

**CITY OF CUSTER CITY
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS- REGULAR SESSION
May 4th, 2015**

Mayor Gary Lipp called to order the first meeting of the Common Council for the month of May, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Present at roll call were Councilpersons Maciejewski, Heinrich, Kothe, Fischer and Schleining. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

AGENDA

Councilperson Fischer moved to approve the agenda. Second by Councilperson Maciejewski, to the motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Councilperson Heinrich moved, with a second by Councilperson Kothe to approve the minutes from the April 20th regular council meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were stated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION

Bob Morrison, Public Works Director, gave Council an update on the cleanup days, which included 274 loads to the transfer site & 177 loads of yard waste, and upcoming Arbor Day tree planting.

Scott Simianer, Planning Administrator, mentioned that 22 building/roofing permits have been issued so far for this year.

Laurie Woodward, Finance Officer, mentioned that sales tax for March was down 2.94% over last year. Absentee voting is available at City Hall for the city residence for both the Mayoral election and School Board election.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

Councilperson Heinrich moved to approve the Arbor Day proclamation. Seconded by Councilperson Schleining, the motion unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gary Lipp, Mayor of the City of Custer City, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11th, 2015 to be

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Custer City, SD, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

S/Gary Lipp, Mayor

Attest: Laurie Woodward, Finance Officer

CUSTER CRUISIN DOWNTOWN PARKING

Councilperson Schleining moved to only restrict downtown parking for automobile parking on South Fifth Street on both sides of the street, North Fifth Street from Mt Rushmore Road to Crook Street on the east side only and North Seventh Street from Mt Rushmore Road to the north alley on the west side only. Seconded by Councilperson Fischer, the motion unanimously carried.

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROJECT

Councilperson Heinrich moved to not proceed forward with the Pre-Disaster Mitigation project. Seconded by Councilperson Maciejewski, the motion unanimously carried.

REQUEST TO PLACE WREATHS AT CEMETERY

Brock Hoagland presented his request to place wreaths on the veteran graves in the Custer Cemetery as part of Wreaths across America in December. Councilperson Fischer moved to allow the VFW Post 3442 to place wreaths on the veteran graves in the Custer Cemetery in December with the wreaths removed from the graves in January. Seconded by Councilperson Heinrich, the motion carried with Councilperson Heinrich, Kothe, Fischer and Schleining voting yes while Councilperson Maciejewski abstained.

BROWN BAG REQUEST – CUSTER AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Councilperson Maciejewski moved to approve the Custer Area Arts Council's request for a brown bag permit for their event to be held May 8th from 6-8pm at Wisdom Forest. Seconded by Councilperson Kothe, the motion unanimously carried.

FINAL PLAT – WILLOW CREEK SUBDIVISION PHASE II

Councilperson Schleining moved to approve the final plat for Willow Creek Subdivision Phase II for Donald & Sherry Schnoor. Seconded by Councilperson Maciejewski, the motion carried with Councilperson Maciejewski, Heinrich, Kothe, Fischer and Schleining voting yes.

ELECTION WORKER PAY

Councilperson Schleining moved to pay the election workers for the June election \$10 per hour. Seconded by Councilperson Heinrich, the motion unanimously carried.

WEST DAM ENGINEERING

Councilperson Heinrich moved to table the West Dam engineering until the attorney has a chance to review the agreement. Seconded by Councilperson Maciejewski, the motion unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR GOLD DISCOVERY DAYS STREET CLOSURES/USAGE – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilperson Kothe moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for Gold Discovery Days which include street closures for North Sixth Street from Crook Street south to the alley (7/24-7/25); North Seventh Street from Crook Street south to the alley (7/24); Washington Street from Sixth Street to Eighth Street (7/24-7/25); South Seventh Street from Washington Street to the north alley (7/24-7/25); South Fourth Street from Mt Rushmore Road to the south alley on only the east side of the street (7/24-7/26); South Sixth Street from Mt. Rushmore Road to Washington Street (7/25); use of Way Park (7/24-7/26); use of the showmobile ((7/24-7/25); and parade to be held July 25th at 10:00 am with line up on Crook Street, then proceeding west on Mt Rushmore Road to First Street. Seconded by Councilperson Fischer, the motion unanimously carried.

SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilperson Maciejewski moved to acknowledge the Sheriff's monthly report for April. Seconded by Councilperson Heinrich, the motion unanimously carried.

CLAIMS

Councilperson Schleining moved, with a second by Councilperson Kothe, to approve the following claims. The motion carried unanimously.

AFLAC, Insurance, \$660.22
Beesley Law Office, Professional Fees, \$2527.50
BH Economic Development, Dues, \$100.00
Black Hills Power & Light, Utilities, \$2291.58
Black Hills Power Equipment, Supplies, \$229.20
Busy Bee Consulting, Advertising, \$67.50
Butler Machinery, Repair & Maintenance, \$66.93
Century Business Products, Supplies, \$319.09
Custer Do It Best, Supplies, \$195.25
Custer Volunteer Fire Department, Spring Burning Donation, \$300.00
Custer Industrial, Repair & Maintenance, \$16.00
Dakotacare, Insurance, \$10369.63
Dakota Fence, Supplies, \$325.00
Delta Dental, Insurance, \$521.00
EFTPS, Taxes, \$13428.66
First Interstate Bank, Utilities, Supplies, Travel, \$3638.76
Frontier Photo, Supplies, \$442.78
DAK Generator Service, Repair & Maintenance, \$275.00
Golden West Technologies, Supplies, \$2153.00
Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson, Professional Fees, \$91.24
Hadlock, Cheryl, Professional Fees, \$4154.06
L&A Welding, Repair & Maintenance, \$28.00

Leos Auto, Repair & Maintenance, \$164.32
McGas, Utilities, \$1296.76
Metering & Technology, Supplies, \$775.02
NBS, Repair & Maintenance, \$179.00
Northwest Pipe Fitting, Supplies, \$394.93
Petty Cash, Travel, Supplies, \$347.62
Quill, Supplies, \$45.46
SD Municipal League, Conference, \$50.00
SD Retirement System, \$5985.66
Supplemental Retirement, \$270.00
Team Lab, Supplies, \$3820.28
YMCA, Memberships, \$85.00
Holcombe, Neil, Utility Deposit Refund, \$69.53
Mayor & Council, \$4400.00
Finance Department, \$10018.81
Public Buildings, \$2353.60
Planning Department, \$6875.96
Public Works Department, \$9655.98
Street Department, \$6234.65
Parks Department, \$6408.01
Water Department, \$5904.16
Wastewater Department, \$2281.60
Total Claims, \$109,816.75

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Various committee reports were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson Fischer moved to go into and out of executive session for personnel, proposed litigation and contract negotiations per SDCL 1-25-2(1-4) at 6:27 pm, with Attorney Williams, Finance Officer, Planning Administrator, and Public Works Director present. Seconded by Councilperson Maciejewski, the motion unanimously carried. Councilperson Schleining left the meeting at 6:53. Council came out of executive session at 8:05 pm, with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilperson Kothe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Seconded by Councilperson Maciejewski, the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CUSTER CITY

Laurie Woodward
Finance Officer

Gary Lipp
Mayor