

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010, 7:00 PM  
South Prairie Town Hall  
121 NW Washington Street**

*The following is a condensation of the proceedings and is not a verbatim transcript.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members:** Dave Lykstad, Laura Heideman, Gerald Boures, Mathieu Cameron and Karen Shell were present.

**Also in attendance:** Dwight Partin, South Prairie Creek RV Park; Tom Inglin, citizen; Larry Harter, Utility Operator; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 1, 2010:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the Agenda for June 1, 2010. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2010:**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of May 4, 2010, as written. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MAY 2010, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,161.18:**

**Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the bills for May 2010, in the amount of \$29,161.18 (twenty-nine thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars and eighteen cents). **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Judy stated the trainer for the Bias Program is really good. **Councilor Mathieu Cameron** asked Larry if he had received the wand. **Larry Harter** said the wand was ordered but not received. Council requested clarification on several bills, and these inquiries were answered. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said at the last Council meeting she had requested that items be posted under Unfinished Business until they are completed. She said this is a list of some of the items that are not finished.

**1) Amending and Updating Water and Sewer Regulations – Update:**

**Larry Harter** said due to time restraints, he was unable to discuss this issue with the Town Attorney. Discussion followed.

**2) Website Content - Update:**

**Marla Nevill** showed the Council some of the website content and asked for ideas. **Councilor Karen Shell** suggested posting actual pictures of South Prairie instead of a graphic. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested the contact information be updated and remove items that are obsolete. **Councilor Karen Shell** requested adding a FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) tab. Discussion followed.

**3) General Facilities/Comprehensive Sewer Plan – Update:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated she would contact Mahbub, from the Department of Ecology, and have him clarify what is required. She said at one point it was stated we could just update our General Facilities/Comprehensive Sewer Plan. Discussion followed.

**4) Codifying Ordinances – Update:**

**Marla Nevill** stated she would request the Town Attorney prepare one or two items a month for Council action, in order to move forward with the codification process. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated to have her prepare a number of items a month, but not exceed her allotted hours under the retainer. Discussion followed.

**5) Solid Waste Collection with D.M. Disposal – Draft Agreement Review:**

Council tabled to July Council Meeting and requested Town Attorney work on finalizing agreement with D.M. Disposal for Council Action. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

**Dwight Partin** stated Pierce County Land Conservancy wants to purchase south eighteen (18) acres of the RV Park. He said they found Coho and fingerlings in the creek, and they want to move the creek back to the main channel. He said the water heats up in the summer. He said he asked them about locating the Trail back there. He said they would not put that into the grant, but they would like to work towards that. He said there would be picnic tables out there. He said if the Trail were built next to the highway, he would not allow people to wander through the RV Park. He distributed a packet of information to the Mayor and Council. **Dwight Partin** said a couple of years ago they said they did not want the Trail out front. He said he thought it was a money issue, and they think it would be cheaper going out front. He said he has over \$200,000 invested in just the water line alone. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated the Town gave the negotiation rights over to Pierce County. **Dwight Partin** stated the Town still has a say on the location. He said we could not have the Trail by the store. Discussion followed. **Dwight Partin** gave an overview of his negotiations with Pierce County. **Larry Harter** asked if they could locate the Trail back behind the RVs. Discussion followed. **Dwight Partin** showed a conceptual drawing of the gas station/convenience store and stated it would be a nice addition for the Town. Discussion followed. **Dwight Partin** stated this thing could be hung up in court for years. **Larry Harter** asked if Pierce County could locate the Trail without relocating RVs. **Dwight Partin** suggested inviting the Trail people out to meet with the Town Council. **Larry Harter** said they did the eleven-month walkthrough and he understands why Dwight does not want the Trail located by the highway.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we received notice of possible flooding. She said we have sand & bags at the fire station and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Rainier to Ruston Relay is this Saturday and we already have 450 runners registered for the event. She asked for volunteers. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Rails to Trails Coalition might be able to handle the South Prairie Salmon Run but they need a contact from the Town to do the legwork. Discussion followed. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said she would be interested, but would not do it by herself.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked if someone would handle the Safe Streets event. She asked that Marla Nevill talk to Mark Nevill about the Fire Department taking on this project. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to move the August Council Meeting to the first Wednesday, because of the Safe Streets event. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

**Larry Harter** stated he got the new 6" meter installed at the wellhead. He said it would take some time to determine the accuracy. He said the old meter was 30 years old. He said there is water that is unaccounted for. He said they found one hydrant by fire station and also a leak behind the fire station. Discussion followed.

**Larry Harter** said Parametrix made copies of the Facilities Plan drawings so if we go out for proposals, hope it would not be so expensive. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Marla Nevill** gave an update on the installation of the Bias Program. Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ At 8:10 PM, **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of June 1, 2010. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Date Approved: July 6, 2010**