

2010 Legal and Public Notices

SDCL 1-25-2(3) to consult with and review communications from legal counsel about pending litigation.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay:." None.

Motion adopted.

Regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton was reconvened by Mayor Wenande.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Akland, Carda, Gross, Hoffner, Knoff, Lowrie, Sommer, and Woerner. Interim City Manager Viereck was also present. Absent: City Attorney Hosmer. Quorum present.

Action 12-185

Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adjourn at 12:07 p.m.

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay:." None.

Motion adopted.

Nancy Wenande
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Ann Clough
Deputy Finance Officer

Number Of New Credit Cards Issued Up 4% In 2Q

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Americans are carrying more credit card debt than a year ago, yet the late-payment rate for card holders remains near an 18-year low, an analysis of consumer-credit data shows.

The average credit card debt per borrower in the U.S. grew about 6 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, credit reporting agency TransUnion said Tuesday.

At the same time, the rate of payments at least 90 days overdue

inched higher to 0.63 percent from 0.60 percent in the same period last year, when the rate hit the lowest level in 18 years. Card delinquencies sank to 0.56 percent in the third quarter of 1994, the firm said.

The April-to-June figures reflect how consumers have been managing their credit card use since the start of the last recession toward the end of 2007.

Many borrowers have taken steps to save money and whittle down their debt. Among home-

owners with a mortgage, many have made credit card bills a priority over their home loans and other financial obligations.

While late payments hover near lows not seen since the 1990s, cardholders have been racking up more debt.

In the second quarter, the average credit card debt per borrower rose 6 percent from a year earlier to \$4,971, TransUnion said.

That's still about 13 percent less than \$5,719, the average credit card debt per borrower in the sec-

ond quarter of 2009. The latest figure was essentially flat from the first quarter of this year.

Between 2009 and 2011, borrowers pulled back on using credit and made an effort to slash their debt.

Average credit card balances also rose on an annual basis in the first three months of the year, as hiring picked up nationally and consumer confidence improved. It's too early to tell whether credit card debt will continue to climb, however.

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should be seen as a friendly dialogue, and in no way precludes any direction the commission could take."

Wenande agreed.

"I don't think the commission knows which direction they're going to go on these items," she said. "I think it's our duty to get as much input from the citizens to hear what they are requesting city government do and how much we should or should not be involved in some of these activities."

The commission agreed last month to put out a request for proposals from consultants to study the community's sports facility needs. The deadline for receiving the proposals is Aug. 27.

In other business Monday, the commission closed out the Meridian Plaza project on the north end of the Meridian Bridge. The price of the project done by Masonry Component decreased from an anticipated \$271,000 to \$253,000. Interim City Manager Al Viereck said work is currently being done to install irrigation and eventually plant grass at the site.

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Shooting

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Officers responding to calls describing an officer down saw Bachmann wounded on the ground in the front yard, then got into what McCollum described as an extended shootout with the gunman, who eventually was shot.

Both Bachmann and the gunman were later pronounced dead at a hospital. Officials did not say where the other man who died was shot or why he, or the woman who was wounded, was at the home.

The woman had surgery Mon-

day afternoon, and one of the injured officers was being treated for a gunshot wound in the calf, McCollum said. Two other officers sustained non-life-threatening injuries not from gunfire, but McCollum would not say how they were hurt.

The shootings prompted Texas A&M to issue an emergency alert warning students and residents to stay away from the area. Most of the university's 50,000 students were not on the campus about 90 miles northwest of Houston because the fall semester doesn't start until Aug. 27, university spokeswoman Sherylon Carroll said.

"It appeared to be fairly quiet,"

Carroll said of campus. "It didn't appear to be a lot of people out and about at that particular time."

Officers, meanwhile, were dealing with losing someone McCollum called a respected colleague.

"Brian Bachmann was very close to everyone in law enforcement," McCollum said. "He was a pillar in this community, and it's sad and tragic that we've lost him today."

Bachmann worked more than 19 years in law enforcement, according to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. He started out with the Hempstead Police Department before spending most of his career with the Brazos County

Sheriff's Office. He had been a constable since January 2011 after winning election to the post the prior November.

In a February 2010 candidate profile in the Bryan-College Station Eagle, the married father of two said he wanted to bring "constables back to the community" by actively patrolling neighborhoods to discourage crime.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, an A&M alumnus, said at an event in Florida that his "prayers are with any of those that have been injured." A&M President R. Bowen Loftin issued a statement calling Monday a "sad day in the Bryan-College Station community."

YAPG

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ting it on the outer edge of what residents in this region will typically accept for a daily commute.

