



**CITY COMMISSION ROOM
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA
May 24, 2016**

The City of Pierre Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 24, 2016 at 5:30 pm with Commissioners Goodman, Harding, Huizenga, and Mehlhaff present for roll call. Mayor Gill was absent and Commissioner Harding presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation. No one signed the guest register. The agenda was approved as amended – under new business, “Request to Declare an Emergency and request quotes for the 4th Street Sinkhole” was added.

Commissioner Huizenga moved and Commissioner Goodman seconded to approve the consent calendar: Minutes Regular Meeting May 17, 2016; New Hire Seasonal Golf Department – Austin Kelly \$12.00; New Hire Water Seasonal CDL – Richard Reynolds \$15.50, Thomas Kinsella \$16.00; New Hire Communications Officer – John Reiser \$16.62; New Hire Airport Part-time Airport Fire Fighter – Joshua Thompson \$13.43. Claims (there were no claims to approve). Unanimous approval.

Gordon Koch presented a request to close Fort Street from Dakota to Missouri on June 7th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for the Harley Owner’s Group (HOG) annual meeting and safety demonstration. The group will have a large 18 wheel semi-truck setup with motorcycles placed around. The group members or anyone from the public, will be allowed to sit on the motorcycles in place and then get up into the semi-truck to realize the blind spots created by the large semi. Gordon explained that he has visited with all the neighboring businesses and no one had any issues, since it was after their normal business hours. Commissioner Goodman moved and Commissioner Mehlhaff seconded to approve the street closure request as presented. Unanimous approval.

Jeanine Maskovich, Historic Pierre Street Association, provided an overview of “Key’s on Pierre Street”, which includes placing 2 pianos at the corner of Pierre Street and Missouri and Pleasant. The idea was discovered in another community and brought to Pierre. The pianos were donated by a local church and will be on display except for the winter months. They are available for anyone to play. It’s another effort to bring people downtown.

Twila Hight, Finance Officer, presented a request to abate property taxes for 124 N Case from Maria Vazquez for \$39.80 as a result of a mobile home being removed in September 2015. Commissioner Huizenga moved and Commissioner Goodman seconded to approve the property tax abatement as presented. Unanimous approval.

John Childs, City Engineer, explained that a storm pipe has failed on 4th Street and caused a sinkhole in the westbound lane near the intersection of Euclid. The camera was able to see that the steel pipe has rusted through, but much of the pipe was not passable by the remote camera. The project will include replacing the pipe from Euclid to the manhole, approximately 370’. The sinkhole creates a risky environment where a heavy rain event could result in additional loss of the surface and loss of underlying material that would not be visible until the surface collapsed. Commissioner Mehlhaff moved and Commissioner Huizenga seconded to approve the request to declare an emergency and request quotes for the 4th street sinkhole repair. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Mehlhaff moved and Commissioner Huizenga seconded to adjourn. 6:05pm Unanimous approval.

Twila Hight, Finance Officer

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