

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Mathieu and Haley Cameron, Karen Shell and Gerald Boures, citizens; and 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 NOVEMBER 6, 2007:**

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to excuse Council Member Laura Heideman from the Regular Council Meeting on November 6, 2007. **Councilor Eric Satterthwaite** 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 OCTOBER 2, 2007:**

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2007. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion; seeing none, she called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,136.54:**

- ❖ **Councilor Virginia Thompson** moved to approve the bills for October 2007 in the amount of \$23,136.54 (twenty-three thousand one hundred thirty-six dollars and fifty-four cents). **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** asked about the water leaks and the copy machine. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said there have been more water leaks. **Marla Nevill** said we lease the copy machine. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Increasing Water and Sewer Rates by 5%:**

**Marla Nevill** said she spoke with the Town Attorney and a public hearing is not required. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said a public hearing on water and sewer rate increases would draw citizens to the meeting. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we did not increase the water and sewer rates last year, and we need to increase rates in order to keep up with the cost of living.

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to schedule a public hearing for the Water and Sewer Rates. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we need more

money for repairs. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said the increase would be to build up the reserves in order to clean the water tanks, utility repairs and address the arsenic problem at Well #1. He said the engineer recommended 5% increase to make repairs. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said we have \$77,000 in the Sewer Reserve. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Sewer Comp Plan would cost \$55,000. She said the cost to prepare the Water Comp Plan was in the \$50,000+ range. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said we have to be able to justify increases for both water and sewer. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have had rate studies done in the past. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said a motion was made to schedule a public hearing. **Gerald Boures**, citizen, asked if the water and sewer departments were separate. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said yes. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.** **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked if the Council wanted to set a date for the public hearing? Council requested additional information from the Town Engineer before setting the date for the public hearing. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would speak with Parametrix and get back to the Council.

**Preliminary Budget for 2008 – Discussion:**

**Judy Tremblay**, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, explained the 2008 Preliminary Budget to the Mayor and Town Council. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to schedule the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for December 4, 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.**

**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**Resolution No. 288 – Extending the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement:**

“A Resolution of the Town of South Prairie, Pierce County, Washington amending Resolution No. 283 to extend the Franchise Agreement between Comcast of Puget Sound Inc. and the Town of South Prairie for one year to October 19, 2008.”

- ❖ **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to approve Resolution No. 288. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for discussion. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he spoke to Hans Hechtman, Comcast, and he said we could get free internet access if we had a library or cable for the Community Center. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** called for the vote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

**Gerald Boures** asked if the Town of South Prairie owned the Community Center? **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said yes. Discussion followed.

**Gerald Boures** said there were sixteen people at the First Aid Class. He said there were three Council Members there, one current member and three candidates. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said you have to be careful. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said we can talk but we cannot discuss Council issues or make decisions. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) would be offering classes to newly elected officials in January.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Police Report:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said there were ten dispatch calls and one felony arrest last month. She said there were five traffic stops. Discussion followed.

**Veterans Day Observance:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Veterans Day Observance is scheduled for November 11, 2007, 9:00 AM, at the Community Center. Discussion followed.

**First Aid Class:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said as Gerald stated, sixteen people attended the First Aid Class on November 3, 2007. She said she would attend the next class, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6:00 – 9:30 PM. Discussion followed.

**Union Agreement Negotiations:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she and Tony met with the Union Rep and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2007 at 1:00 PM. She said she would call each of the Council Members to get their input so we do not have to call an Executive Session. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

**Road Maintenance Agreement with Pierce County:**

**Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said Pierce County would get the road maintenance projects completed over the next two months. He said it had been eight years since Enumclaw came out and cleaned the storm drains. He said he would contact the Pierce County shop tomorrow. He said he hoped that we could get a three-year contract with Pierce County that had a rollover clause. He suggested getting on Pierce County's Chip Seal list for next year. Discussion followed.

**Revisions Requested for Sewer Ordinance:**

**Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said Larry Harter has asked that the Council revise the Sewer Ordinance to prohibit blocking access to the STEP tanks and access lids. Discussion followed.

**Skateboard Park:**

**Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said he would assist with the Skateboard Park even after he leaves office. He said the road behind the Trail Head has been vacated. He said the cost is \$45 - \$50 a square foot for the park. **Gerald Boures** said Buckley had fund raising four to ten years before it was built. **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said we have someone who would assist with the funding. He said he spoke with Mike Horton, Perteet, about grant funding for the project. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Marla Nevill** said we have been preparing documents to send to the Washington State Archives and we will be working on the Census LUCA addressing program. Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

**Councilor Anthony Caldwell** suggested as his parting words of wisdom that the Council stay on top of things and ask for grant funding. Discussion followed.

**Gerald Boures** asked if the Town would have to pay to get the streets plowed when it snows? **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** said to contact Pierce County and ask for help. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ At 9:07 PM, **Councilor Anthony Caldwell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2007. **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**