If Yankton wishes to attract some of the estimated 1,800 permanent employees that will be needed for Hyperion, "the quick and dirty answer right now is, continue the development of infrastructure like utilities and roads," Smith said.

That, and decent housing with available daycare, is what these people will likely be looking for in

a place to call home, he stated.

Yankton Economic Development Director Mike Dellinger said Yankton should not just be working on those issues for Hyperion but should also address them for the future of existing companies in the community.

"What can we do now with regard to housing and workforce to alleviate the concerns these companies have and put them in a position where they can continue to grow jobs here?" he asked. "Then, if Hyperion happens a couple of years down the road, the more the merrier."

The housing market in Yankton is tight, according to Dellinger. "Rental units are harder to come by in both apartments and

single-family housing," he said. "We really need to look at what we can do as a community to enhance or reduce the risk for a residential developer to invest in Yankton. Is there a way we can do something with regard to the cost of development in Yankton to help our existing developers maybe further their risk? We have some great homebuilders in Yankton County. Right now, they're not building homes at the rate we'd like to see because we don't have that kind of growth."

"It's jobs and housing," Dellinger concluded in regards to making the local economy poised for success. "If we're creating good primary jobs, housing will follow that, and retail will follow the housing."

In other business Monday: • Yankton business owner Ben Hanten spoke about the Wire Me Awake conference planned for Yankton in October. He said the goal of organizers when scheduling speakers and activities was to inspire people in the Midwest with what can be accomplished here. More important than the speakers will be the networking that occurs at the conference, he said. Hanten believes a lot of talented people live in this region, but they have a harder time finding one another than they would in big cities on the coasts;

• Hanten also discussed Two Bridges Capital, LLC, which is an angel investment fund recently started in Yankton. He said the

fund has received 18 submissions for funding, of which 14 are from this region. Two Bridges has invested in one company, GunUp, which recently relocated to Sioux Falls from Washington state;

• Dellinger noted that the economy in Yankton is good right now. Sales tax revenue is up. In addition, the Gehl Company has more than 230 employees, about 180 more than it had two years ago.

However, Dellinger noted that the drought will likely have a significant impact.

"We're fortunate in Yankton that we have a good medical community, a good manufacturing community and a good agricultural community and that those

three legs of the stool can help each other keep balance," he said;

• It was announced that Baldwin Filters will hold a ribbon cutting and open house for an expansion that YAPG assisted with Sept. 20. Gov. Dennis Daugaard plans to attend;

• Dataware Green is interested in acquiring more property at its site along West City Limits Road and expanding; and

• Josh Svatos of the Regional Technical Education Center spoke about the 2012 Virtual Welding Games scheduled for Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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School

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offs on the four-tier system," said Chris Specht, YSD board president. "There will be some employees in the YSD that will save money on the new system."

Business Manager Jason Bietz added that even though the changes should save the district a significant amount of money, they are ultimately not the savior to the sizable deficit the district faces.

In addition to making changes to the health care option for employees, the board had been considering changing banking providers as well.

The district had asked local banks for requests for proposals

earlier this summer, with four local institutions responding. Two of the proposals called for earnings credits in lieu of interest credit posted to the bank account, which is intended to offset potential fee expenses.

After analyzing each proposal, the district decided to use First Dakota National Bank as its bank for the next three years. First Dakota had previously been the district's bank, with its contract recently expiring.

"First Dakota has been a good partner with YSD for the past few years," Bietz said.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Gertsema commended Bietz for the work he did with banks in the area and added that he dedicated a substantial amount of time with the process.

Also on Monday Kathy Wagner, Director of Student Services

at YSD, discussed school district achievement test results and annual yearly progress (AYP) under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Under the Dakota STEP test in 2012, 81 percent of YSD students were at the proficient or advanced levels in reading. This compares to a South Dakota average of 73 percent. In addition, 83 percent of students in YSD were proficient or advanced in math, compared to the state average of 74 percent.

The state did not calculate the AYP designations for "schools of improvement" because the state is moving towards new standards that will change the designations.

In addition to the current NCLB standard of student

achievement, the new standards will also include academic growth and completion rate for the high school, attendance and college and career readiness, school climate and how effective school principals and teachers are.

"Based on our test scores, I really don't believe there are many areas of concern," Wagner said.

Notable other business included authorizing a full-time speech therapist position and hiring a paraprofessional at Lincoln School for the 2012-13 school year to help reduce class sizes.

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The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:
Out On The Town — Noon, Wednesday, August 29
Tuesday, September 4 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 29
Wednesday, September 5 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, August 30
Thursday, September 6 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, August 31

There will be no newspaper on Monday, September 3, 2012

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TECH 181 Safety Management Wednesdays 5-8pm
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TECH 341 Lean Concepts Thursdays 5-8pm
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