

TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

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

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENCE FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2007:

- ❖ Councilor Laura Heideman moved to excuse Council Member Dave Lykstad from the Regular Council Meeting on August 1, 2007. Councilor Eric Satterthwaite seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. She said Dave Lykstad had contacted her and requested to be excused from the Council Meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2007:

- ❖ Councilor Laura Heideman moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of July 10, 2007. Councilor Anthony Caldwell seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. She requested a correction on Page 3 under Citizens Comments change \$1,000 to \$100. Councilor Laura Heideman moved to amend her motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of July 10, 2007, as corrected. Councilor Anthony Caldwell seconded the amended motion. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR JULY 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,245.46:

- ❖ Councilor Anthony Caldwell moved to approve the bills for July 2007 in the amount of \$24,245.46 (twenty-four thousand two hundred forty-five dollars and forty-six cents). Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Councilor Anthony Caldwell requested we challenge the bill from Northwest Cascade for pumping the vault toilet at Third Street Park. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinance No. 495 – Regular Levy Lid Lift and Ordinance No. 496 – EMS Levy Lid Lift:

Marla Nevill explained Ordinance No. 495 and 496, Drafts 1 and 2 to the Town Council. Council discussed the levy lid lift options for Ordinances 495 and 496, and requested that

we also check into annexing into Pierce County Fire District #22, (East Pierce Fire and Rescue). Council requested tabling Ordinances 495 and 496 until after the Mayor's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

"For" and "Against" Committees:

Mayor Peggy Levesque asked that the Council talk to the citizens to find out if anyone is interested in being on the "For" or "Against" Committees for the Levy Lid Lift Propositions. Discussion followed.

National Night Out:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said National Night Out is next Tuesday, and the activities at the Community Center would start at 6:00 PM. She said Deputy Galloway and East Pierce Fire and Rescue personnel would be attending the event. She asked the Council Members to attend and invite their neighbors. Discussion followed.

PCNET:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the "walkabout" for PCNET is scheduled for August 15, 2007, 7:00 PM. She said East Pierce Fire and Rescue personnel would be there. She said the purpose of the "walkabout" is to look for possible hazards and find out our neighbors' needs. She invited the Council Members to attend. Discussion followed.

Pierce County Sheriff's Department:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she met with Deputy Galloway and Judi Holley of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. She said Judi's department is a form of Safe Streets. She said if citizens want to put their email addresses into the Pierce County notification system, they would be notified by email of local criminal activity. She said a house was burglarized recently while the new owners were in the process of moving in. She said she would like to invite Judi to attend a Council Meeting or Workshop to give us their version of Safe Streets. She said Judi has volunteer officers to take down license plate numbers and they could also bring out the Speed Trailer. Discussion followed. Mayor Peggy Levesque said she is meeting with Julie Williams and Roger Toles on August 15, 2007. She said she is very pleased with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. Discussion followed.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Code Enforcement should not fall on the Mayor's "plate," and she has scheduled Louis Quintinar to come in on Monday, August 6, 2007, 7:00 PM, for a workshop to discuss Code Enforcement issues. She said she thought it would be good to have a Code Enforcement Officer. Discussion followed.

Town-wide Yard Sale:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said a town-wide yard sale is scheduled for August 25, 2007. She said the yard sales would be at the Community Center, corner lot at Emery and Highway 162, and at individual residences. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Ordinance No. 495 – Regular Levy Lid Lift:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she would entertain a motion to approve Ordinance No. 495, Draft No. 1. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said there are pros and cons for Draft No. 1 and 2. Council requested tabling Ordinance No. 495 until after Council Action on Ordinance No. 496.

Ordinance No. 496, Draft No. 1 – EMS Levy Lid Lift:

“An Ordinance of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the Town of South Prairie at the November election, 2007 for their ratification or rejection, providing for authority to increase the Regular Property Tax to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed property value for Emergency Medical Services for collection in 2008 and authorizing annual increases by 5 percent in each of the succeeding 5 years; setting forth the Ballot Proposition; Directing the Town Treasurer/Town Clerk to transmit to the County Auditor a Certified Copy of this Ordinance; providing for other matters properly related thereto; and setting forth facts.”

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to approve Ordinance No. 496, Draft 1 to place the EMS Levy Lid Lift on the November election ballot for voter approval. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ordinance No. 495, Draft No. 1 – Regular Levy Lid Lift:

“An Ordinance of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the Town of South Prairie at the November election, 2007 for their ratification or rejection, providing for authority to increase the Regular Property Tax to \$2.7568 per thousand dollars of assessed property value for collection in 2008 and authorizing annual increases in the levy amount by 5 percent for each of the five succeeding years; setting forth the Ballot Proposition; Directing the Town Treasurer/Town Clerk to transmit to the County Auditor a Certified Copy of this Ordinance; providing for other matters properly related thereto; and setting forth facts.”

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve Ordinance No. 495, Draft 1 to place the Permanent Regular Levy Lid Lift on the November election ballot for voter approval. **Councilor Virginia Thompson** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. Two ayes and two opposed. **Motion dies on the floor.** (Caldwell and Satterthwaite opposed).

Ordinance No. 495, Draft No. 2 – Regular Levy Lid Lift:

“An Ordinance of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the Town of South Prairie at the November election, 2007 for their ratification or rejection, providing for authority to increase the Permanent Regular Property Tax to \$2.7568 per thousand dollars of assessed property value for collection in 2008; setting forth the Ballot Proposition; Directing the Town Treasurer/Town Clerk to transmit to the County Auditor a Certified Copy of this Ordinance; providing for other matters properly related thereto; and setting forth facts.”

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to approve Ordinance No. 495, Draft 2 to place the Permanent Regular Levy Lid Lift on the November election ballot for voter approval. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said she said one year versus six years. She said everything takes so much time. She said six

years would give us more of a cushion. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he thought one year would “fly” better with the voters. He said six years at that rate would scare a lot of people. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** said the people are not going to understand and he did not think it would go through. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would ask East Pierce Fire and Rescue to help promote the proposition, and she would check on campaigning requirements. No further discussion. Three ayes and one opposed. **Motion carried.** (Heideman opposed).

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Eric Satterthwaite asked if we had a wireless router at Town Hall? **Marla Nevill** said we have DSL. Discussion followed regarding suspicious activity of an individual setting in his vehicle, in or near the Town Hall, with a laptop computer.

Fill Material Being dumped on a Lot on SW Third Street:

Councilor Virginia Thompson said she received a phone call from a citizen about fill material being dumped on a lot on SW Third Street. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said our Town engineer is handling the enforcement on this issue. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked Virginia to let the citizen know the Town is working on this issue. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Meeting with Perteet:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said we have received numerous complaints about the sidewalks on First Street, so he met with Perteet to discuss possible grant funding to replace the sidewalks and planning issues. He said Marla was happy with their Planner's input. He said Mike Horton retired from TIB and is now working as an engineer for Perteet, and Mike said grant funding is available to replace sidewalks and he would prepare a grant application to replace approximately 1300 feet of sidewalk. Discussion followed. Council consensuses to allow the Mayor to sign grant applications.

AWC Loss Control Grant (Chips for Playground):

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said ten yards of playground chips would be delivered to the Veterans Memorial Park and thirty-one yards to the Third Street Park tomorrow. He said the chips were paid for with a \$1,000 grant from AWC. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked the Council to start thinking about projects for the next AWC Loss Control Grant funding cycle. **Marla Nevill** suggested inspections of the playgrounds at Veterans Memorial and Third Street Parks and also sidewalk inspections. Discussion followed.

Unplugged Sewer Outfall:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said we had to have emergency repairs done to unplug the Sewer Outfall. Discussion followed. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said the repairs were approved by the Department of Ecology.

Lawn Maintenance:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he thought the growth of the grass would slow down with the warmer weather, but it has not.

Repaired Digital Flow Meter:

Councilor Anthony Caldwell said Larry Harter, Utility Operator, could not get a Digital Flow Meter to work, so it had to be repaired. Discussion followed.

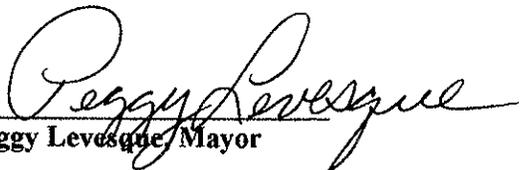
Councilor Anthony Caldwell said he would not be here for the September Council Meeting.

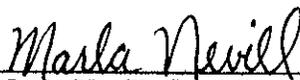
CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

RECESS TO WORKSHOP ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2007:

- ❖ At 9:00 PM, Councilor Anthony Caldwell moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting to Monday, August 6, 2007, 7:00 PM, at Town Hall for a workshop on Code Enforcement. 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