

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION
JULY 2, 2007**

Mayor Harold D. Stickney called to order the first regular meeting of the Common Council for the month of July, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Present at roll call were Councilpersons Schleining, Culberson, Starr, Murphey, Pischke, Boyer, and Chris Beesley, City Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

AGENDA

Councilperson Culberson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Councilperson Murphey moved, with a second by Councilperson Pischke, to approve the minutes from the June 18th, 2007 Regular and June 21st, 2007 Special meeting. Councilperson Boyer abstained from the June 18th, 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No direct conflicts were stated except that Councilperson Murphey's wife is the Museum Director and if there would be a vote, then the rest of the Council would decide on him voting or not.

DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, discussed that traffic is up early this year and with the heat, mowing is down, and so they are catching up on all the other projects. The irrigation equipment is going in with about 400' installed Friday. By the end of the week, we should have the system installed and ready to operate. The soccer field project off of Washington Street has been going well with 80 to 100 tons of rock removed. Site Works was kind enough to loan us their landscaping rake which helped a lot.

The Water Project pavement patching is now complete except for Gordon Street which will be included in the Pavement Plan. Then there will be more seeding done this fall; it's too hot right now. Bob also has been working with the Hydrologist on the well site study and that is going very well. Also, the bid process for the Westside Annexation should be ready to be approved at the next meeting.

The start date for the Pavement Plan is August 15th right now; the engineers have been discussing an early date with the contractors, but they are finishing up another project. Discussion is also being held on the crew size, getting the project done this year, and hoping the weather holds for us. Rex also brought up the idea that 10th and Summit Street could qualify for a Community Access Grant but there is no guarantee we would receive it. We can keep it in this project and have it done and then later, we could do the Grant to further finish the curb, gutter, and possible Montgomery Street to Sylvan Lake Road with Custer County and DOT participating also.

Bob mentioned other various items; the concrete pads for the Skate Park rails have been placed, so installation will be as soon as the concrete is set; there are more crosswalk signs on order; Pageant Hill has been mag watered so that should help for the night of the 4th; and it was mentioned that the traffic flow needs to be monitored more closely in conjunction with the Old Time Country Fair.

Discussion was held on the Pool Building, the original design, needed repairs, umbrellas, and the liner.

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, discussed the parcel system at the County which is about completed. This will give the "look up" capability for all properties and the City would have access to all information; this would be very useful with the land use and planning aspect.

Rex also mentioned that there will be another tour of the Elementary School on July 5th at 8 a.m. for anyone interested in attending.

SUBSIDIZED ORGANIZATIONS 2008 REPORTS

The City subsidized organizations submitted their 2006 reports, updates on various programs and fundraisers, revenues, expenses, and their 2008 subsidy request as follows:

Custer Area Public Transportation \$3,000	Custer Youth House \$2,000	1881 Museum \$6,500
YMCA/Children's Center \$18,500	Senior Citizens Center \$4,000	Custer Area Arts \$2,000
Custer Meals Program \$2,500 or more	Food Pantry \$1,500	WEAVE \$5,000

BROWN BAG REQUEST

The Custer Volunteer Fire Department submitted a request for a Brown Bag License for July 27th & 28th for the Firemen's Ball in the Custer County Courthouse parking lot. Councilperson Starr moved to approve this request. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Council received, reviewed, and acknowledged the Sheriff's Department monthly written report for May 1st, 2007 through May 20th, 2007.

CUSTER GOLF CORPORATION

Jason Petik, Golf Course Board President, updated the Council on the Board's lease purchase of maintenance equipment in the amount of \$104,000 with a 5 year option no residual. The other equipment would not make it another summer. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this purchase. Seconded by Councilperson Culberson, the motion unanimously carried.

FINAL PLATS

Rex presented the final plat for William Trethaway and Wayne Hodge for the property described as Morningside subdivision, Plat of Tracts Trethaway and Hodge of Lot 11 Revised and Lot 10 of Morningside Subdivision of Tract Morningside of Harbach Placer MS #570, located in the NW ¼, NW ¼, of Section 30, T3S, R5E, BHM, Custer County, South Dakota. This plat is a lot line adjustment and easements for channel improvements; Rex and the Planning Commission recommend approval. Councilperson Culberson moved to approve this final plat. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

Rex presented the final plat for Richard Laue Estate for the property described as Laue Subdivision, Plat of Tracts 3 through 10 of HES 394, located in the SW ¼, SW ¼, of Section 14 and SE ¼, SW ¼, NE ¼, Section 15, T3S, R4E, BHM, Custer County, South Dakota. This plat is due to an estate auction which may break into saleable pieces. If the property is sold in one piece, then the plat may not be filed. There will need to be a Forest Service easement set out; the property is governed by County zoning but City planning and the ROW could be used for City easement access. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this plat. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

ANNUAL MERIT INCREASES

Councilperson Starr moved to approve the annual merit increase to Step 3 per hour for Sheila Johnson \$12.50, Carl Anderson \$8.97, and Kim Conwell \$7.88 effective July 1st, 2007. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

2008 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on major projects that the Council may foresee for the 2008 budget year such as Showmobile improvements and repairs, Montgomery Street improvements, West Dam, Pool liner and Building, Equipment needs list, Mitigation Grant matching funds, Main Street Improvements, County/City joint facilities, Cemetery maintenance, and Park improvements.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Mayor discussed the luncheon for EAFB Colonel Vander Hamm on Friday which went very well.

Councilperson Starr discussed the need to have some shading equipment at the Pool since these days are very hot; possibly 5 to 6 umbrellas or a couple of canopies. The YMCA Director will be contacted.

CLAIMS

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

Mayor & Council, Wages, \$4250

Community Development, Wages, \$3362.22

Finance Dept., Wages, \$7983.48

Public Works Dept., Wages, \$5337.60

Street Dept., Wages, \$3906.07

Parks Dept., Wages, \$4134.20

Liquor Fund, Wages, \$3642.47

Water Fund, Wages, \$4030.89

Wastewater Fund, Wages, \$2821.67

Alltel, Utilities, \$387.15

BH Mobile Ext., Safety Equipment, \$26.23

BH Power, Utilities, \$1642.75

BH Power Equipment, Supplies, \$11.20

Border States Electric, Supplies, \$116.86

Custer Co. Chronicle, Publishing, \$518.85

Custer Do It Best, Supplies, \$213.41

Diamond Vogel Paints, Supplies, \$1022.75

First Western Bank, TIF District Payment, \$1095.45

Hach Company, Supplies, \$262.05

Hawkins Chemical, Supplies, \$5012.72

HD Supply Waterworks, Supplies, Recreation Funds, \$26855.06

Highmark, City Recreation Funds, \$1934.56

Itron, Repair & Maintenance, \$444.54

Kirk Johnson, Reimbursement, \$100
Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Professional Services, \$11230.44
Bill McClellan, Reimbursement, \$17.10
Nelson's Oil & Gas, Utilities, \$3118.50
Okoboji Wines, Supplies, \$530.60
Petty Cash, Supplies, Travel & Conferences, Fees, \$290.95
Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$131.79
Rapid City YMCA, Memberships, \$67
Schade Vineyard, Supplies, \$180
SD Dept. of Revenue, Supplies, Fees, \$211
Subway, Mayor Other, \$91.26
Thomas MFG Co., Supplies, \$132.88
USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$262.77
Van Diest Supply, Supplies, \$989.40
Geney Ziolkowski, Animal Contract, \$829
Chadron Wholesale, Supplies, \$773.78
Custer True Value, Supplies, \$351.56
French Creek Supply, Supplies, \$292.90
Republic National Distributing, Supplies, \$10307.55
Sander Sanitation Service, Repair & Maintenance, \$7500.99
SD Dept. of Revenue, Fees, \$375
Child Support Payment Center, \$314.54
Federal Withholding, \$3344.97
FICA, \$4766.15
Medicare, \$1114.66
SD Retirement System, \$4259.43
Wade Lampert, Deposit Refund, \$50
Shirley Davidson, Deposit Refund, \$50
Kristen VanBockern, Deposit Refund, \$100
Neil McLaughlin, Deposit Refund, \$50
Kim/Joshua Ball, Deposit Refund, \$50
Anthony Machado, Deposit Refund, \$50
Thurston Pond, Deposit Refund, \$50
Jamie/Warren Appelhans, Deposit Refund, \$50
Frank Bryant, Deposit Refund, \$50
Total Claims \$131,096.41

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Culberson moved to go into and out of an executive session due to possible contract negotiations for Economic Development at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried. The session adjourned at 9:06 p.m. with no action taken other than information gathering.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Christine Redden
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor