

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 4th, 2010**

Mayor Harold D. Stickney called to order the first regular meeting of the Common Council for the month of January, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Present at roll call were Councilpersons Schleining, Reetz, Murphey, Ressler, Starr, Pischke, and Chris Beesley, City Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

AGENDA

Councilperson Ressler moved, with a second by Councilperson Pischke, to approve the agenda. The motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Councilperson Starr moved, with a second by Councilperson Murphey, to approve the minutes from the December 30th, 2009 year-end meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were stated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, stated that he is getting ready to go to bids for chip seal, an intersection rebuild and sanitary sewer survey.

Councilperson Starr asked if the City is taking out any bug trees. Bob stated that if they see any bug trees they removed them.

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, mentioned that he received a contract by email for the TIF #4. He also received preliminary plans for West Gordon Street but they need modified.

RESOLUTION #01-04-10 – ANNUAL DEPOSITORY LISTING

Councilperson Schleining moved to adopt Resolution #01-04-10 Annual Depository Listing. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey. Discussion was held on how many of these institutes we have money invested with and the process for investing. The motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTON # 01-04-10

A Resolution Granting Authority to Invest Municipal Funds

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Common Council of the City of Custer City, that it is in the best interest of the City of Custer City to invest all funds not immediately needed by the City of Custer City for day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota, Department of Legislative Audit, has determined that the authority to invest City funds is a local Council decision and must be authorized each year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Custer City, that the Custer City Finance Officer, or designee, is hereby authorized to invest any such City funds, that are not immediately needed for the day to day operation of the City, from the following list of depositories, at the best interest rate available and for the period of time determined to be the most beneficial to the City.

First Interstate Bank, Custer, SD

Edward Jones, Custer, SD

RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc., Rapid City, SD

SD Public Funds Investment Trust, Sioux Falls, SD

Telco Federal Credit Union, Custer, SD

Highmark Federal Credit Union, Custer, SD

Dacotah Bank, Custer, SD

Dated this 4th day of January, 2010.

S/ Mayor Harold D. Stickney

GRIEVANCES – FURTHER DECISIONS

Councilperson Reetz questioned what happens if someone doesn't follow the code of conduct. Attorney Beesley stated that that issue will be addressed at the next meeting. Councilperson Murphey stated that the Code of Conduct is now in place but now we need to do the procedures. Councilperson Reetz asked if there is a Code of Conduct for the employees and it was stated that the employees have a personnel manual. The Council decided to have the General Government Committee take a look at the Personnel Manual and review it for any updates.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION

Councilperson Starr moved to designate the Custer County Chronicle as the City's Official Newspaper. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE MERIT INCREASE

Councilperson Murphey moved to approve the wage increases for John Gilliland to Step 7 at \$15.17 effective 1/1/10, Bob Morrison to Step 8 at \$61,599.31 effective 1/1/10, and Rex Harris to Step 4 at \$53,160.25 effective 1/1/10. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried. Councilperson Ressler asked if the Council could see the evaluations on the salaried employees. The Mayor stated that the evaluations will be done twice a year now and that council can see them.

ANNUAL WAGE LISTING

Councilperson Ressler moved to approve the Annual Wage Listing as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

Scott Kellogg	\$21.27	Tim Wollaston	\$16.81/Parks	\$18.81/Liquor	
Jeri Hewitt	\$16.24	Gaile Walker	\$16.24	Bill McClelland	\$19.02
Kirk Johnson	\$15.35	John Dumire	\$16.23	Dan Harbison	\$14.36
Rebecca Caffee	\$13.67	Ron Lancaster	\$13.67	John Gilliland	\$15.17
Lisa Steever	\$13.66	Lynnette Merritt	\$15.61	Cordelia Hickstein	\$9.00
Kim Conwell	\$11.52	Wanda Gramkow	\$18.82		
Salaried positions:					
Bob Morrison	\$61,599.31	Rex Harris	\$53,160.25	Laurie Woodward	\$47,000.00

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Council received and acknowledged the Hospital Board monthly report and the Sheriff's November and December Reports. Councilperson Ressler presented the information on Hospital Board monthly report. Councilperson Reetz questions what the hospitals expansion included, which Councilperson Ressler stated that more on that would be determined once the Hospital hears back from the USDA on the 8 million dollar loan they applied for. Council questioned whether the \$400,000 sales tax subsidy they receive from the City was included on their application. Councilperson Ressler said she would find out and report back to the council.

CLAIMS

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

AFLAC, Insurance, \$426.28
American Public Works, Dues, \$232.00
Black Hills Resource Conservation, Dues, \$100.00
Dakotacare, Health Insurance, \$6364.48
DLT Solutions, Supplies, \$565.27
Golden West, Utilities, \$889.40
SD GFOA, Dues, \$70.00
Harbison, Dan, Reimbursement, \$62.50
Itron, Repair & Maint., \$596.72
SD Municipal Street Maint., Dues, \$35.00
SD Airport Mgmt, Dues \$25.00
SD Code Enforcement, Dues, \$40.00
SD Building Officials, Dues, \$50.00
SD DENR, Dues, \$102.00
SD Human Resources, Dues, \$50.00
SD Municipal League, Dues, Conference Registration, \$1222.47
SD Municipal League Work, Workman's Comp, \$15632.00
SD Liquor Assoc., Dues, \$25.00
SD Retailers Assoc., Dues, \$150.00
SD Water & Wastewater Assoc, Dues, \$20.00
SD Tourism Conference, Travel & Conference, \$300.00
USPO, Supplies, \$185.00
USDA Forest Service, Supplies, \$257.34
Visitor Industry Alliance, Travel & Conference, \$45
SD DENR, Professional Fees, \$1500.00
2009 Claims:
Al Cornella Refrigeration, Repair & Maint., \$2383.10
Black Hills Power & Light, Utilities, \$471.05
Buckhorn Surveying, Professional Fees, \$1000.00
Custer Co Chronicle, Publishing, \$179.27
Jenny's Floral, Supplies, \$25.00
Republic National, Supplies, \$797.12
Wright Express, Supplies, \$35.50
Total Claims \$33,836.50

DISCUSSION

Mayor Stickney presented mission statement sign options. Councilperson Ressler wonder if the mission statement could be included on the City's letterhead. Councilperson Starr wondered about hanging additional signs at the street shop, back office and front office for the employees to see. Councilperson Reetz move to approve the second option which included parts of the current Custer Logo. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

Attorney Beesley brought it to the Councils attentions that if there is any claims for last year for attorney fees as far as grievances they need to be taken care off. Council stated that they haven't seen any figures for attorney fees. Attorney Beesley stated that he will have those figures for the next meeting.

The Council Retreat will be held on February 27th at 8:00 at Outlaw Ranch.

Discussion was held on the fact that Custer's sales tax for 2009 was up from 2008 and the various stats that the BID Board has received on visitors to Custer.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Laurie Woodward
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor