

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 15, 2007**

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Councilperson Murphey moved, with a second by Councilperson Schleining, to approve the minutes from the September 27th, 2007 Regular meeting. Councilperson Boyer questioned the minutes reflecting "regular" meeting. This was due to the meeting being postponed from September 17th due to a lack of quorum. Councilperson Boyer also stated that the regular scheduled meeting should not be canceled just because it's a few days away. The motion carried. Councilperson Culberson and Boyer abstained.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were stated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, informed everyone of the 2007 Gold Safety Award from the SDML Workmen's Comp and SDPAA for the safety practices of our City Crew. Congratulations to them.

The paving project is about 50% complete with most of the SE & SW sections finished. In the NE section it is mainly the Homestead area and they were moving the equipment to the NW section. Barring further weather, they should be done in about a week. Councilperson Schleining wondered about the drop offs which everyone discussed and the consensus is that we will be getting gravel laid for easier access and pavement protection. Rex discussed the road crowning question by Councilperson Schleining which most of the roads were crowned but there are areas that won't show much due to the area. Rex also stated that the portion of 10th Street going past the Hospital towards the football field will be milled, reworked, and base coarse laid from the millings, and then matted; this road has been a problem for a long time so we need to address it now.

Rex discussed the vehicle cleanup project with the remaining vehicles that will be towed and questioned whether we want to own, surplus, and auction or just have them hauled to the County for crushing. The consensus is to have them crushed.

Rex and Attorney Beesley attended a meeting with the School District to work on the joint use agreement which is coming along well.

Lorraine Besmer questioned her request for a street light which Rex stated has been looked at and will probably be incorporated with another request. Councilperson Starr wondered about using reflector poles in the mean time which Rex stated reflector poles have been looked at for other areas that have been ditched.

GAME, FISH, & PARKS UPDATE

Art Smith, Wildlife Damage Mgt. Program Administrator, and John Kanta, Regional Wildlife Manager, met with the Council to discuss the deer management plan previously discussed in February. Art strongly stated that the management plan is not the GF&P's plan, it is the City's Plan and they will assist the City with guidelines. Art discussed that there are long and short term solutions that need to be evaluated and they suggest getting community involvement. The Council stated they have had involvement and the citizens here tonight are ready to have something done. Once the plan is in place, the next option is to request a kill permit which is an annual request. There also needs to be monitoring and evaluation of the process included in the plan also. Councilperson Culberson stated we have been waiting on the GF&P for the deer count. John stated there have been some counts completed but the process needs to be more formalized. He also stated that we can do that now and Josh Brainard, Local GF&P, will be working on this also. Councilperson Boyer stated that we definitely need to get this going this year. Discussion was held on the amount of deer on private property which they have no control over. The deer that are killed can be given away to individuals who request it or it may be processed and donated to the local food pantry. Councilperson Boyer also brought up the turkey problem which John stated that they can be killed or they can be trapped and moved. Art mentioned that once the plan is implemented, the actually killing will be done after all hunting seasons are over. Art and John will be working with Rex since he is the designated contact.

BROWN BAG LICENSE REQUEST

The Custer Area Arts Council submitted a request for a brown bag license for November 9th at 5 p.m. to be held at the Main Street Market Place. Councilperson Starr moved to approve this request. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried.

FINAL PLAT – STONE HILL SUBDIVISION

Rex submitted the final plat for the Betty Gould Trust for Stetson Subdivision- Plat of Lots 1 through 3 of Stetson Subdivision, Formerly Stetson Tract and Toppen Tract of MS 724 and Small Tracts Act #0149, all located in the E ½ of Section 20, and the W ½ of Section 21, T3S, R5E, BHM, Custer County, South Dakota. There is a private access easement but improvements will be deferred until further subdivisions takes place. After discussion on the stipulations, Rex and the Planning Commission recommend approval with the stipulations needing to be met. Councilperson Culberson moved to approve this plat. Seconded by Councilperson Starr, the motion unanimously carried.

WAY PARK PROPOSAL

Rex presented a proposal for the design of Way Park to develop a firewise display, take out a lot of the old concrete, install a new sidewalk, restrooms, and sprinkler system. This would be paid for by a RAC Grant of \$10,000. Looking at Way Park, this should be our “town square” and have a great appearance. This \$2,500 proposal is from Tanya Olson who is a landscape architect. Councilperson Murphey moved to approve this proposal so this project can proceed. Seconded by Councilperson Culberson, the motion unanimously carried.

YMCA WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL

Rex presented the \$41,133.21 estimate to replace the windows at the YMCA Log Building which has been held up for a couple of years. The Historical Society has been contacted and suggested doing the frames in wood or metal, not vinyl. However, if we go with wood or metal, the proposal would double. The other reasons are that the vinyl has improved over the years, there are colors available, the building isn't in historical compliance in other areas, and for all the work, the estimate is a good price. Councilperson Boyer wondered about having to do a bid and we should probably do one anyway. Rex stated the bid limit is \$50,000 so we don't have to bid. Councilperson Boyer moved to put this out for quotes and then take staff recommendations. Seconded by Councilperson Culberson, the motion unanimously carried. Councilperson Boyer also mentioned that there should be a timeline stated for this project.

2008 CHAMBER DIRECTORY

Charlie Najacht, Custer Chronicle, proposed the City of Custer having a full page spread in the Community Directory which could show all of the accomplishments the City has had. This directory will be for advertisement and relocation packets. Councilperson Boyer moved to do a full page and to work with staff for the information section. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried.

CLAIMS

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

Mayor & Council, Wages, \$4200
Community Development, Wages, \$3362.22
Finance Department, Wages, \$8595.94
Public Works, Department, Wages, \$5576
Street Department, Wages, \$3984.52
Parks Department, Wages, \$2207.49
Liquor Fund, Wages, \$2920.34
Water Fund, Wages, \$4011.05
Wastewater Fund, Wages, \$4332.75
A&B Welding, Supplies, \$106.07
Advanced Engineering, Repair & Maintenance, \$1500
American Linen, Repair & Maintenance, \$228.57
Beesley Law Office, Professional Services, \$2713.25
Bituminous Paving, Hard Paving Project, \$309483.86
BH Mobile Extinguishers, Safety Equipment, \$69.49
BH Power, Utilities, \$6847.79
Castle Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance, \$880
Chadron Wholesale, Supplies, \$524.76
Coca-Cola Bottling Supplies, \$234
Culligan Water, Repair & Maintenance, \$191.75
Custer Business, Supplies, \$5.95
Custer Chamber of Commerce, Sales Tax Subsidy, \$16464.14

Custer Community Health System, Sales Tax Subsidy, \$47152.10
 Custer County Treasurer, Law Enforcement, \$75750
 Custer Regional Clinic, Safety, \$312
 Custer Title, Professional Services, \$1025
 Custer True Value, Supplies, \$199.83
 Dakota Backup, Professional Services, \$66.64
 Eagle Sales of BH, Supplies, \$4393.54
 Energy Lab, Repair & Maintenance, \$42.50
 Fisher Beverage, Supplies, \$5377.64
 French Creek Supply, Repair & Maintenance, \$10
 Fresh Start Convenience, Supplies, \$984.25
 John Gilliland, Reimbursement, \$75
 Golden West, Utilities, \$663.02
 Independent Audit Service, Professional Services, \$4125
 JP Cooke Company, Supplies, \$48.12
 Lab Corp, Supplies, \$147
 Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Professional Services, \$1908.01
 M&B Enterprises, Supplies, \$24.50
 Bill McClellan, Reimbursement, \$34.25
 Okoboji Wines, Supplies, \$250.50
 One Call Systems, Supplies, \$30
 Pitney Bowes, Supplies, \$73.98
 Prairie Berry, Supplies, \$480
 Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$306.53
 Republic National Distributors, Supplies, \$9953.23
 Sander Sanitation Service, Repair & Maintenance, \$87.50
 Schade Vineyard, Supplies, \$240
 SD DENR, Travel & Conferences, \$20
 SDSM&T Education, Travel & Conferences, \$450
 State Fire Marshall, Repair & Maintenance, \$60
 Harold Stickney, Travel & Conferences, \$64.50
 Ice House, Supplies, \$100.74
 Unemployment Insurance, \$77.99
 Gaile Walker, Reimbursement, \$10.03
 Wellmark, Health Insurance, \$5795.90
 Western Wholesale, Supplies, \$14796.61
 Wilson Tree Service, Repair & Maintenance, \$325
 Total Claims \$553,900.85

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilperson Starr mentioned that Elk Canyon is doing a youth evening event for the high school kids and Pam Bilbruck is talking to the School about using the auditorium for movie nights and such. There is also a group trying to address the music scene since the Songbird closed.

Councilperson Starr also handed out a review sheet from this year's retreat and discussion was held on having the project book reviewed for the next meeting.

Lorraine mentioned that when she lived in Burke, there was a program for resident to pay for just the cement on a curb and gutter project, the City used "green thumb" workers for the labor, and the forms were owned by the City. Maybe this is something that could be looked at here.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Schleining moved to go into and out of an executive session due to personnel at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried. The session adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Christine Redden
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor