

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009, 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, January 6, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Cole Elliott, Town Engineer; 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 JANUARY 6, 2009:

- ❖ Councilor Karen Shell moved to approve the Agenda for January 6, 2009. Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2008:

- ❖ Councilor Gerald Boures moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2008, as written. Councilor Laura Heideman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,406.87:

- ❖ Councilor Laura Heideman moved to approve the bills for December 2008 in the amount of \$70,406.87 (seventy thousand four hundred six dollars and eighty-seven cents). Councilor Karen Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Parking Restriction on NW Washington Street tabled to January 20, 2009:
- 2) Community Center Rates tabled to January 20, 2009:
- 3) Water and Sewer Rates tabled to January 20, 2009:

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she met with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and they are working on a system for handling non-emergency calls. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said a Scout took the sign from the Community Center and is putting a roof on it. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said Fire Chief John McDonald, East Pierce Fire and Rescue, contacted her to let us know that major flooding is expected by tomorrow. She said they are expecting fifteen (15") inches of rain in a twenty-four (24) hour period. She said the news said six to eight (6 – 8") inches. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Department of Emergency Management is sending out a team tomorrow to fill sand bags. She said Marla and Judy notified those people that live along the creek. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Larry Harter stated the ground water is up all over town and it is coming up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter said Skagit PUD is replacing their touch-read meters and we might be able to purchase the meters for \$10 (ten dollars) each. The Council consensus was to have Larry check into purchasing surplus water meters from Skagit PUD. **Cole Elliott** said they might surplus the wands as well. **Councilor Gerald Boures** asked if the meters could be damaged by a lawn mower. **Cole Elliott** said no they are flush mount meters. Discussion followed. **Larry Harter** said these meters are only for residential use. He said they are probably upgrading their meters. **Councilor Gerald Boures** asked if the old meters would be obsolete. **Larry Harter** said no. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the price is right. Discussion followed.

Larry Harter said a question came up about a fire service line and we do not have anything in our code that addresses fire service lines. Discussion followed. **Cole Elliott** said there would not be a monthly bill. He said basically the fire service would be used once and not used again. Discussion followed. **Cole Elliott** asked for clarification on the ordinance and suggested borrowing an ordinance from another city. **Larry Harter** said the fire service line would require the installation of double-check valves. Discussion followed.

Cole Elliott said we have not received a response on the Economic Stimulus Package on the projects we submitted for consideration. He said hopefully we would hear something next month. He said there is a big push to send the money directly to the States and they would distribute it to the counties. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Marla Nevill requested Council approval to attend the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) Conference on March 17 – 20, 2009.

- ❖ **Laura Heideman** moved to authorize Marla Nevill, Town Clerk, to attend the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) Conference on March 17 – 20, 2009. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Gerald Boures said during the last snowfall, the plow operator left the blade down while driving down Emery Avenue. **Councilor Karen Shell** said she did see the snow plow out there. Discussion followed.

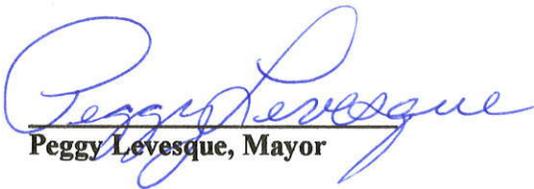
Mayor Peggy Levesque said Lois Erath would be working with several citizens from Town on the replacement of the Rock N Cross. Discussion followed. **Councilor Gerald Boures** asked what was going on with the Skate Board Park. **Councilor Karen Shell** said we would have to go back to the

association to find out more details. She said grant applications are only accepted once a year. Discussion followed.

Councilor Gerald Boures said there were quad tracks at the Third Street Park. **Larry Harter** said he saw the tracks. He said Gary must have put the cable up at the Third Street Park. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she was asked by several citizens to take down the cable. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN:

- ❖ At 7:40 PM, **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 6, 2009. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**


Peggy Levesque, Mayor


Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer


Date Approved