

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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, May 5, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also in attendance: Tony Caldwell, Flood Damage Project Manager; Larry Harter, Utility Operator; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

FLAG SALUTE:

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

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENCE:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to excuse Council Member Karen Shell's absence for the May 5, 2009 Council Meeting. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 5, 2009:

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the Agenda for May 5, 2009. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2009:

- ❖ **Councilor Gerald Boures** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2009, as written. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR APRIL 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,427.49:

- ❖ **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to approve the bills for April 2009, in the amount of \$46,427.49 (forty-six thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents). **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. Council requested clarification on several bills, and Marla Nevill answered these inquiries. No further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) NW Washington Street Parking Restriction:

Marla Nevill said she spoke to the Town Attorney and she will revise the ordinance for the parking restriction on NW Washington Street, and it would be ready for Council Action on May 19, 2009. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked Larry if he had ordered the signs. **Larry Harter** said not yet. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Fire Flow Discussion – as per Information from Pierce County Fire Marshall:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she met with the Pierce County Fire Marshall regarding Fire Flow requirements for the convenience store at the South Prairie Creek RV Park. She said the Commercial Fire Flow requirement is 1500 gallons per minute (gpm) for one hour, which the applicant does not meet. She said they could get credits for a fire service line or a monitored fire alarm system, but after speaking with the Town Attorney, the deviation from the Fire Code has to be approved by the Fire Chief. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the Fire Chief would speak to the Fire Marshall and she would get back to the Council regarding this issue.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we might obtain stimulus funding for help with the water meter installation. **Marla Nevill** said we also added painting fire hydrants to the list. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked that we also add raking and reseeding the Veterans Park. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said the playground equipment is installed and it looks great. **Tony Caldwell** said Jerry Kuranko and Gary and Lois Erath donated a lot of time for this project and requested that the Town send them "Thank You" cards. **Tony Caldwell** said the installation on this project turned into more than one day. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said several citizens have stated concerns about the safety of the trail entry at Third Street Park. The pedestrian entrance/exit is the same place as the vehicle entrance/exit. There were suggestions to fence the perimeter of the parking lot to create separation between vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Discussion followed. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said she would get some estimates and get back to the Council on this issue.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said she had received inquiries from citizens regarding the status of the skate park, but there is also discussion regarding the installation of a BMX track. She said David Fiedler volunteered to research this issue further. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we had a nice meeting with Keri Rooney from the Pierce County Executive's Office to discuss concerns or issues the Town is facing. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peggy Levesque said we have information regarding the Swine Flu if anyone would like a copy. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

Larry Harter said he had nothing to report. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** asked Larry to find out if there is a water filtration system available for removal of arsenic, in order to get Well #1 back on line. **Larry Harter** said he would contact the vendor regarding this issue, but we also need to address the chlorine content. He said one possibility is to install an underground pipe to improve the dilution rate. Discussion followed.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT – FLOOD DAMAGE:

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

- 1) Insurance (AWC) is trying to deny coverage of sewer outfall;
- 2) Larry compiled sewer system information and it was forwarded to AWC, since they were questioning pumping the STEP tank at the RV Park; and the information was forwarded to underwriter for review;

- 3) Tony said the contractor stated two weeks ago that the repairs for the Fire Station/Community Center would be completed in a week, but it is still not finished;
- 4) FEMA stated the Town does not have proper flood coverage, and we need an NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) policy;
- 5) Because we do not have the NFIP Policy, FEMA could deny coverage;
- 6) AWC and FEMA are looking into the sewer outfall;
- 7) Permitting turned over to Mart Kask;

Discussion followed regarding different methods of repairing sewer outfall and repairs to Emery Avenue South. Councilor Laura Heideman volunteered to review the Town's insurance policy. **Tony Caldwell** said all of the bills are being submitted to both the insurance and FEMA.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Marla Nevill said we are still working on completing the records project. Discussion followed.

Marla Nevill said Judy completed the Annual Report in record time this year. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Gerald Boures asked if something could be done about the roads. **Marla Nevill** said we are waiting for the Six-Year Transportation Plan from Pertect. Discussion followed. **Tony Caldwell** said Pierce County is coming out to inspect and prioritize road repair projects. Discussion followed. **Councilor Gerald Boures** said he wanted it noted for the record that someone would check into repairing the roads and Tony is having Pierce County inspect and prioritize road repair projects.

Councilor Dave Lykstad said he would like the Community Center renamed to "Janet K. Shelton" Community Center, and dedicated to all the years of service to the South Prairie Community Center. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we would check into sign replacement cost and report back to the Council at the next Council Meeting. Discussion followed.

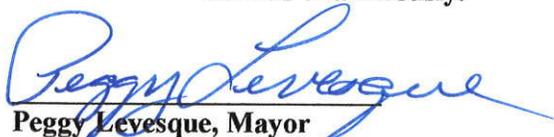
Mayor Peggy Levesque asked if the South Prairie Salmon Run was still a go for September. **Councilor Dave Lykstad** said the event is scheduled for September 26, 2009 and is listed in the latest Rails to Trails newsletter. Discussion followed.

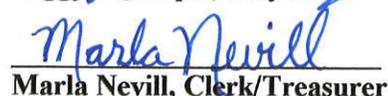
Councilor Dave Lykstad said he saw an article in the newspaper about the 100-year celebration for the Town of Wilkeson, and asked if we could possibly do something in conjunction with the Salmon Run for the 100-year anniversary for Town of South Prairie. Discussion followed.

Marla Nevill said Spring Clean-up is scheduled for May 13, 2009.

ADJOURN:

- ❖ At 8:20 PM, **Councilor Dave Lykstad** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2009. **Councilor Gerald Boures** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**


Peggy Levesque, Mayor


Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer

6-2-2009
Date Approved