

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012, 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 6, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Tony Caldwell, James Frank, Laura Heideman, Phillip Marshall and Stu Terry were present.

Also in attendance: Mike Horton, WH Pacific; James Morgan, P.E.; 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 MARCH 6, 2012:

- ❖ **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to approve the Agenda for March 6, 2012. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to amend the motion to have Mart Kask items removed, as he could not attend the meeting tonight. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ENGINEERING REPORT – MIKE HORTON, WH PACIFIC:

- 1) **Water Tank Replacement - Mike Horton** gave an update on the Water Tank Replacement Project. He stated they would be putting together the specs for the glass-fused tanks. He said the project would go out to bid in April for two tanks. He said it would be a little lower cost to replace two tanks at the same time. Construction is expected to start in June or July. Discussion followed.
- 2) **Tubbs Road, SE Third Street and Emery Avenue South Road Project – Mike Horton** gave an update on the Road Project. He said he would have Tony review the bid specs; and he expected the project to go out to Bid in April. The contractor would have until August to start the project; once the project is started they would have ten days to complete the project. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2012:

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2012. **Councilor Phil Marshall** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MARCH 2012, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,444.98:

- ❖ **Councilor James Frank** moved to approve the bills for February 2012, in the amount of \$33,444.98 (thirty-three thousand four hundred forty-four dollars and ninety-eight cents). **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** asked if anyone had reviewed the bills. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said she had reviewed the bills. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) **Mart Kask – Code Enforcement Issues:** Removed from Agenda, Mart Kask could not attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **General Facilities Charge Rate Study:**

Council discussed the General Facilities Charge Rate Study that was submitted by Nihat Dogan, FCS Group at the February Council meeting. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** said he located a Facilities Charge Study in the vault and turned it over to Councilor Laura Heideman to review. She will report back to the Council at the April meeting. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to go out for “Request for Qualifications” proposals for on-call engineering services that specialize in water and wastewater. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 2) **Mart Kask Memo: Proposed Pierce County Flood Control District Ordinance No 2011-95:** Removed from Agenda, Mart Kask could not attend the meeting.

- 3) **Reminder: AWC RMSA – Elected Officials Training at the South Prairie Community Center, March 20, 2012, 7:00 PM:**

Marla Nevill reminded the Mayor and Council of the Elected Officials Training on March 20, 2012, at the Community Center.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS:

Jim Morgan P.E. said he put together a memo on funding sources for sewer system upgrades for power outages. Discussion followed.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the Bill for the pension fund is through the Senate and is in the Ways & Means Committee in the House. She said it might be able to go right to the floor for a vote. We have received a lot of help from Senator Roach and other Representatives. She would be going to Olympia tomorrow to testify. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT:

Larry Harter said he and Tony have been really busy. They obtained pricing for generators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the water tanks. **Jim Morgan** said prices vary considerably for manual vs. automatic. Discussion followed.

CLERK’S REPORT:

- 1) **AWC RMSA Loss Control Inspections on March 20, 2012 – Marla** said we have an insurance inspection scheduled for March 20th and explained what areas have to be inspected. Councilors Phil Marshall and James Frank volunteered to inspect playground equipment; Councilor Stu Terry volunteered to inspect signs and Mayor Peggy Levesque volunteered to inspect the sidewalks. **Marla Nevill** said she would try to get the inspection forms and criteria out to those volunteers this week. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Stu Terry stated concerns about the lack of law enforcement in town. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we still have the Sheriff’s Department twelve hours a month over their designated hours. Several Council Members confirmed seeing the Sheriff’s Department officers patrolling the town. Discussion followed. **Councilor Stu Terry** said he would like to see more productive use of their time

while they're here. **Councilor Laura Heideman** said we are paying for their presence here. Discussion followed.

Councilor Stu Terry requested we put a note on the utility bills that "No dumping yard waste on Town right-of-way. Runoff from yard waste contains chemicals that could harm the fish." Discussion followed.

RECESS:

- ❖ At 8:50 PM, **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting to March 20, 2012, 7:00 PM, at the South Prairie Community Center. **Councilor Stu Terry** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Date Approved: April 3, 2012