayor Peggy Levesque requested the following corrections: 1) Page 3, under South Prairie Cares Committee corrected to read, "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.*" 2) Page 3, under Eagle Scout Projects corrected to read, "4) Josh Brown: Working on *mounting the Town Hall bell and signage for the Third Street Park.*" No further discussion. Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to amend his motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2007 as corrected. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2007:

- ❖ Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2007. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Councilor Anthony Caldwell requested the vote to excuse Mayor Peggy Levesque's absence be changed to reflect that he approved the motion. No further discussion. Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to amend his motion to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2007 as corrected. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2007:

- ❖ Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2007. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Councilor Anthony Caldwell requested that "Mayor" be changed to "*Mayor Pro-Tem*" under Workshop on page one. No further discussion. Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to amend

his motion to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2007 as corrected. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MARCH 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,836.03:

- ❖ Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the bills for March 2007 in the amount of \$30,836.03 (thirty thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars and three cents). Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Councilor Anthony Caldwell questioned the high power bill for the Fire Station/Community Center. Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would speak to Barry Barquest about the high power bill. Councilor Dave Lykstad asked about the power bill for the streetlights. Councilor Anthony Caldwell said the power bill for streetlights used to be more expensive and suggested reviewing the contract. Councilor Dave Lykstad asked about the bill from Smyth's Gardenville greenhouse. Mayor Peggy Levesque said this was for spring flowers at the Veterans Memorial. Councilor Anthony Caldwell commented on the expenses for the WMCA Conference. No further discussion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Rock and Cross:

Mayor Peggy Levesque asked if the Rock and Cross had been fixed? Councilor Anthony Caldwell said yes, people from Rock and Cross came out and made repairs to the equipment. He said the Scouts did not make the chips deep enough. He said the chips should be a minimum of twelve inches in order to meet the safety standards. He said the kids have not learned how to use the Rock and Cross yet. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Approval to accept Bid for Town of South Prairie Signs:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we received a bid from Schelin Signs for \$10,240.00 (ten thousand two hundred forty dollars) for the Town of South Prairie signs. She said the bid included three 4'x8' and two 2'x4' sandblasted monument signs and installation. She said the price for the 4'x8' sign is \$2,560 (two thousand five hundred sixty dollars) each and the 2'x4' sign is \$1,280 (one thousand two hundred eighty dollars) each. She said we also received a bid from Stone Art & Signs for \$2,997 (two thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars) for one carved Scottish Stone sign, which includes delivery. She said we have approximately \$81,000.00 (eighty-one thousand dollars) in the Capital Improvement Fund. Councilor Anthony Caldwell said those funds could be used for the roads. He said it costs approximately \$80,000-\$90,000 for a road project. He said the funds could also be used for sidewalk projects. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would love to have nice signs and start working towards our centennial celebration. Karen Shell commented that the Schelin sign design looked really generic. Discussion followed. Councilor Anthony Caldwell suggested having the Mayor obtain additional bids. Mayor Peggy Levesque asked him if he would be willing to get additional bids for the signs? Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he would like to contact the White River Wood Shop to see if this would be a project they might be interested in pursuing. Discussion followed. Karen Shell suggested a combination sign with both wood and stone. She suggested proposing to the citizens to come up with a design for the signs. Discussion followed.

- ❖ Councilor Anthony Caldwell moved to table this issue for further research. Councilor Dave Lykstad seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mathieu Cameron stated a complaint about a vehicle speeding through the neighborhood on Union Hill around 6:00 PM every Friday night. He said it was a two-tone blue/white vehicle. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would relay the information to the Sheriff's Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Meeting with Pierce County Sheriff's Department:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she met with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Voiles and Julie Williams. She said the Sheriff's Department is thrilled to be working with South Prairie and their officers are really embracing the town. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque said we have to pay medical for South Prairie prisoners. She said AWC tried to get legislation approved for some type of insurance to cover medical costs of prisoners. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque said the position of Pierce County Sheriff would be changed to an elected position.

Animal Control Contract:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we received the Animal Control Contract from Pierce County. Marla Nevill said there are some corrections to the agreement and it should be ready for Council Action by the May 1, 2007 Council Meeting. Discussion followed.

