

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION
JULY 21, 2008**

Mayor Harold D. Stickney called to order the second regular meeting of the Common Council for the month of July, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Present at roll call were Councilpersons Sutton, Reetz, Schleining, Murphey, Starr, Pischke, and Chris Beesley, City Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

AGENDA

Councilperson Murphey moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilperson Reetz, the motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Councilperson Starr moved, with a second by Councilperson Schleining, to approve the minutes from the July 14th, 2008 special meeting. The motion carried. Councilperson Pischke abstained.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were stated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, discussed the following items; jetter and auger bid, and getting the specs ready for the loader bid. French Creek has been running and West Dam was to the flood stage last week and there was some clean up from washouts. Bob mentioned the Wastewater Treatment Plant problem which the guys worked on right away plus did some maintenance while they had it apart; it was probably a big glob of grease that got stuck. Councilperson Starr wondered when the old hydrants on Main Street would be moved which Bob stated the old line would be abandoned this fall. Councilperson Reetz wondered if Bob could get together a list of odd and ends projects; maybe we could contract these out.

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, discussed the Washington Street Project and there was a meeting with GF&P today. It went well and all is coming together; they are looking at doing the trail prior to the project or if it would be better to do it at the same time. Councilperson Pischke wondered about the Golf Course Annexation which Rex stated the process has been started.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #656 – BOND SCHEDULE

Attorney Beesley summarized the changes in the Bond Schedule which will now mirror the State Schedule for most of the common offenses; however the tickets will still be written for the City. This will stop the need for an annual ordinance update unless the Council makes specific changes to their ordinances. Councilperson Starr moved to approve Ordinance #656. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

BROWN BAG REQUEST – SHRINE CLUB

The Southern Hills Shrine Club submitted a copy of their liability insurance for their Brown Bag License request to have a get-together in French Creek Park July 26th during Gold Discovery Days. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this request. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

GOLDEN WEST COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Jody Bielmeier, Golden West Customer Services Manager, discussed the Board of Directors taking several by-law changes to their Membership Board Meeting September 27th. One of the changes is including all the areas served by the Coop into the membership. If the Membership passes this, Custer would be added in 2010. Jody also wanted to remind the Council that Golden West has a Community Economic Development Grant of \$5000 for an award. The Chamber received this award last year to upgrade their equipment. The Mayor thanked everyone for coming and for the update.

RAFFLE REQUEST

The Council received a raffle request from the Custer County Democrats to sell raffle tickets for two baskets of groceries and sundry items from the 21st through Gold Discovery Days. Councilperson Pischke moved to approve the raffle request. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

RECREATIONAL PROPERTY ACCEPTANCE

Rex stated the County graciously decided to transfer ownership of Revised Lots 1-6 (DOE #8490) and Lots 13 & 14 (DOE #8493), all in Block 84, Custer City, Custer County, South Dakota to the City since both entities were in agreement that a previous agreement had not been filed. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve the land transfer. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried.

2009 BUDGET PROCESS

The Council received the General Fund Expense projections for 2009 budgets. The Council decided to have a Public Budget Hearing August 25th which at that time they will work on nothing but budget. This way they will have time to review and have any questions or projects ready to be included in next year's budget and this will give the public an opportunity to give their input prior to ordinance adoption.

FINAL PLAT

Rex presented the final plat from James Nickel for the property described as Block 80 Subdivision, Plat of Lots 1 and 2 of Tract 1 of Block 80 Subdivision of Lots 10-12 of Block 80, Original Town, Located in the NW ¼ of Section 25, T3S, R4E, BHM, City of Custer, Custer County South Dakota. Rex stated that all the stipulations have

been met, the Planning Commission recommends approval, and this is just dividing lots so they can be sold separately. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this final plat. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

BHCLG – PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Rex submitted the Performance Contract from BH Council of Local Governments for the Development of TIF #4 which includes the payment of \$7500 for the entire project. Councilperson Reetz wondered if Staff and our Attorney could do this for a similar amount which it was stated that it would cost quite a bit more and the Staff doesn't have that amount of time to devote due to all of the other projects. The Council did request an itemized summary listing of the services and hours per service. Discussion was held on the Project Plan which has not been approved yet but that is also part of this service. Discussion was held on the timeline, the Plan going to Planning Commission and then to Council, and how TIF financing works. Councilperson Starr moved to approve this Contract. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried.

