

Town of South Prairie
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday October 2, 2007, 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Peggy Levesque called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday October 2, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Dave Lykstad, Laura Heideman, Virginia Thompson, Anthony Caldwell were present. Eric Satterthwaite was absent due to work related issue.

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENCE FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2007:

Councilor Dave Lykstad made motion to excuse Eric Satterthwaite from regular Council Meeting, Virginia Thompson seconded, Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion, there was none. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007:

Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes, Virginia Thompson seconded, Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion, there was none. Motion carried unanimously.

PC NET MEETING – No Quorum, no voted needed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,096.51

Councilor Virginia Thompson moved to approve the bills for September 2007 in the amount of \$35,096.51, Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion, there was none. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 288 – EXTENDING THE COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilor Dave Lykstad moved to approve the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement, Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Tony Caldwell asked what about getting internet connection added. Mayor Peggy Levesque advised that we currently have Internet thru Century Tel not Comcast. Dave asked do we have cable line for Internet? Mayor, no. Dave asked would Comcast put line in? Tony advised he would call Comcast to see what our options might be. Councilor Dave Lykstad withdrew his motion; Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Councilor Dave Lykstad made new motion

to table Resolution 288 until further investigation by Tony Caldwell. Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Mayor Peggy Levesque asked for any further discussion, seeing none, motion passed unanimously.

EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE SIGN APPLICATION:

Councilor Tony Caldwell went to meeting regarding sign pole location. It is currently in DOT right of way. The current sign is in violation of ordinance as it should have 75' each direction from centerline of SR 162, which actually extends to the Veterans Memorial placing our sign in the right of way. Tony suggested putting sign on building as it has more sign space 5 lines vs. 4 lines, 5'x8' vs. 4'x8', one sided vs. two sided but lit up. Also, prepare for next year as DOT may be widening the State Highway. With the Council's approval, Mayor could get application going, and the Town could use the sign. Councilor Virginia Thompson moved to authorize Mayor Peggy Levesque to execute the agreement with East Pierce Fire & Rescue to get new sign. Councilor Tony Caldwell seconded. Mayor Peggy Levesque called for discussion. Councilor Dave Lykstad asked would we put signs on the front of Fire Station and was power accessible. Anthony Caldwell advised yes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - SKATEBOARD PARK:

Rebecca Moe, her daughter Sarah and friend Renee presented a signed petition, all yes on approval of making a Skateboard park in Town. Per her discussion with citizens, most did not like the idea of putting park on trailhead. Mayor explained not on front of trailhead near highway but on the other side. Rebecca thought safer for kids at Third Street Park. Concerns voiced by citizens regarding kids out late, what about time line? Mayor advised parks would close at dusk. Lighting? Mayor advised would have to include in plan. Discussion came back to Third Street Park location. Councilor Tony Caldwell advised that he had engineers researching that location and was not a very good spot. On rear side of trail minimum needed \$100k, currently working on grant. Tony had looked at Orting Skateboard Park; has concrete type structures vs. metal which are more liked by the youth. Discussed having skateboard park near Third Street Park with smaller kids being so close to older kids. Rebecca discussed wanted to do this for the kids and the kids wanted to get involved that's why they went out to get petition. Mayor Peggy asked if Rebecca and the girls wanted to head up a committee for Skateboard Park. All said yes! Tony advised that we need \$\$'s and he is always looking into grants. Rebecca offered to do fundraisers such as car washes, bake sales, etc. Tony advised anything they wanted to promote for park would be helpful and council agreed. Discussed Law Enforcement has cautioned against the Skate parks but citizens and council are in agreement that the town needs to have an area for the teenage youth and the petition does show there is a large interest. We will work with safe streets, etc to make it positive. Citizen Gerald asked about insurance. Mayor advised that insurance has changed and is now part of municipal insurance plan. Tony advised Buckley monitors their park with cameras but is very expensive. Also advised that security would be better by trailhead area of 50' x 350', Third Street Park is leased; town owns the site by Trailhead. Mayor Peggy advised there is a lot

involved and we will continue to work with the engineering firm for grants and working closely with Rebecca Moe on this matter.

MAYORS REPORT:

SALMON RUN:

Mayor Peggy Levesque advised this year's Salmon Run was a great success, last year we had 12 runners this year we had 75. Dave Lykstad was great as Race Director, advised all had a great time and gave thanks to Capt Mike & Cheryl of the Trailside Espresso stand for putting on the salmon feed which included brown sugar and lemon and butter salmon and to Jesse Scheeler and Laura Heideman for assisting with the food preparation and serving. Wacheem carved and donated a large cedar salmon. Discussed where placement may be. Either in Town Hall or at Trailside Outdoor pavilion.

SOUTH PRAIRIE WELCOME SIGN:

Allen who owns Body Shop cleaned all the rust off and painted most articulately the Town sign. Since we are looking into getting new larger signs for entering and exiting Town, we want to place this restored sign either in front of Town Hall or at Community Center.

WHITE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:

Have a few seniors who are donating 20 hours each for their Senior Project requirements. Going to have them work on spreading chips, putting PC Net kits together, plant flowers at Community Center, etc.

MARLA & JUDY:

Marla is on vacation and Judy is out on medical leave and they are sorely missed.

NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS:

Have received updated flood maps and going to review with Karen. Also, reviewing PDM – Disaster Mitigation plan.

Also, the Mayor attended a grant workshop regarding youth projects and getting after school activities going at community center. There has been Citizen Interest.

CARES COMMITTEE:

Meeting on 10/17/07 will be regular meeting hosting the Cascade Land Conservancy, Ryan Mello to discuss CLC concept. Next PC Net meeting is final meeting on Saturday, 10/6/07 @ 9:45am which will be a mock Earthquake exercise. Mayor Peggy is going to set off alarm at 9:45 to call town in. Recruiting citizens to be victims and those actively involved are asked to attend.

CLERKS REPORT – NONE

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Councilor Tony Caldwell advised we have a problem with the storm drains. Pierce County said they would come in to clean them out. Last year we had Third Street done but Second Street is bad. Larry told him that we have ordinance to maintain drains. Contacted Cascade and they are \$175 hr minimum 2 hours and \$125 to haul waste (per ton). Contacted Buckley, they have Hydro-vac for \$75 hr and \$62 hr but checking out further. Pierce County – 27 hrs would be \$1600 and may take care of Second Street, Rainier Street, Washington Street. Mayor Peggy asked if they had been cleaned out since last years' flooding? Tony advised no, was five years ago and all catch basins are near capacity. If compacts will cost Town more \$\$'s in the end to repair not to mention the environmental impact. Mayor Peggy asked if we needed a motion, Tony advised not at this time, he will keep Mayor and Council informed but will keep shopping prices. Tony also updated that lawn mowing is slowing way down. Jeff Engall trimmed trees in park and hauled debris away and chips were spread by WHRS youth.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Dave Lykstad wants to send thanks out to Trailside Expresso, Waukee, Foothills Coalition, Security Patrol, etc. Tony said we could send something out with official seal or logo of Town. Discussed again where we would place the Salmon Mascot. Mayor said we could place in Town Hall or Community Center. Dave said Capt Mike would like to hang on outside seating area and it will be stained. Need to discuss more before final decision is made.

RECESS TO PC NET WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 6, 2007:

At 8:10 pm Councilor Laura Heideman moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting to Saturday October 6, 2007 @ 9:45am at the Community Center for PC Net workshop. Councilor Tony Caldwell seconded. Mayor Peggy Leveque called for discussion, there was none. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



Attested By