PCNET (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams) Meeting on April 18, 2007:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the PCNET meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. She encouraged everyone to speak to his or her neighbors and try to get them to come to the meeting. She said the PCNET course consists of eight classes and teaches participants how to take care of themselves and their neighbors after a natural or man-made disaster. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he has been working with Dave Wiley, attorney for Murrey's Disposal, to update Ordinance No. 369 pertaining to Mandatory Garbage Service. He said Edie Westmoreland, Vice President Murrey's Disposal, is also looking over the revised ordinance. He said the ordinance would also be sent to the Town Attorney and AWC for review. Discussion followed.

Highway 162 Paving Project in 2008:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he met with two gentlemen from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WDOT) last week to discuss the Highway 162 paving project scheduled for 2008. He said the paving work would be from Orville Road to Highway 165. He said he requested adequate notification from WDOT so we could notify our citizens at least two weeks prior to the start of the paving project. Discussion followed.

Rock and Cross Repaired:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said the Rock and Cross has been repaired. Discussion followed.

Bridge at Third Street Park:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said we are considering using a railroad container box for a maintenance bridge at Third Street Park. Discussion followed. Marla Nevill said she just received an email that the Port of Tacoma is giving away girders. Councilor Anthony Caldwell said the cost of moving and setting up the girders might be too expensive. Councilor Dave Lykstad said the railroad container might be ugly but we might be able to put a roof over the top so it would look like a covered bridge. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque said the Scouts wanted to work on building a footbridge at Third Street Park. Councilor Anthony Caldwell said the Scouts could work on the footbridge and the Town could work on a bridge for maintenance. Discussion followed. Councilor Dave Lykstad asked if the installation of a bridge would interfere with the stream? Mayor Peggy Levesque said we had a college student do a study and we would have to get permits before starting any work by the stream.

Spring Cleanup:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell asked the Council when they wanted to have the Spring Cleanup? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we should find out if we could have the Spring Cleanup in May. **Marla Nevill** said we need a current customer list from Murrey's Disposal. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

WMCA Conference:

Marla Nevill said the WMCA Conference was great. She said she has a person coming out to assess records for retention and disposal. Discussion followed.

Furnace Cleaned:

Marla Nevill said the furnace was cleaned in March and it seems to be working better. Discussion followed.

Filing Cabinets Relocated:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Marla had Larry help her relocate the filing cabinets out of the furnace room. Discussion followed.

Audit Exit Conference:

Marla Nevill said the Audit Exit Conference is scheduled for April 11, 2007 at 9:30 AM if any Council Members would like to attend.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Skateboard Park:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he is working with a person from the Recreation Department from the City of Orting to obtain construction drawings for their skateboard park. He said it cost them \$101,702 to build the skateboard park. He said he is working with Marydale Brooks on this project and she has looked at the proposed sites. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he hoped we could build a skateboard park similar to the one in Orting. He said the one in Buckley cost about \$300,000. Discussion followed.

Complaint about Wagon Wheel Keeping Back Door Open:

Councilor Dave Lykstad said he received a complaint that with the warmer weather the Wagon Wheel has been keeping the back door open more. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** said it had been happening more. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Health Department would not allow the Wagon Wheel to switch the bar area to the front of the business. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** asked where we were at with the "Restricted Parking" signs? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she spoke to Officer Boyle and he had some ideas. **Marla Nevill** said there are still some details we have to work out on the signage. Discussion followed.

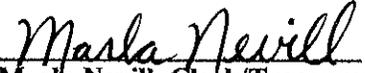
Expand Town Hall Parking Lot:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said we could make the parking lot bigger for the Town Hall. He said he had approved to purchase a load of gravel for \$125. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said it was really getting soggy by the Town Hall. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated concerns about her yard getting wetter and wetter. She asked if the parking lot at Town Hall is built up, would that affect her property? **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said if the topsoil is removed and we put down gravel it should help the problem. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** said if his pump does not kick on, it would flood his house. Discussion followed.

RECESS TO APRIL 18, 2007:

- ❖ At 8:25 PM, **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to recess the Council Meeting to April 18, 2007, 7:00 PM at the Community Center for the PCNET class. **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