LIQUIVISION CONTRACT

Bob summarized the Contract for the water tank inspections and repairs that were scheduled from the last inspection; this is a good price with a discount for doing both jobs at once. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this Contract. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

ADVANCED ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Bob presented this Contract for the design work for the upgrade at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the new auger system. Councilperson Starr moved to approve this Contract. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried.

HOSPITAL BOARD REPORT

The Council received, reviewed, and acknowledged the July Hospital Board Monthly Report with a summary of the meeting regarding strategic planning options.

LTRC - DISC GOLF BASKETS APPROVAL

The Long Term Recreation Committee is requesting approval for the purchase of Mach II or Mach III Baskets for the Disc Golf Course planned for Pageant Hill with the installation being completed by volunteer labor. Discussion was held on the need to have restroom facilities on top of the Hill as well as security for the water tank. It was also mentioned that Golden West has a Grant application. Councilperson Starr moved to approve the Mach III purchase in the amount of \$12,700. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried. Discussion was also held on the LTRC receiving the State Recreational Trails Program Grant in the amount of \$21,346 for Phase II of the Skywalk Trail System. The application was submitted by Jim Frank and a big thanks goes out to Jim for his hard work.

EMPLOYEE STATUS CHANGE

Bob requested the position change for Dan Harbison from full-time temporary to full-time permanent effective 7-21-08 at a rate that will be determined when the old wage scale is adjusted. He would also request that Dan be given credit for his time already spent with the City. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this request with credit for his probationary period. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilperson Starr summarized some of the discussion held by the Committee formed to discuss cost sharing between the County and the City. Some of areas would be supplies, repairs, trips to Rapid, the Planning Departments, mapping, deer management, and the Airport.

Discussion was held on an article in the Hot Springs Starr regarding building condemnation and the process that they follow. Discussion was also held on the Code Book adopted by Hot Springs and the Council requested Rex to look into that matter.

Discussion was held on the General Government Committee recommendation to wait on selling the Street Shop property at least till after the Washington Street Project is completed.

CLAIMS

Councilperson Schleining moved, with a seconded by Councilperson Starr, to approve the claims. The motion unanimously carried.

- Element, Supplies, \$439.66
- First Western Bank, Supplies, \$29.80
- State of SD, Sales Tax, \$3588.41
- SRF Loan Payments, \$7037.08
- USDA Rural Development Loan Payments, \$10009.90
- A-1 Sewer & Drain, Repair, \$1835
- AFLAC, Insurance, \$388.08
- American Linen, Repair & Maint., \$293.17
- Beesley Law, Professional Services, \$3511.75
- BH Phones, Utilities, \$50
- BH Power, Utilities, \$9402.98
- Century Business Products, Supplies, \$157.74

Custer Business Products, Supplies, \$85
Custer County Market, Supplies, \$52.32
Custer True Value, Supplies, \$613.60
Dakotacare, Insurance, \$5007.78
Fisher Beverage, Supplies, \$7996.33
FourFront Design, Westside Utilities Project, \$1046.75
Hawkins Chemical, Supplies, \$7131.18
Scott Kellogg, Reimbursement, \$121
Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Professional Services, \$9086.42
One Call Systems, Supplies, \$35
Rapid City Journal, Supplies, \$180
Rapid City Telco, Travel, \$258.69
Rapid City YMCA, Memberships, \$75
Sander Sanitation Service, Utilities, Repair & Maint., \$8867.85
SD State Executive Mgmt, Utilities, \$27.63
Harold Stickney, Travel, \$33.30
BH Power Equipment, Supplies, \$135.97
Gen Pro Power Systems, Repair & Maint., \$408
Petty Cash, Travel, Supplies, \$948.57
Pool & Spa Center, Supplies, \$38.85
Rapid Delivery, Water Test Fees, \$63.70
Signs & Wonders, Custer Cruisin, \$180
Child Support Payment Center, \$315.03
Delta Dental, Insurance, \$465
Federal Withholding, \$4607.49
FICA, \$5792.16
Medicare, \$1354.63
SD Retirement, \$5188.74
Total Claims \$96,859.56

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Christine Redden
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor