

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Cole Elliott, Town Engineer; Larry Harter, Utility Operator; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

**EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENCE:**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to excuse Dave Lykstad's absence from the January 6, 2009 Council Meeting and Mathieu Cameron's absence from the February 3, 2009 Council Meeting. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Agenda for February 3, 2009. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2009, as written. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the Recessed Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009, as written. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR JANUARY 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,379.79:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for January 2009, in the amount of \$45,379.79 (forty-five thousand three hundred seventy-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents). **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Parking Restriction on NW Washington Street:** Motion to revise ordinance or motion to designate a committee to meet with Town Attorney, Sheriff's Department and towing company to research and finalize details for implementing and enforcement of ordinance:

Marla Nevill explained that there were inconsistencies between the attorney and the Sheriff's Department on handling impound of vehicles parked in the restricted area. She suggested speaking with the owner of the lounge about informing their patrons not to park in front of the residences along Washington Street. **Councilor Gerald Boures** asked if it was worth all of this for two residences. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** stated concerns about retaliation against the homeowners if someone's vehicle were towed. He suggested painting stripes on roadway and post "resident parking only" signs. **Councilors Laura Heideman and Dave Lykstad** volunteered to research this issue further.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to table this issue pending further research. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2) Ordinance No. 510 – Repealing Ordinance No. 364 and Enacting a New Ordinance relating to Community Center Rental Rates:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve Ordinance No. 510, which repeals Ordinance No. 364 and enacting a new ordinance relating to Community Center Rental Rates. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3) Water and Sewer Rates – Review rate study information and direct Town Attorney to draft ordinance:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have not increased the rates for the last four years. She said **Judy** suggested increasing the rates by 9% to catch up with the previous rates. **Councilor Karen Shell** suggested a possible increase of 5% for three years. **Cole Elliott** said there were recommendations in the Capital Improvement Plan section of the Water Comp Plan while the FCS study said to increase rates by 3% just to maintain what we have. **Councilor Karen Shell** asked if there was some way to factor in the CIP. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have put a little bit aside, but the auditor had stated that the Sewer Reserve Fund was tied to the Sewer Loan. She said the problem we have is that there are not enough ratepayers to do everything we need to do. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the increase is not substantial even at 9%. She said according to **Judy**, the increases could be done at any time. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said the problem is that we have such a small group of ratepayers to draw from. **Councilor Gerald Boures** said it would be a lot less to maintain the system than to replace it. The Council discussed several rate options. **Cole Elliott** said it would cost \$200,000 to replace a water tank. He said we have permission from the State for 200 (two hundred) water connections. Council discussed additional rate options and possible cost of living adjustments.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to increase the water and sewer rates by 10% (ten percent) per year. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to amend the motion to have the Town Attorney draft the ordinance reflecting the water and sewer rate increases. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Resolution No. 301 – Municipal Research Services Center (MRSC) Small Works Roster:**
  - ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve Resolution No. 301 and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Tom Young from Congressman Dave Reichart's office came out to look at the damage from the January flood. She said they didn't open their checkbook. She said of all the elected officials, they were the only one that made contact with the Town. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have a tentative meeting scheduled for February 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM to discuss surface water management. She said Tony Fontello from Pierce County Department of Emergency Management might be attending the meeting. She said the meeting would be in conjunction with the Cares Committee Meeting. Discussion followed. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** suggested recessing the Council Meeting to February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we had 100 (one hundred) volunteers here last Sunday. She said they worked on cleaning up those properties across from the fire station, properties on South Prairie Road and Town property. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said things are starting to look better.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we have received two bids for the flood damage repairs to the Fire Station/Community Center. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we were able to get dumpsters for the flood damage. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said Marlis Ross is handling the playground equipment replacement and it was the consensus of the committee to purchase the "Everest," and the kids would also like to have a rock-climbing wall. She said the playground equipment would cost approximately \$16,150 with a 10% discount. She said we would also receive a \$3,000 credit for the Rock N Cross. She said the installation would cost \$4,037, but if we get a team of volunteers, then we could pay a supervisor approximately \$1,200 to monitor the install. She said we received \$1,000 from AWC (Association of Washington Cities) for removing the merry-go-round. She said with the various credits the playground equipment would cost \$11,735 plus tax and the cost of the concrete. She said we had budgeted \$15,000 for this project from the Capital Improvement Fund. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to authorize the Mayor to move forward with the purchase of the playground equipment, not to exceed \$15,000. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

**Larry Harter** suggested re-surveying the silt depth for the sewer outfall. He said previous survey was done before the November 2008 flood. He said then we would have the information if it were requested by FEMA. **Cole Elliott** said their fee would be lower this time. He said they would send the Scope of Work and Budget. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to re-survey the silt depth for the sewer outfall. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Cole Elliott** said he contacted Cosmopolitan Engineering regarding updating the plans for replacing the roof at the Well House. Discussion followed. **Cole Elliott** said he would continue working on this project.

**Larry Harter** said there is a garage that is falling over on SE Third Street and requested that the owner be contacted. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we would probably review the PCNET (Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams) again in March. Discussion followed.

**Marla Nevill** said flood damage victims could contact Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer for possible reduction on taxes. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Marla Nevill** said we received three bids for the roof repair at the fire station: 1) Cobra Roofing - \$700.00, 2) The Sterling Group - \$4,581.50 and 3) Wayne's Roofing, Inc. - \$5,760.00. Council discussed the bids.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to award the bid to Sterling Group in the amount of \$4,581.50 (four thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars and fifty cents). **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Marla Nevill** said we received one bid for the flood damage repairs at the fire station/community center, and we are waiting for one other bid. She recommended that the Council authorize the Mayor to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder in order to expedite the repairs. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to authorize the Mayor to award the bid for the flood damage repairs at the fire station/community center to the lowest responsible bidder. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Marla Nevill** said our deadline to complete the work for the Local Records Grant Program is May 31, 2009 and requested Council approval to close the Town Hall February 17 – 20, 2009 for records reorganization. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to authorize closing the Town Hall February 17 – 20, 2009 for records reorganization. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

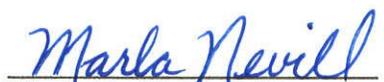
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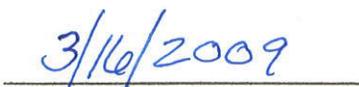
None.

**RECESS:**

- ❖ At 9:00 PM, **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to recess the Regular Council Meeting to February 19, 2009, 7:00 PM, at the Fire Station/Community Center. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

  
Peggy Levesque, Mayor

  
Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Date Approved