



**CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
March 7, 2017**

The City of Pierre Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm with Commissioners Barringer, 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 posted.

Commissioner Harding presented a Proclamation for Developmental Disability and Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

Commissioner Huizenga moved and Commissioner Barringer seconded to approve the consent calendar: Minutes – Regular Meeting February 28, 2017; Raffle Request – Avera St. Mary's Employee Crisis Fund; Raffle Request – CHS Midwest Cooperative for Feeding South Dakota; Raffle Request – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; New Hire Seasonal Street Department – Andrew Barnum \$11.75; New Hire Seasonal Wastewater Department – Mark Ray \$13.75; New Hire Seasonal Golf Department – Brian Doherty \$13.75; Transfer from Full-Time Airport to Seasonal Golf – Annie Lueders \$12.25; Transfer from Part-Time to Full-Time Airport – John Meligan \$39,145.60; Claims. Unanimous approval.

Lynn Patton, Construction and Operations Manager, presented the bids for the 2017 Water Materials and recommended award to low bidders. The schedules were broke down by type of material. Commissioner Mehlhaff moved and Commissioner Huizenga seconded to award bid schedule A for pipe to Dakota Supply Group of Sioux Falls SD for \$38,977. Unanimous approval. Commissioner Mehlhaff moved and Commissioner Huizenga seconded to award bid schedule B for fittings to HD Supply Waterworks for \$28,883.99. Unanimous approval. Commissioner Mehlhaff moved and Commissioner Huizenga seconded to award bid schedule C for hydrants to HD Supply Waterworks for \$7,060.59. Unanimous approval.

John Childs, City Engineer, presented the bids received for the 2017 curb and gutter project and recommended the award go to the lowest responsible bidder, Sharpe Enterprises for \$422,659.75. Other bids were received from Big-O-Concrete of Mitchell SD for \$398,046.95, Anderson Contractors of Fort Pierre SD for \$498,716, and Rexwinkel Concrete of Corsica SD for \$504,580.10. John explained that previous experience with Big-O-Concrete resulted in the product being rejected for not meeting specifications and further review of more recent references indicated issues with product quality, bonding ability, and work performance. In relation to the projects scheduled for 2017, in front of the State Capitol Building and Harrison Avenue, high profile and high traffic areas, staff recommended the bid award go to the lowest responsible bidder. Josh Olivier, owner of Big-O-Concrete, commented that he did have issues with this machine and workmanship on the project he completed in Pierre 5 years ago, but that he has a new machine and new crew and wants the opportunity to redeem himself. Commissioner Mehlhaff commented that he just learned of all this information and asked if the decision could be pushed off a week. Staff maintained that the lowest responsible bidder was Sharpe. Commissioner Barringer moved and commissioner Huizenga seconded to award the bid for 2017 curb and gutter project to Sharpe Enterprises for \$422,659.75. Commissioners Barringer, Harding, and Huizenga voted aye, Commissioner Mehlhaff voted no. Motion carried.

Tom Farnsworth, Park & Recreation Director, presented the 2017 Capital City Farmers Market Lease Agreement. Tom explained minor changes to the agreement including a slight increase to the lease rate from \$25/Saturday to \$30/Saturday, which includes access to the electrical outlets on the parking lot. The agreement does span more time, as they would like to start May 6<sup>th</sup> and run through November

25<sup>th</sup>. The organization has a good history in this location, the City parking lot on the corner of Sioux Avenue and Coteau. Lindy Gaerets and Julie Bolding commented that the location has been very successful and the community has been very supportive. The businesses participating have grown and the customer base has also grown. Commissioner Huizenga moved and Commissioner Mehlhaff seconded to approve the Agreement with Capital City Farmers Market as presented. Unanimous approval.

Leon Schochenmaier, City Administrator, presented change order #1 on the aquatic center boiler replacement project. The original project excluded these items in an attempt to keep costs down. As the project proceeded and bids were very competitive, these items were deemed necessary for an overall improvement to the facility. The change adds replacement of pumps and triple-duty valves for \$14,500, repipe heating water serving domestic water heater for \$2,900, and furnish and install mixing valve for \$3,800. The additions total \$21,200, bringing the project total to \$234,920. Commissioner Huizenga moved and Commissioner Barringer seconded to approve change order #1 on the aquatic center boiler replacement project as presented. Unanimous approval.

Leon Schochenmaier, City Administrator, presented a donation of property from Donald and Sandra Epstein. Epstein contacted the City with 2 parcels that are near City facilities and offered to donate the land. The parcels are along Hilgers Gulch and one is near the 4<sup>th</sup> street trail and one is near a sewer main. The landowner contacted the County and after review with the City, there were no issues with the transfer of land. Commissioner Mehlhaff moved and Commissioner Huizenga seconded to approve Resolution 2604 accepting the donated land. Unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2604**

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM DONALD T. AND SANDRA EPSTEIN.

WHEREAS, Hughes County has been contacted by Donald T. Epstein, relative to the donation of certain real estate consisting of approximately 12,831 square feet in two tracts near the south side of Fourth Street as more fully described below.

Tract #1 – Lots 1 & 2, Block 7, Hyde’s First Addition, City of Pierre, SD

Tract #2 – Lots 9 & 10, Block 2, Syndicate Addition, City of Pierre, SD

WHEREAS, Hughes County has offered the donation to the City of Pierre prior to putting the property up for public sale, WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept the above described donation of said real estate by Deed from Donald T. and Sandra Epstein, and record the same, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission is authorized to accept the Deed and Certificate of Real Estate Value for the above entitled property from Donald T. and Sandra Epstein, and shall record those documents with the Register of Deeds of Hughes County, South Dakota.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

CITY OF PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
Laurie R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST: Twila Hight, Finance Officer

Twila Hight, Finance Officer, presented the 2016 Annual Financial Report.

Commissioner Huizenga moved and Commissioner Mehlhaff seconded to adjourn. 7:05 pm Unanimous approval.

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Twila Hight, Finance Officer

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