

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

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Councilperson Schleining moved, with a second by Councilperson Pischke, to approve the minutes from the February 26th, 2007 regular meeting. Councilperson Starr and Scherer abstained. The motion carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were stated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, discussed the crews thawing and cleaning the culverts so there will be fewer ponds and jetting the sewers. Then they will look at getting the street sweeper out. Also, most of the preliminary street pavement plans have come in so he and Rex will be getting out to reviews those on each street.

Rex Harris, Community Development Director, discussed a meeting held on March 1st with DOT and they are excited about the project. The plans will be presented to Todd Seaman and then he will take those to Pierre. This will cost us some money but it will be well worth it.

Custer Cruisin Committee has decided to replace the cameras that didn't last with new higher quality ones which will have security access. These will be able to be used for multi-purposes. The cost will be covered by Cruisin for \$3000, the Mayor and Council budget with \$1000, and the County will be approached for \$1000.

KLEEMAN HOUSE

Rex stated that the owner will be taking him on a tour this week and he will discuss with her about inviting the Council to go along.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

The Council received the application for an Off-Sale Package Liquor License from Custer Country Market. After a short discussion on the space availability, Councilperson Starr moved to approve this license. Seconded by Councilperson Boyer, the motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE #640 – ANIMAL LICENSING

The Council received Ordinance #640 for the second reading regarding the licensing of cats which the Council previously determined they did not want to be done. Councilperson Culberson moved to adopt Ordinance #640. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried with Councilperson Starr, Pischke, Scherer, Schleining, Culberson, and Boyer voting yes.

GARBAGE CONTRACT

Bob presented the proposed garbage contract and bid specs. He summarized the changes which includes a provision of how the company will provide for saving wear and tear on the pavement and what their service procedures will be. The requirement will be to have a transfer site within 5 miles of Custer but if the company cannot provide that, how will they provide a "transfer site" service. The company will be required to haul all of the garbage to the Edgemont Landfill except for the days the Landfill is closed. Also, since fuel prices have been crazy, Bob added a fuel surcharge/reduction clause; this could actually help to get a better price on the contract. Discussion was held on the type of canisters used and are there canisters available that would be less likely to blow around. Councilperson Culberson moved to have this contract go to bid. Seconded by Councilperson Boyer, the motion unanimously carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Council received, reviewed, and acknowledged the Sheriff's Department City and County written report for February 2007. The Mayor stated that the false alarms have been discussed with the owner, so hopefully that will be taken care of.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Council decided to have Equalization Board on March 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion was held on the Crazy Horse Donation that was given back to be use on Custer promotion. The Cruisin Committee would like to request \$1000 if needed for the camera replacements. Councilperson Boyer discussed that the money is to be used for marketing the area; there is a possibility to do marketing in

connection with other BH major cities and organizations that would give a good return on the investment. Other discussion was held on joining with the other smaller communities in the Southern Hills. Dave Ressler, Chamber Director, stated they have been communicating with the other towns and will see how that goes.

The Council received notice of the Annual District 9 meeting which will be held in Edgemont April 11th. The Council will let Chris know who will be attending.

Councilperson Pischke questioned the use of the City Project Forms, the meeting date with the Hospital Board, the status of the street sweeper, and the TID/BID District. The Project Forms are being used and with a couple of updates, the forms will be available in the Finance Office. The meeting date with the Hospital Board is being coordinated through Shala and Chris. The street sweeper will hopefully make it one more year so we can get a new one for the new streets. The Council is waiting for the businesses that want to create the TID/BID District to bring forward what they have settled on for a district and a fee.

Councilperson Culberson stated that the County crushing project is going well but we would really like to have more items lined up. The crusher will stay as long as there are items coming in. Councilperson Boyer and Dave Ressler discussed the number of comments they have had regarding the clean up efforts and that there really needs to be more accomplished. The community wants to put their best foot forward. Councilperson Starr discussed the possibility of sending personal invitations to individuals who have crushable items. Discussion was held on the City having zoning and that the County does not; although they are exploring those possibilities. There is a City nuisance ordinance and a State law which could be used to help enforce the clean up.

Discussion was held on the downtown area, the hanging flower baskets, encroachments that will have to taken care of, DOT revoking the previous easements, and how that affects the control 6 feet behind the curb. Rex discussed the possibility of moving the curbs out but then the drainage would be affected. Other discussion was held on adding trees, shrubs, and grass to help beautify the downtown section. The cost to changing the sidewalks and curbs could run about \$500,000 per block so that means we would need additional money or look at bonding to cover those costs.

CLAIMS

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

Alltel, Utilities, \$229.91
Beesley Law Office, Professional Services, \$1268.25
BHAFOA, Speaker Donation, \$25
BH Power, Utilities, \$1091.86
BlackHills.com, Cruisin, \$1050
Chadron Wholesale, Supplies, \$337.88
Coca-cola Bottling, Supplies, \$116
Culligan Water, Repair & Maintenance, \$123.50
Custer Chronicle, Publishing, \$298.56
Davenport Evans & Hurwitz, 2005 Water Project, \$3483.30
Eagle Sales, Supplies, \$2809.55
Fisher Beverage, Supplies, \$2422.07
Grimm's Pump, Supplies, \$15
KLJ, Engineering Professional Services, \$43258.86
Okoboji Wines, Supplies, \$763.42
Petty Cash, Supplies, Fees, \$347.07
Pitney Bowes, Supplies, \$63.48
Prairie Berry, Supplies, \$531.25
Rapid City YMCA, Memberships, \$123.72
Russell & Miller, Supplies, \$233.71
Western Wholesale, Supplies, \$8280.61
Woods, Fuller, Schultz & Smith, Professional Services, \$370.72
Geney Ziolkowski, Animal Contract, \$630
Total Claims \$67,873.72

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Stickney adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Christine Redden
Finance Officer

Harold D. Stickney
Mayor