

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 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, April 7, 2009, at 7:08 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Renee Timothy, US Census Bureau; Tony Caldwell, 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 APRIL 7, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to approve the Agenda for April 7, 2009. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2009:**

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2009, as written. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR MARCH 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,171.49:**

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for March 2009, in the amount of \$29,171.49 (twenty-nine thousand one hundred seventy-one dollars and forty-nine cents). **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and the Utility Operator answered these inquiries. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1) Ordinance No. 511, Draft 2 – Increasing Water and Sewer Rates:**

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve Ordinance No. 511, which increases the Water and Sewer Rates. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Tony Caldwell** stated the water and sewer bill would be over \$106 within three years. **Councilor Gerald Boures** stated we have to increase the rates in order to maintain the system. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** stated we have not increased the rates for the last three years. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2) NW Washington Street Parking Restriction – Committee Update:**

**Councilor Dave Lykstad** said after discussing this issue with the Town Attorney, basically it might work to post signs and let it go on the honor system. He also suggested painting stripes on the street in front of the residences. **Larry Harter** asked where he was supposed to park when he comes to the Town Hall. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** suggested he park in the Town

Hall parking lot. **Larry Harter** said sometimes the parking lot is full. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said part of the issue was the noise. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said he did not think we would get complaints if Larry parked there for a while. **Tony Caldwell** suggested opening up the parking on the south side of NW Washington Street. **Councilor Gerald Boures** asked why those signs were posted there. **Tony Caldwell** said those signs were posted when it was a one-way street. He also stated that parking was prohibited five feet (5') from any driveway. Discussion followed.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to direct the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 488 and other ordinances that restricted parking on NW Washington Street and readdress this issue at the May Council meeting. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3) Request Council Modify Cap of \$15,000 for Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment from Cascade Recreation:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said after researching this issue further, there was concern that we could exceed the cap of \$15,000 that was set by the Council for the purchase and installation of the playground equipment. **Councilor Karen Shell** asked what the total cost would be if Cascade Recreation installed the playground equipment. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said it would be \$4159 plus tax. **Tony Caldwell** said there is quite a bit of site preparation. The Council discussed the estimated cost of the playground equipment and installation as follows: Playground equipment - \$13,728 + Installation - \$4,483 + and Chips - \$1800 = \$20,011.

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to increase the cap from \$15,000 to \$21,000 for purchase and installation of playground equipment and chips. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Councilor Gerald Boures** asked why the climbing wall was not included. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said it would not work with this piece of playground equipment. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Authorize Mayor to send Letter of Concurrence for the 2008 Supplement to the Year 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan (Note: Deadline was extended from March 1, 2009 to April 26, 2009):**

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to authorize the Mayor to send a "Letter of Concurrence" for the 2008 Supplement to the Year 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. Council discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2) Authorize Mayor to Execute 2010 Census Partnership Agreement:**

- ❖ **Councilor Karen Shell** moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the 2010 Census Partnership Agreement. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Renee Timothy**, US Census Bureau, said we are getting ready for the 2010 Census and address canvassing was started on Monday. She said they should be done with the canvassing by July, and they would start recruiting employees for the next phase in September. **Tony Caldwell** asked if we could do the work. **Renee Timothy** said only Census employees could perform the work to make sure everyone is counted. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3) Proclamation – 2010 Census Partner Proclamation:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** read the 2010 Census Partner Proclamation. (See Exhibit "A" attached).

**4) Proclamation – Silver Star Banner Day:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** read the Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation. (See Exhibit “B” attached). Discussion followed.

**5) Proclamation – Kinship Caregiver Day:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** read the Kinship Caregiver Day Proclamation. (See Exhibit “C” attached). She said they offer classes and respite care. She said there are a lot of grandparents raising grandchildren. Discussion followed.

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS:**

None

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she has been invited to meet with someone from the Pierce County Executive’s Office to discuss issues of concern. She said they penciled her in for a full day. She said in all the years on Council or as Mayor, we have never been asked to meet with the Pierce County Executive. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT:**

**Larry Harter** said he is working on the Booster Pump, as there are problems with the system. He said the plumber has to install a by-pass valve on the system. Discussion followed.

**Larry Harter** said he has an emergency shower stall and he has to get it installed. Discussion followed.

**PROJECT MANAGER REPORT – FLOOD DAMAGE:**

**Tony Caldwell** gave report on the progress of the flood damage repairs as follows:

- 1) Insurance (AWC) did not approve of the \$15,000 bill for water extraction at the Fire Station/Community Center (FS/CC) and this cost might not be covered;
- 2) Flood Control measures would probably not be covered by AWC;
- 3) Emery Avenue South repairs was initially denied by both AWC and FEMA; but after FEMA reevaluated the roadway, they might cover the pothole repair; Pierce County is preparing an estimate for this repair;
- 4) FS/CC parking lot repairs would not be covered by AWC or FEMA;
- 5) AWC will cover the FS/CC interior repairs;
- 6) Storm drain cleaning would either be covered by AWC or FEMA;
- 7) We met with Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the Sewer Outfall;
- 8) JARPA and SEPA and other permitting has been started by Mart Kask for repairing the Sewer Outfall;
- 9) “Fish-Window” for working in the creek is July 15 through August 31;
- 10) FEMA wants the Sewer Outfall work performed between July 15 and July 30; and we should be able to meet this deadline;
- 11) Estimates for Sewer Outfall repair range from \$7,000 to \$26,500;
- 12) Sewer Outfall repairs might not be covered by AWC but could be covered by FEMA;
- 13) STEP pumping at the RV Park was questioned;
- 14) Grounds repair at FS/CC is not covered by AWC or FEMA;
- 15) Picnic Table replacement would be covered by FEMA;
- 16) FEMA will work with the Town on the Berm;
- 17) Marla is preparing the 404-Mitigation paperwork;
- 18) Larry is obtaining cost estimate for shut-off valves;
- 19) Quotes for final cleaning of FS/CC range from \$5400 to \$5,800.

Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we had really good representation from FEMA and Pierce County Emergency Management at the post-flood meeting. She said we have one home that is red-tagged and the Town would be representing the homeowner. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Marla Nevill** said there is a Candidate Workshop on April 9, 2009 if anyone is considering running for office. Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

**Councilor Dave Lykstad** said a garage on SE Third Street was demolished. Discussion followed.

**Councilor Dave Lykstad** said the ditch on SE Second Street should be cleaned out. **Larry Harter** said the dilemma being that when Burbank cleaned out the ditch, the bank sloughed off. He said we have engineered drawings for a retaining wall, but this is very costly. He suggested installing a French drain in that area. Discussion followed.

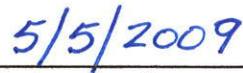
**Councilor Dave Lykstad** suggested sandblasting the bed of the utility pickup. **Larry Harter** asked if that was "throwing good money after bad." **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked Larry to keep an eye out for another utility pickup and get back to the Council. **Tony Caldwell** suggested painting the old pickup in the meantime.

**ADJOURN:**

- ❖ At 9:10 PM, **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 2009. **Councilor Karen Shell** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

  
Peggy Levesque, Mayor

  
Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Date Approved



# IT'S IN OUR HANDS

## 2010 Census Partner Proclamation

**WHEREAS** an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;

**WHEREAS** more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data;

**WHEREAS** census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community;

**WHEREAS** the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

Now, therefore, we PROCLAIM that the Town of South Prairie  
is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in South Prairie to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, such as Complete Count Committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Signed this 7th day of April, in the year 2009.

Signature

MAYOR  
Title

USCENSUSBUREAU

Council Meeting Minutes 4/7/2009  
Exhibit "A"

United States  
Census  
2010

**Town of South Prairie Proclamation**

**“Silver Star Banner Day”**

*Silver Star Shining for Sacrifice*

*Honoring our Wounded and Ill*

WHEREAS, the Town of South Prairie has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrifice for this Town, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and Mayor of South Prairie wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten

NOW THEREFORE, I Peggy Levesque, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE do hereby proclaim

My appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st “SILVER STAR BANNER DAY” the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the Town of South Prairie.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of South Prairie in the State of Washington this 7<sup>th</sup> day April 2009.

  
Mayor Peggy Levesque

Council Meeting Minutes 4/7/09  
Exhibit "B"

**Town of South Prairie**



**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the family is the cornerstone of our communities, state, and nation, and children are the future of society; and

**WHEREAS**, the care, protection, and nurturing of children has traditionally been the responsibility of biological parents, with support from other family members and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and siblings are stepping forward in ever-increasing numbers to assume full responsibility for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to appropriately parent; and

**WHEREAS**, these kin face day-to-day challenges as well as emotional, financial, and legal obstacles, often alone and without support; and

**WHEREAS**, they are committed to providing these children with a healthy, safe, and happy childhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the significant contribution of the care and nurturing of these children by their kin deserves to be recognized;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Peggy Levesque, Mayor of the Town of South Prairie do hereby proclaim May 20, 2009, as

***Kinship Caregiver Day***

**In South Prairie, and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.**

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009

  
Mayor Peggy Levesque