

**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
RECESSED COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015, 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:

At 7:00 PM, **Mayor Tony Caldwell** called to order and presided over the Recessed Council Meeting/Public Hearing of Monday, December 14, 2015.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members: Stu Terry, Roy Hanson, Jan Twardoski, Barb Wigton and Vicky Watkins were present.

Also in attendance: Joe Mills, South Prairie Creek RV Park; and Marla Nevill, Clerk/Treasurer.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Tony Caldwell requested everyone stand for the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015:

❖ **Terry/Twardoski** moved and seconded to approve the Agenda for December 14, 2015. **Marla Nevill** said Item #2 was added under New Business; and she requested the Council review the Engagement Letter from Summit Law Group. She said she would also address furniture for Council Chambers under Clerk’s Report. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – AFFIRMING THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL’S ACTION IN ORDINANCE NO. 2015-49 APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION:

❖ At 7:02 PM, **Terry/Twardoski** moved and seconded to open the Public Hearing affirming the Pierce County Council’s Action in Ordinance No. 2015-49 approving an application for Open Space Classification. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There were no citizen comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

❖ At 7:03 PM, **Terry/Twardoski** moved and seconded to close the Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mayor Tony Caldwell said we are meeting with the engineer on December 21, 2015, 3:00 PM at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). He said no improvements to the WWTP are planned at this time. BHC Consultants are only doing a sewer study. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS:

Joe Mills presented a “Letter of Appreciation” to the Mayor, Council and staff. Discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Resolution 346 – Affirming Pierce County Council Action Adopting Ordinance 2015-49 an Application for Open Space Classification:

- ❖ **Watkins/Hanson** moved and seconded to affirm Pierce County Council action adopting Ordinance 2015-49 an application for Open Space Classification. Discussion followed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2) Review Engagement Letter from Summit Law Group:

Mayor Tony Caldwell said Summit Law Group would deal with personnel and union issues. He said he hoped to get a Council decision on this issue in January. Discussion followed.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT:

1) **Mayor Tony Caldwell** said we had a meeting with the Washington Department of Health and there is approximately 3,000,000 gallons of water that is not accounted for in every year since 2009. He said the Fire Department does not monitor water usage. We are working with the operator to try to locate possible leaks. He said we might have to hire a leak detector company to come out to locate the water leaks. Discussion followed.

2) **Mayor Tony Caldwell** showed a map to the Council showing our Water Purveyor service area. He said we are responsible for supplying water if the applicant is willing to pay the cost to run lines to their property. Discussion followed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1) Furniture for Council Chambers:

Marla Nevill showed the Council some pictures of furniture for the Council Chambers. No Council action was taken.

2) Audit Exit Conference:

Marla Nevill said the Audit Exit Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 1:30 PM. **Mayor Tony Caldwell** explained what was involved with the Exit Conference and invited the Council Members to attend the meeting. Discussion followed. No Council Members offered to attend the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

Councilor Stu Terry: He asked Roy Hanson to stay on Council until we could find a replacement. Roy agreed to stay on Council until a replacement was found. Discussion followed.

Councilor Jan Twardoski: None

Councilor Barb Wigton: She said she saw the markings for the street lights. Discussion followed. **Mayor Tony Caldwell** said PSE would also be changing the street lights to LED lights at Third Street Park and by the water tanks on Tubbs Road. He said he left it up to PSE to decide on the location for the new street light at South Prairie Road and Highway 162. He said the street light installation is going pretty slow since they are busy installing new LED lights for the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Relight Washington Grant Program.

Councilor Barb Wigton had a question about the light at the Trailhead. She said she has received a lot of positive comments on the new LED streetlights. Discussion followed.

Councilor Vicky Watkins:

A) She said she met with Buckley Glass to get an estimate to replace the windows at the Community Center. Discussion followed.

B) She said she has been working on the Christmas party, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 20, 2015, 4:00-8:00 PM. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ❖ At 7:45 PM, **Terry/Wigton** moved and seconded to adjourn the Recessed Council Meeting of December 14, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Date Approved: January 5, 2016