

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013, 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 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Also in attendance:** Tom Inglin, citizen; James Morgan, 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 8, 2013:**

❖ **Councilor Stu Terry** moved to approve the Agenda for January 8, 2013. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** requested tabling items 1 – 8 under New Business for further review. **Councilor Stu Terry** moved to amend his motion to approve the Agenda for January 8, 2013, with the correction to table items 1 – 8 under New Business. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the amended motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ENGINEERING REPORT:**

**James Morgan – Town Engineer – On-Call Services – SPR1202**

**James Morgan** presented the engineering report (see Exhibit “A” attached). He said Century Link sent the final documents for the easement today. He said he would review the documents tomorrow and have the easement ready for signature if all the changes have been completed. Discussion followed.

**James Morgan – Town Engineer – Water Tank Project – SPR1205**

**James Morgan** said he met on-site today with Councilperson Caldwell and the contractor to answer questions regarding the piping connections. Thrust blocking and pressure testing will not be required due to low system pressure. The old tank had a pipe bend which has been eliminated (see Exhibit “A” attached). Discussion followed. **James Morgan** said he’ll go back and check filtering (silt stop) with the Department of Health. **Larry Harter** said every five years we’d have to inspect the tank. Discussion followed.

**Engineering Report for Water Tank Replacement**

**Councilor Tony Caldwell** said Mike Horton requested he oversee the installation of the water tank; so he would be on site. He said the delivery of the tank was delayed due to hurricane Sandy. He said the project is moving along. We had soil tests done and had to remove the old soil and bring in new soil. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said the tank is scheduled to arrive on January 25, 2013. Discussion followed.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2012:**

- ❖ **Councilor James Frank** moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2012. **Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2012, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,610.29:**

- ❖ **Councilor James Frank** moved to approve the bills for December 2012, in the amount of \$71,610.29 (seventy-one thousand six hundred ten dollars and twenty-nine cents). **Councilor Stu Terry** seconded the motion. Several inquiries were made and answered regarding the bills. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF PARTIAL BILLS FOR JANUARY 2013, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,118.00:**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the partial bills for January 2013, in the amount of \$17,118.00 (seventeen thousand one hundred eighteen dollars and zero cents). **Councilor James Frank** seconded the motion. Several inquiries were made and answered regarding the bills. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council discussion followed regarding the language in some of the ordinances. **Councilor Stu Terry** asked if some of the language for the animal control contract could be modified. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said according to the attorney for Pierce County, we could not modify the contract language. Discussion followed. **Councilor Stu Terry** said some things should be taken out before we adopt the contract.

- 1) **Ordinance No. 530 – Adopting New General Provisions for the Town:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 2) **Ordinance No. 531 – Adopting New Administrative and Personnel Provisions for the Town:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 3) **Ordinance No. 532 – Adopting New Provisions for the Town Related to Animal Control:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 4) **Ordinance No. 533 – Adopting New Provisions Related to Utility Connections, Rates and Charges:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 5) **Ordinance No. 534 – Adopting New Provisions Related to Business Licenses and Regulations:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 6) **Ordinance No. 535 – Adopting New Provisions Related to Nuisance Abatement:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 7) **Ordinance No. 536 – Adopting New Provisions Relating to Revenue and Finance:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013
- 8) **Ordinance No. 537 – Adopting New Provisions Related to Vehicle and Traffic:**  
Tabled until February 5, 2013

**9) Approval of FY2013 Budget Document:**

- ❖ **Councilor Laura Heideman** moved to approve the FY2013 Budget Document. **Councilor Stu Terry** seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the document. Three approved and one opposed. (Councilor Stu Terry opposed). **Motion carried.**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

**Tom Inglin** asked if there were any more incidents of theft in town. **Larry Harter** said ground wires were stolen from power poles. Discussion followed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we're back to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2013. Discussion followed.

**Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we'll check with our insurance about the animal control contract language and report back to the Council. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:**

**Larry Harter** said work started on the water tank replacement. He said there are three incorrect addresses listed on the building permit. He said the 401 address is incorrect; it should be 919 Carriage Road. He said the permit should be posted at the job site. Discussion followed.

**Councilor James Frank** said his neighbor was under the impression we would be installing the emergency outlets for the sewer. **Mayor Peggy Levesque** said we might possibly be able to get mitigation funds from FEMA. **Councilor Tony Caldwell** said it would cost approximately \$75,000 to do that project. Discussion followed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Marla Nevill** said the Audit Entrance Conference is scheduled for January 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM and asked if anyone would be interested in attending. Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**

**Councilor Tony Caldwell** said the water tank replacement was going good until yesterday; and an inspector stopped by and said the contractor needs to obtain an electrical permit. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- ❖ At 8:14 PM, **Councilor Tony Caldwell** moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2013. **Councilor Laura Heideman** seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Date Approved: February 5, 2013**