

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 6th, 2008**

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Councilperson Pischke moved, with a second by Councilperson Sutton, to approve the minutes from the September 15th, 2008 regular meeting. The motion carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were stated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Schleining moved to go into and out of an executive session at 5:32 p.m. due to potential litigation and personnel. Seconded by Councilperson Murphey, the motion unanimously carried. The session adjourned at 6:13 p.m. with no action taken.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, stated the shoulder work is mostly completed with just a few areas to finish up; Bob has been upgrading safety equipment with a Homeland Security Grant; the water and sewer stub outs are in at Way Park; Stone Hill hookup is nearly completed with Hesperen doing the work; and Washington Street pavement project is underway. Councilperson Pischke wondered if the Golf Course could get some black dirt from the City which Bob stated it will be used to cover the storm sewer installation. Councilperson Reetz wondered about garbage containers in alleys versus on the street; the motor home and trailer that's still on Washington Street which Bob stated the owner has been contacted and the next step will be to contact the Sheriff's Office; and Washington Street sidewalks and parking issues which Rex and Bob stated the sidewalks are spec'd at 5 feet and there is parking on the north side of Washington.

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, discussed the Slash Piles and that the Forest Service will be using the \$10,000 to do a couple of small piles or one large one and then they will try to renegotiate the other amounts. But we have the option of the Fire Department burning the piles or another contractor is willing to bid the remaining amount. Fresh Start will be opening up the old Ranchmart with credit card gas pumps and then finish the business as previously discussed; also, the question arises once again as to why Custer's gas is 10¢ to 30¢ higher than anywhere; although Fresh Start did say that they will be lower their prices. Councilperson Starr stated that Dave Ressler, Chamber Director, wrote a letter to all gas providers questioning their prices but not one of the companies responded.

Rex stated that Dave has scheduled a TIF Project Plan Downtown Business meeting for October 23rd at 8 a.m. at City Hall and DOT has been invited to attend to answer all the questions and concerns; once the meeting is done, the project plan will be completed, then it will go the Planning Commission, the public hearing will be held, and then Council will receive it. Councilperson Reetz discussed the sidewalks, incorporating the cost into the TIF, and that one contractor would be better. Other discussion was held on the property owners being responsible for the cost and repairs, and doing the most we can with the dollars available from the TIF.

Rex discussed the Deer Plan update with the City proceeding with the harvesting; the second count will be completed this month; and then the GF&P will then issue a number of permits. Discussion was held on the Plan, sharpshooting, archery which GF&P will not allow, 2 counts each time which translates into 4 counts, liability coverage, a listing of individuals who want the deer meat, and that GF&P requested discretion through the project.

Rex stated that Hills Material has been generous enough to donate \$500 towards the concrete for the Disc Golf Project; the Mayor and Council thanked them.

GAILE WALKER

Gaile thanked the Council personally, and for the rest of crew, for the recent equipment purchased which has been a godsend. It has increased production and will continue to help get more done. We all appreciate it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Joel Behlings, Custer Fire Dept. Chief, updated the Council with the Fire Dept. having 91 calls this year compared to 102 last year; one big one which was the Wrangler and three suspicious fires under investigation; the new Fire Hall is back on track with preliminary drawings available and they may acquire some more land; the sprinkler and exhaust system is on line now and we are waiting to see what cost savings there is with the insurance policy; the system was put in with a \$100,000 grant and their match was 5%; there will be more information coming as to the new building code including home sprinkler systems; the Dept. is looking at an engine replacement and are looking for grant funds; they did receive a communication grant for \$850,000 which will upgrade all "service provider's" radios; also, they secured a \$10,000 grant for the Fire Wise Way Park project; Fire Prevention Week is now and they are having an Open House on Saturday from 1 to 4. Councilperson Sutton wondered about the

Department burning vacant lots which Joel stated they tried last spring but it was too wet; just get the property locations together and they will inspect those to be put on the burn list. Councilperson Starr wondered about full-time fighters which Joel stated they have 40 members at the present with 2 or 3 apps waiting to be completed. Councilperson Murphey thanked Joel for the awesome fireworks display and hope that they are continuing that service which Joel stated they are. Joel also thanked the Council for all of their support.

RESOLUTION NO 10-06-08A - WESTSIDE ANNEXATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Greg and Barb Edwards met to request a copy of all the information which it was stated that it had been sent after the last meeting but copies are available; then they were concerned with some final cleanup behind the Frontier which Bob stated that would be addressed tomorrow. Councilperson Sutton wondered about the interest rate which Councilperson Schleining stated that the General Government Committee had set that rate. Councilperson Murphey moved to adopt Resolution #10-06-08A – Utility Assessment Roll. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried.

PARADE REQUEST

The Custer School District submitted a request September 16th for a Parade Permit for October 2nd, 2008. No action taken since this event was already held. Councilperson Starr stated that each Parade needs to include cleanup activities especially when there are horses involved; the City doesn't need to have piles left all over.

EMPLOYEE CHANGES

Bob requested the change from temporary seasonal to full time for Ron Lancaster and Rebecca Caffee effective October 1st, 2008 to Step 1 on probation at the rate of \$12.76 per hour. They are good workers with the necessary skills needed for the City. Councilperson Reetz wondered about this time of year which brought up discussion on the number of lists and projects that are needed to be completed. The Council tabled this until the next meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Council received, reviewed, and acknowledged the Monthly Hospital Board Report for August. Discussion was held on receiving the Clinic Financials for the end of the year, Hospital District, Hospital structure, the Clinic and ER expansion, and Regional's proposal for the future. Other districts were discussed including a law enforcement district; more information will go to the General Government Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Mayor mentioned an article in the paper that Martin City has had to raise their garbage rates from \$16.21 to \$30 per month.

Councilperson Starr, as well as Councilperson Murphey, mentioned that he has had many compliments on the Skywalk Nature Trail and how great it is.

Councilperson Starr discussed the Recycling Meeting which was great, had good attendance, and they discussed the Waste District being a partner or contracting with another provider to haul the roll-offs to the Recycling Center in Rapid City. He also discussed that people are more aware of recycling so there is less of a problem with "dirty" loads. The Mayor stated that the District cannot be a partner as they do not have employees; they contract with Edgemont. He will continue to help pursue this project.

Councilperson Starr reported that Golden West had their annual meeting and they voted to increase the number of directors and that we will be included in the Coop in 2010.

CLAIMS

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

Mayor & Council, Wages, \$4250
Community Development, Wages, \$5759.39
Finance Department, Wages, \$13875.80
Public Works Department, Wages, \$9741.94
Street Department, Wages, \$8164.87
Parks Department, Wages, \$14775.43
Liquor Fund, Wages, \$5434.26
Water Fund, Wages, \$7600.82
Wastewater Fund, Wages, \$4887.19
State of SD, Sales Tax Payment, \$5571.92
First Western Bank, Auto Fees, \$30.05
Element, Credit Card Fees, \$779.48
USDA Rural Development, Loan Payment, \$8910
SRF, Loan Payment, \$4639.68
A&B Welding, Supplies, \$124.14
Alltel, Utilities, \$416.67
American Linen, Repair & Maint., \$363.75
B&B Auto Salvage, Repair & Maint., \$225
Beesley Law Office, Professional Fees, \$3830.25

BH Phones, Utilities, \$50
BH Power, Utilities, \$8306.49
Butler Machinery, Equipment, \$121342
Castle Cleaning, Repair & Maint., \$900
Century Business, Supplies, \$150.05
Chadron Wholesale, Supplies, \$825.69
Cheryl Hadlock, Professional Fees, \$3583.33
Chris Supply, Supplies, \$573.80
Coca-cola Bottling, Supplies, \$493.50
Culligan Water, Repair & Maint., \$17.50
Custer Chamber, Custer Cruisin, \$20
Custer Chronicle, Publishing, \$386.69
Custer Co. Treasurer, Law Enforcement, \$75225
Custer Do It Best, Supplies, \$423.89
Delta Dental, Insurance, \$31
Dura Wax Company, Supplies, \$54.25
Eagle Sales of the BH, Supplies, \$6621.26
Energy Laboratories, Fees, \$403
Enviromaster, Supplies, \$22
Fastenal, Supplies, \$72.19
First Western Bank, TIF Payment, \$837.66
Fisher Beverage, Supplies, \$6450.79
Fred Pryor Seminars, Travel & Conference, \$297
French Creek Supply, Repair & Maint., Supplies, \$30.50
Gen Pro Power Systems, Repair & Maint., \$225
John Gilliland, Supplies, \$31.79
Golden West Companies, Utilities, \$728
Golden West Technologies, Professional Fees, \$120
Hawkins Chemical, Supplies, \$4462.58
HD Supply, Repair & Maint., \$1391.56
Itron, Repair & Maint., \$573.77
Jim Dandy Snack, Supplies, \$52.10
Scott Kellogg, Reimbursement, \$121
Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$117.60
L&A Welding, Repair & Maint., \$149.95
Laboratory Corporation, Supplies, \$26
Liquivision, Repair & Maint., \$9320
Lynn's Dakotamart, Supplies, \$11.88
Mannatec, Supplies, \$1360.24
McGas Propane, Repair & Maint., \$74
Michael Todd, Supplies, \$2209.96
Moran USA, Supplies, \$342.67
Robert Morrison, Travel & Conference, \$156.88
Nelson's Oil & Gas, Supplies, \$1299.50
Newberg Lumber, Supplies, \$532
Okoboji Wines, Supplies, \$200.50
Petty Cash, Travel & Conference, Supplies, Fees, \$406.19
Prairie Berry, Supplies, \$819
Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$410.79
Rapid City Telco, Supplies, Travel & Conference, \$376.99
Rapid City YMCA, Memberships, \$110
Rapid Delivery, Supplies, \$45.50
Sander Sanitation Service, Repair & Maint., \$8867.91
SD DOT, Fees, \$200
SD Municipal League, Travel & Conference, \$15
SD Executive Mgmt, Utilities, \$42.69
Signs by Mike Lewis, Repair & Maint., \$116.28
Harold Stickney, Travel & Conference, \$66.60
Tatiana's Import Beverages, Supplies, \$608.91
The Ice House, Supplies, \$98.10
Thomas Trode Enterprises, Repair & Maint., \$208.38

USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$46.74
Gaile Walker, Supplies, \$37.03
Western Wholesale, Supplies, \$12928.20
Geney Ziolkowski, Animal Contract, \$687
Travis & Wendy Wager, Deposit Refund, \$50
Heather Grace, Deposit Refund, \$50
Leanne Eide, Deposit Refund, \$50
Richard Colhoff, Deposit Refund, \$50
Thayne Hammond, Deposit Refund, \$50
Pork-n-Fork, Deposit Refund, \$32
Child Support Payment Center, \$473.28
Delta Dental, \$496
Federal Withholding, \$7344.38
FICA, \$9095.27
Medicare, \$2127.13
SD Retirement, \$8103.69
Total Claims \$404,018.27

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Christine Redden
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor