

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

Mayor Harold D. Stickney called to order the first meeting of the Common Council for the month of February, 2007 at 5:33 p.m. Present at roll call were Councilpersons Schleining, Starr, Pischke, Culberson, Boyer, and Chris Beesley, Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Councilperson Culberson moved, with a second by Councilperson Pischke, to approve the minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular meeting. The motion carried. Councilperson Boyer abstained.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were stated.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION**

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, discussed the problem with frozen water lines which has not been a problem for a long time. There have been 6 lines thawed with 2 left to go. The one on Gordon Street has been more of a problem since the frost line is about 5 feet deep. The last 2 lines should be thawed tomorrow. Bob and Councilperson Culberson discussed the sharing of equipment between the County and City with the County using our boom truck and we using their welder for thawing.

Bob stated that the Street Engineering survey is going good and the crew is helping with locating; and the Westside annexation utility extension surveying will be starting tomorrow. So both projects are well underway.

Councilperson Pischke wondered about the digging east of Sidney Park Road which Bob stated that the Stone Hill Subdivision development has started digging the sewer lines.

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, discussed the Custer County Commissioners meeting which approved the tie in to Sidney Park Road and that the City is trying to work with them.

Rex stated the Custer Business Roundtable meeting was held and out of that meeting the Custer Cruisin Committee decided to have a survey completed by the Chamber of Commerce to find out how the downtown businesses felt about the rally vendors. The results of the Survey showed that the majority of the businesses want to keep the downtown vendors and that they should be kept in their current location. Councilperson Culberson thanked Dave Ressler, Chamber Director, and his staff for all of their hard work and for doing a great job. Councilperson Culberson also stated that the committee really needed to know if Cruisin was working for the businesses or against them. They are glad to know that the businesses feel that it is working for them.

**US FOREST SERVICE LAND SALE**

Mike Lloyd, District Forest Service Supervisor, informed the Council of 4 administrative site parcels that are being sold to the general public since there had been special legislation enacted to allow for this type of sale of a few sites that are no longer needed by the Forest Service. The total acreage is approximately 112 acres north of Highway 16 and west of the City limits. There could be access questions but those will be addressed before the sale. Discussion was held on land exchanges and Mike stated that the program is not funded well at all. Mike has set up other meetings with involved entities and letters will be going out to the adjacent landowners. The sale will probably be held this fall on the internet. The Mayor thanked Mike for coming and keeping the City informed of new developments.

**BROWN BAG LICENSE – CHAMBER MIXER**

The Chamber submitted a request for a brown bag permit for their mixer to be held at Custer Senior Center on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Boyer moved to approve this brown bag license. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

**SECURITY COMMUNICATION PROPOSAL FROM SCADATA**

Bob submitted the proposed quote from Scadata for the Water System Security Communication Grant which was awarded to us in the amount of up to \$30,000. Bob requested several quotes but received two; this proposal is the best for \$30,000 and the second one was right at \$100,000. We are waiting on clarification of bid requirements since this is computer and communication equipment which is exempt under SDCL. Bob stated that this equipment is very user friendly, will be able to be upgraded by us, and will be able to accommodate future growth. Councilperson Culberson requested Bob to talk to current users that are comparable in size to our system. Councilperson Schleining moved to approve negotiations of this purchase contingent upon bid requirements and recommendations. Seconded by Councilperson Culberson, the motion unanimously carried.

## **KLEEMAN HOUSE**

The Council discussed receiving complaints on the signs still up in the Kleeman House and how they need to be taken down. Attorney Beesley stated there is some resistance from the owner. The Council requested Rex to call and discuss a solution with the owner.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> WESTERN INSURANCE AGENCY - PROPERTY STATEMENT OF VALUES**

The Council received the property statement of values with a suggested increase of 5% across the board for inflation. After some discussion, the Council would like to see what the difference would be in a 3% increase and a 5% and what amount of the premium is per water tank. They would also like the Skywalk Park on the list of non-insured. Discussion was held on the insurance provided by the Golf Course Board for the property out there. No action will be taken until the next meeting.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - LIS**

Mike McMahon, Custer County Planning, has requested a Councilperson to be an appointee to the Land Information Systems Committee. The first meeting will be Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in Loren Cofell's Office which is in the basement of the Courthouse. There will be at least a monthly meeting if not two in the beginning. Councilperson Culberson is ineligible since he is already on the Committee. After some discussion, the Mayor appointed John Gilliland, Planning & Public Works Technician.

## **HOSPITAL BOARD & BH RC&D MONTHLY REPORT**

The Council received, reviewed, and acknowledged the monthly reports for the Hospital Board and BH RC&D.

## **MERIT INCREASE**

The Mayor requested the Off Probation merit increase for Rex Harris to Step 2 \$1681.11 per pay period effective February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Councilperson Schleining moved to approve this increase. Seconded by Councilperson Pischke, the motion unanimously carried.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Mayor appointed Councilperson Pischke as the City Council liaison to the Golf Course Board and to a Committee with the Game, Fish, & Parks to work on the West Dam Project.

## **CLAIMS**

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

Mayor & Council, Wages, \$2825

Community Development, Wages, \$3246.15

Finance Department, Wages, \$8240.90

Public Works Department, Wages, \$5175.99

Street Department, Wages, \$3827.51

Parks Department, Wages, \$1783.33

Liquor Fund, Wages, \$3745.29

Water Fund, Wages, \$4257.54

Wastewater Fund, Wages, \$2759.05

A&B Welding, Supplies, \$194.42

AFLAC, Insurance, \$360.38

Alltel, Utilities, \$273.69

Avenet, Web Page, \$360

Beesley Law, Professional Services, \$1617.87

BH Council of Local Gov't, Dues, \$1640

BH RC&D, Dues, \$100

BH Power, Utilities, \$6351.68

BH Truck & Trailer, Repair & Maintenance, \$152.48

Chemsearch, Supplies, \$150

Culligan Water, Repair & Maintenance, \$152.75

Custer Chronicle, Publishing, \$623.09

Custer Food Pantry, 2007 Subsidy, \$1500

Senior Citizens, Deposit Refund, \$1000

Days Inn, Travel & Conferences, \$311.94

Energy Laboratories, Fees, \$34

Enviromaster, Supplies, \$22

Freeman's Electric, Repair & Maintenance, \$63

Golden West, Utilities, \$674.95

Golden West Technologies, Repair & Maintenance, Supplies, \$110

Hach Company, Supplies, \$209  
Hawkins Chemical, Supplies, \$5  
Jenner Equipment, Supplies, \$160.86  
Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Professional Services, \$4347.28  
Scott Kellogg, Reimbursement, \$442.69  
Kelly Inn, Travel & Conferences, \$126  
Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$264.60  
Knight Security, Repair & Maintenance, \$360  
Lynn's Dakotamart, Supplies, \$102.98  
Nelson's Oil & Gas, Utilities, \$4047.85  
Okoboji Wines, Supplies, \$305.10  
Petty Cash, Travel & Conferences, Fees, Supplies, \$325.86  
Pitney Bowes, Supplies, \$126.50  
Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$143.61  
Rapid City YMCA, Memberships, \$61.86  
S&B Motor Parts, Supplies, \$320.88  
Sander Sanitation Service, Repair & Maintenance, Utilities, \$7742.28  
SD Chapter APWA, Travel & Conferences, \$70  
SD Dept. of Revenue, Fees, \$37  
SD Water & Wastewater Association, Travel & Conferences, \$130  
Sioux Pipe & Equipment, Supplies, \$5004.66  
Harold D. Stickney, Travel & Conferences, \$157.80  
Superior Lamp, Supplies, \$947.70  
Geney Ziolkowski, Animal Contract, \$692  
Security First Bank, Interim Financing Final Payment, \$2,888,809.37  
Child Support Payment Center, \$314.54  
Federal Withholding, \$2797.05  
FICA, \$4297.02  
Medicare, \$1004.93  
SD Retirement, \$4281.45  
Deann, McComb, Deposit Refund, \$50  
Total Claims \$2,979,238.88

**BREAK FROM 6:20 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilperson Culberson moved to go into and out of an executive session due to potential litigation at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried. The session included Helen Smith and Tonya Flora. They left the session at 7:02 p.m. The session adjourned at 7:41 p.m. with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Christine Redden  
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney  
Mayor