

2010 Legal and Public Notices

written report giving an update on community projects and items of interest.

Citizen Tom Bixler appeared to express an opinion that he hopes the City Commission will choose to regulate daycare providers sometime in the future.

Action 11-250
Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Woerner, that the following items on the consent agenda be approved.

1. Approving Current Volunteer Firefighter List

Consideration of Memorandum 11-175 regarding approving the following list of Volunteer Firefighters per Workers' Compensation and SDCL requirements: Brad Binde, Tim Binder, Troy Cowman, Don Cuka, Mike Fitzgerald, Kirt Flannery, Adam Frick, Brian Frick, Dan Frick, Steve Frick, Tom Frick, Aaron Greer, Mike Gullikson, Andy Haas, Adam Haberman, Steve Hermanson, Richard Hladky, Tom Holmstrom, Jody Johnson, Ryan Kaiser, Gary Kozak, John Kraft, Dave Kuehler, Mark Kuehler, Thomas Kurtenbach, Mark Mauch, Chad Miller, Brad Moser, Terry Nickels, Larry Nickles, Mark Nickles, Matt Nighbert, Pat Nolz, Larry Raab, Bill Taggart, Jeff Turman, Rodney Velduizen, Mike Villanueva, Dave Walsh, Jay Walsh, Toby Woehl, and William Ziegler.

2. Establishing public hearing for sale of alcoholic beverages

Establish November 14, 2011, as the date for the public hearing on the request for a Special Events RETAIL (on-sale) Malt Beverage and a Special RETAIL (on-sale) Wine dealers License for one day, February 17, 2012 from United Way & Volunteer Services, National Field Archery Association, 800 Archery Lane, Yankton, South Dakota.

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

Motion adopted.

Action 11-251
This was the time and place for the public hearing on the application for a Special Events RETAIL (on-sale) Liquor License for one day, December 13, 2011, from Minerva's Grill & Bar, (Jeff Step-pat, Sales & Catering Director) d/b/a Minerva's Grill & Bar, Hatch Furniture, 109 E 3rd Street, Yankton, South Dakota. (Memorandum 11-173) Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to approve the license application.

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

Motion adopted.

Action 11-252
Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Woerner, to approve the agreement between the City of Yankton and the South Dakota Department of Transportation related to the acquisition of easements and right-of-way associated with 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Projects to complete reconstruction of Summit from 9th to 15th Street, 15th Street from Burleigh to Ferdig, and Douglas from 23rd to 25th Street. (Memorandum 11-174)

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

Motion adopted.

Action 11-253
Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to adopt Resolution 11-46. (Memorandum 11-177)

RESOLUTION 11-46
Conditional Use

WHEREAS, Karen Rhorer is the owner of Lot 15, Block 2, Golf Terrace Addition to the City of Yankton, South Dakota. Address, 601 Burgess Road, and

WHEREAS, the above described property is zoned R-2 Single Family Residential which allows conditional uses under the City of Yankton's Zoning Ordinance No. 711 as amended, and

WHEREAS, this conditional use request is necessary for the property to be used as a daycare facility and has been reviewed and recommended for approval by a vote of the City Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the City of Yankton, South Dakota hereby approves a Conditional Use Permit for a daycare facility in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations on the above described property.

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

Motion adopted.

Action 11-254
Moved by Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Wenande, to approve the Hangar Lease Agreement between the University of South Dakota and the City of Yankton for space in the Corporate Hanger at Chan Gurney Airport. (Memorandum 11-178)

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

Motion adopted.

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Action 11-255
Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adjourn into Zoning Board of Adjustment at 7:11 p.m.

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 Knoff.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Akland, Carda, Gross, Hoffner, Lowrie, Sommer, Wenande, and Woerner. City Attorney Hosmer and City Manager Russell were also present. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Action 11-256
Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations.

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

Motion adopted.

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Action 11-257
Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

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

Motion adopted.

David D. Knoff
Mayor

ATTEST:
Al Viereck
Finance Officer

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School

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"All documents associated with the board meetings will be able to be accessed on the Yankton School District website," Bietz said. "That means the agenda and any attachments that are normally included in the packets distributed at the meetings will be available in a user friendly format online. That includes budget documents, contract information, agendas. If it is something in the past we have printed for distribution at the board meetings, it will be available at the website."

According to the release, under the old paper system, the meeting packet could not be distributed until every document had been prepared, submitted and approved. Once all the documents were submitted, staff members would typically spend two days assembling the documents into packets before distributing them to board members. Now, board members will also have access as soon as the items are posted on the web, as will the public.

"This process will allow everyone to review the agenda items and other board-related information," Bietz said. "The new features will be available at the district website at www.ysd.k12.sd.us. We have been listening to the public, who have been saying that they want more access to the district. Both of

these projects, are aimed at increasing that visibility and access."

Bietz said the camera installation, which began Monday, should be finished by the end of the week, with the hopes that next Monday's School Board meeting will be recorded and then broadcast on the local public access channel.

"We have to finalize the arrangements with the Yankton Chamber of Commerce, but our goal is that just like with City and County Commission meetings, they will air for the public," Bietz said.

Three cameras are being installed in the board room, two facing the board table and podium and one facing the audience chairs.

The work is being done by Midstates Audio out of Sioux Falls, Bietz said.

"It is important for the community to know that these funds are coming from the Capital Outlay fund and in no way affect the General Fund," he said. "The funds for both projects were appropriated following state laws for projects for the Capital Outlay fund."

Bietz said he hopes it will be live and active by Friday, which is the traditional day that board packets are released for the monthly meeting.

"I think once the public sees how easy it is to access the documents, they will appreciate the access," Bietz said. "I believe the BoardDocs program will be a program that more than pays for itself in savings to the district."

Subsidy

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The committee leaders have not yet released the proposal, but lawmakers have signaled that the revenue insurance will be part of the deal. It is unclear just how it would be crafted and what effort will be made to control its costs. Critics fear a worst-case scenario that would use current, record-high crop prices as a baseline for average revenue — that way, farmers who suffer minor revenue losses in future years could get major payouts, which could eat up some of the \$23 billion in promised savings.

Federally subsidized crop insurance programs are now costing taxpayers up to \$7 billion to \$8 billion annually despite the biggest farm profits in nearly four decades. The Agriculture Department predicts net farm income by the end of this year will total \$103.6 billion, a rise of 31 percent from 2010. The department says this is the highest value since 1974, adjusted for inflation.

Replacing the direct payments seems inevitable. Critics have singled them out and even farm

groups now say they are politically indefensible. But critics of the new income insurance subsidy say it could create new problems for taxpayers and farmers alike.

"The only rationale for a new federal revenue guarantee program on top of existing revenue insurance programs is that it seems politically easier to defend than direct payments," said Bruce Babcock, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University. Babcock released a report last week calling revenue insurance a "boondoggle." The report was commissioned by the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy group that has long opposed federal farm subsidies.

The shallow loss plan has been pushed mostly by corn and soybean growers who use crop insurance more frequently. Rice and cotton growers have generally favored direct payments because their crops are more expensive to grow.

Jon Doggett of the National Corn Growers Association says the criticism is unfair, and that the new program would be designed to cost less than current subsidies. He says corn growers and other farmers have been trying for years to find a better way to manage the risks they are taking and that crop insurance hasn't always been adequate.

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