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Commissioner Hoffner temporarily disconnected from the meeting at this time.

**Action 15-76**  
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Liquor License for March 10, 2015, from Chamber of Commerce, (Carmen Schramm, Director) dba Chamber of Commerce, Yankton Area Ice Association, 901 Whiting Drive, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-54) No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Blaalid, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to approve the license application. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

Commissioner Hoffner rejoined the meeting via teleconference at this time.

**Action 15-77**  
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Liquor License for April 14, 2015, from Chamber of Commerce, (Carmen Schramm, Director) dba Chamber of Commerce, Abilities Building Services, 909 W. 23rd Street, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-54) No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Blaalid, to approve the license application. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-78**  
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Liquor License for September 8, 2015, from Chamber of Commerce, (Carmen Schramm, Director) dba Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Avera Pavilion, 409 Summit Street, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-55) No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to approve the license application. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-79**  
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Liquor License for October 13, 2015, from Chamber of Commerce, (Carmen Schramm, Director) dba Chamber of Commerce, Broadway Chrysler, 2720 Broadway Street, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-56) No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Akland, seconded by Commissioner Knoff, to approve the license application. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-80**  
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events (on-sale) Liquor License for December 8, 2015, from Chamber of Commerce, (Carmen Schramm, Director) dba Chamber of Commerce, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, 501 Summit Street, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-57) No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Blaalid, to approve the license application. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-81**  
This was the time and place for the second reading and public hearing for Ordinance No. 973, AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN. (Memorandum 15-60) No one was present to speak for or against adoption of the ordinance. Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Ferdig, to adopt Ordinance No. 973. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-82**  
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Malt Beverage (on-sale) Retailers License for one day, March 20, 2015, from Knights of Columbus, (Richard Leyden, Secretary), 2700 Broadway, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-66) No one was present to speak for or against approval of the license application. Moved by Commissioner Akland, seconded by Commissioner Blaalid, to approve the license application. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

Mayor Carda appointed Commissioner Akland, Gross, and Ferdig to serve on the Consolidated Board of Equalization in 2015, with Mayor Carda serving as an alternate if needed. (Memorandum 15-63)

**Action 15-83**  
Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Blaalid, to approve the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 crew cab pickup truck for the Fire Department from Northtown Automotive, Yankton, South Dakota, for a cost of \$33,342.62 under the State Bid Price. (Memorandum 15-59) Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

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**Action 15-84**  
This was the time and place to award the five-year banking services contract for the City of Yankton. Four Yankton banks responded to the request for proposals: CoTrust Bank, First Dakota Bank, First National Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank. Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to award the five-year banking services contract to First Dakota Bank, Yankton, South Dakota, as outlined Memorandum 15-62. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-85**  
The request from Rockin Ribfest for additional funding for rental of a Dakotronics unit was considered. (Memorandum 15-58) Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to supplement the budget line item to \$20,000.00 for Rockin Ribfest for Daktronic screen rental and overtime allocation by City staff. Roll Call: Members present voting Aye: Commissioners Blaalid, Ferdig, Hoffner, Knoff, Sommer, and Mayor Carda; voting Nay: Commissioner Akland; Abstaining: Commissioner Woerner. Motion adopted.

**Action 15-86**  
Moved by Commissioner Knoff, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to approve Permanent Easements for Utility Purposes on City Owned Property described as:

A strip of land 10 feet wide, being adjacent to and south of Highway Lot 5 in that portion of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T93N R56W of the 5th P.M., Yankton County, South Dakota, located west of Lot 6, Block 1, of the Wal-mart Addition, excepting the previously recorded 75 feet Recreational Trail and Utility easement; and,

A strip of land 10 feet wide, being adjacent to and south of Highway Lot 2 in that portion of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 1, T93N R56W of the 5th P.M., Yankton County, South Dakota, located east of Adkins Drive.

A strip of land 10 feet wide along the North, South, and West boundaries of Parcel B, except the East 305.77 feet thereof, Fox Run Subdivision, City of Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 15-61)

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

**Action 15-87**  
Commissioner Akland introduced and Mayor Carda read the title of Ordinance No. 975, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WATER SERVICE MAY BE DISCONNECTED, and set the date of March 23, 2015, date for the second reading and public hearing.

**Action 15-88**  
Commissioner Woerner introduced and Mayor Carda read the title of Ordinance No. 974, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 14-159, NIGHT PARKING IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, and set March 23, 2015, as the date for the second reading and public hearing. (Memorandum 15-64)

Commissioner Gross entered the meeting at this time.

**Action 15-89**  
Moved by Commissioner Blaalid, seconded by Commissioner Hoffner, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m., to discuss personnel and contractual matters under SDCL 1-25-2. 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 Carda. Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Akland, Blaalid, Ferdig, Gross, Knoff, Sommer, and Woerner. City Attorney Den Herder and City Manager Nelson were also present. Absent: Commissioner Hoffner. Quorum present.

**Action 15-90**  
Moved by Commissioner Blaalid, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Roll Call: All members present voting Aye; voting Nay: None. Motion adopted.

Johnson

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for the past 11 years, Johnson says he has a unique look at where the commission has gone, what mistakes he feels it has made and what direction the city should go in the future.

“The first thing I would like to ask the commission to consider is adding another level of transparency to local government,” Johnson said. “I want Yankton to set the standard in our state for open meetings laws — something that I think would help foster more public trust in our local government. I don’t think we need to wait for action from our state government to do this. We have the capability to do it ourselves.”

He pointed to a grocery store development that was proposed for downtown Yankton in 2008 but never materialized.

“To this day, I hear people talk about the grocery store development,” he said. “The only reason the public knows that project was a possibility is because two members of the commission — Paul Lowrie and Charles “Murph” Murphy — told the *Press & Dakotan* about those discussions held in executive session concerning the sale of city-owned property.”

Johnson said he would like to use a law in Iowa, which requires recordings and minutes of all executive sessions, as a guide for Yankton.

“In most cases, those records would not be made public unless there is a legal

dispute and a judge ordered their release,” he explained. “However, if a session is closed to discuss a real estate issue, the records of that executive session must be made available for public examination when the transaction is completed or canceled. Under this law, the grocery store project would have been disclosed to the public once it was dismissed as a matter of process, as I believe should have been the case.”

While he acknowledges there are valid reasons to hold executive sessions and doesn’t feel they have been misused by past commissions, Johnson also believes it would be a “powerful statement” about openness and accountability.

He also notes that one of his goals as a city commissioner would be to address economic development and quality-of-life investments, such a public art.

“As a community, we need to take a serious look at our economic development strategy and start playing by different rules,” Johnson said.

“There is a tendency sometimes to sell our community — and you could probably say this about most of the Upper Midwest — as a ‘Third World’ country to employers: ‘We can get you low-wage workers, dirt cheap real estate and low taxes. Don’t invest in us — we’ll invest in you!’ That’s a gross oversimplification, but I think it captures the essence of our mentality. It’s as if we have communal low self-esteem. We need to aim higher and encourage creative economic approaches that strengthen our community and raise wages.”

He has lofty goals for Yank-

ton, and those goals all start with thinking big.

“We all need to come together, invest our talents and create a cohesive community vision for the long-term future,” Johnson said. “When I talk to people in the community, I sense a hunger to do these big things because of their belief in the potential of Yankton to be more than it is right now. ... We need to have the confidence to set big goals for Yankton. If we don’t believe in ourselves, no one else will, either.”

He notes his ideal Yankton would include downtown and riverfront development; more public art, architecture, trails and other quality of life improvements; higher wages; and a community-wide focus on health and happiness.

“All these goals would require buy-in from all community members,” he said. “I don’t want to be a community where people ask, ‘Why don’t we have that?’ I want to be a community where people ask, ‘How in the world did we get that?’”

Johnson also said he knows there are some formidable issues facing the growth of Yankton, primarily demographic trends in the community.

“As a city, the biggest challenge will always be planning for and funding infrastructure maintenance and improvements — water distribution, wastewater collection, streets, etc.,” he said. “We also need to make sure we are taking care of our other big asset: the many talented and dedicated city employees we have in Yankton.”

“Beyond that, I see demographic trends being a huge challenge. Our population in

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people who are planning new builds that are walking around visiting with the different vendors today,” Kisch said. “They are just starting out and trying to get ideas.”

Consumer Jeanne Albright of Norfolk, Nebraska, falls into the new build category.

“We just finished putting up a new house on the other side of the lake,” she explained. “So, I need landscaping and I need contractors to finish my basement.”

Because she isn’t from the Yankton area, she said the home show gave her exposure to businesses she may not have found otherwise.

“Having everyone in one place makes it very convenient for me to find who is available to hire to do the work,” she said. “Since I am not from here, this is my only way of getting to know some people and get ideas of what is available. I went through very quickly the first time,

and now I have a few vendors, in specific, I am going to go back and visit with.”

Albright noted that while the earlier show date didn’t affect her projects, she could see where it would have benefit for the vendors.

“The timing doesn’t make any difference to me because I love going to home shows anyway,” she said. “But, for the vendors like the landscapers, it probably makes it a lot easier to do it now before the planting season begins.”

For vendors Bruce Kalin of Kalin’s Indoor Comfort and Roy Wilcox of State Farm Insurance, the home show offered different goals: Kalin was looking at helping improve homes, while Wilcox was looking at helping secure them.

“The insurance products tie in with the insurance of the home and also the possibility of being disabled or death,” Wilcox said. “Could the remaining spouse pay for the home with the life insurance they have if their spouse were to pass away? I just feel that the exposure to what we call the ‘triangle of exposure’

is important for people to know about. By being at the home show, they see our booth and can get some great information about the products we offer protecting their home and their family.”

Kalin’s was also focused on increasing exposure in the Yankton market.

“It is good exposure for us. We have been in business for 93 years and are very well known in the Vermillion and Sioux City markets, but we are really trying to get more established in the Yankton market, so this gives us that opportunity,” Kalin said.

He noted that the variety of people visiting the home show that had stopped to visit with his company had varied greatly, but had surpassed what was expected from the show.

“We have had a couple of folks bring in plans for new homes and a couple that are looking to put additions on and a few just updating their current homes,” he said.

Employee Brad Haas noted that Kalin wasn’t even scheduled to be at the event Saturday.

“Bruce just stopped in to

this area is not only declining, it is (also) getting older. That has huge ramifications for our employers, employees and overall economic and social fabric. How do we want to react to these trends? I don’t think we’ve given it a lot of thought. The time to change that is now.”

In his mind, Johnson said the biggest hurdle to combating the demographic trends is going to be the below state average wages in the community. “The latest average annual wage stats for Yankton that I’ve seen are from the housing study that was done by Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) and the City of Yankton,” he said. “The average wage in 2011 was \$35,019, which was below the state average. That kind of wage does not leave room for error. It makes it really difficult to fund a child’s education, the employee’s retirement or recreational spending.”

Johnson said no matter what happens during his term on the commission, he is proud to serve the community he calls home.

“Yankton has great things on the horizon — a world archery tournament, a new water plant and development of the Meridian Bridge Plaza among them,” he said. “However, I think people have the energy and desire to build more successes for Yankton and its residents. Let’s take that potential and make it a reality.”

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see how it was going this morning, and I tell you what, we both have been going pretty much non-stop all morning,” Haas said. “I think the change of location and time was a very good idea. It is a nice place to have it, the numbers have been very strong and we have been busy.”

Wilcox, Kisch and Kalin noted that the guests were interested in a lot of the different products being displayed.

“I know from all the vendors so far today the show has been nothing but positive,” Kisch said. “The consumers coming through are all positive, as well. I see nothing but growth for the show in the future. I don’t see it slowing down anytime soon.”

For more information on the Lewis and Clark Home Builders Association go to <http://www.lewisandclark-homebuilders.com>.

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