

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011, 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 March 1, 2011, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Laura Heideman, Gerald Boures, Mathieu Cameron, Karen Shell and Tony Caldwell were present.

Also in attendance: Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 1, 2011:

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Agenda for March 1, 2011. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested amending the SMP Update by adding a motion line for Council action; and adding Drainage under Public Works and a motion line for Council action. **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to amend the motion as requested. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2011:

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2011. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** requested an amendment under Public Works to add Gary Erath to the list of recipients for the "Thank you" letters. **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2011 as amended. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2011, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,142.91:

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the bills for February 2011, in the amount of \$30,142.91 (thirty thousand one hundred forty-two dollars and ninety-one cents). **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Council requested holding the payment to LIUNA for the pension. **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to amend her motion to approve the bills for February 2011 in the amount of \$29,598.41 (twenty-nine thousand five hundred ninety-eight dollars and forty-one cents), and hold the payment to LIUNA for the pension in the amount of \$544.50. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) **Labor Agreement Negotiations Update:**

Mayor Peggy Levesque stated the Unfair Labor Practices meeting would take place in mid-April. She said the Assistant Attorney General's opinion is that we are in an illegal agreement with the LIUNA Pension Fund; but we have not received any written documentation. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we would continue to work on obtaining a letter from the Assistant Attorney General's office and work out a solution.

2) **Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update:**

Councilor Tony Caldwell stated the first estimate we received from Watershed Company was for \$31,980. He said Peggy contacted them and requested they reconsider revising their proposal. He said the second proposal basically has too many loopholes. There are a lot of things that are left out. He said there is no clause that would allow us to hold payment until submittals were approved and payment received from Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE). **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said in the end, we would not have a completed SMP (Shoreline Master Program). **Councilor Tony Caldwell** said Watershed Company wants to use documents that have not been accepted by WDOE. Discussion followed. Council requested that Watershed Company be contacted and request clarification of their proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Ordinance No. 524 – “No Trespass” Ordinance:**

Council reviewed and discussed the “No Trespass” Ordinance.

- ❖ **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to table Ordinance NO. 524 and forward it over to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for review. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we have been working on the SMP agreement and the labor issues, which we have already discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Councilor Tony Caldwell stated there are serious drainage issues next to the Town Hall, which impacts the neighboring property owners. He requested Council approval to install a catch basin and pipe and stub it to the North side of the alley so neighboring property owners could tie into the storm drainage system. Discussion followed. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** said the cost would not exceed \$1500.

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve installation of the storm drainage system next to the Town Hall not to exceed \$1500. **Councilor Mathieu Cameron** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Tony Caldwell said Judy had contacted him regarding a sales tax issue on the Sidewalk Project in 2009. He said sales tax was paid to the contractor that should not have been paid. **Marla Nevill** stated a letter was sent and Tony contacted the contractor; and the contractor paid the Town the sales tax. Discussion followed.

Councilor Tony Caldwell said we had sandbags filled by a work crew from Pierce County. He said there are sandbags at the fire station, Town garage and at the well house. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said

we could get a prison work crew two days a year for free. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** said at least we have the sandbags ready and hope we don't need them. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Marla Nevill said we got the surplus computers from Pierce County; but we will have to purchase new computer programs. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ❖ At 7:50 PM, **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2011. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

April 5, 2011

Date Approved