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seconded by Commissioner Akland, that the following items on the consent agenda be approved.

**1. Meeting Date Change**

Discussion to establish Friday, December 19, 2014, at 12:00 noon as the date and time for the second City Commission meeting in December.

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

**Action 14-284**

This was the time and place for the public hearing on the special assessment roll for removal of noxious vegetation and abatement and adoption of Resolution 14-44. No one was present to speak for or against adoption of the resolution. Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adopt Resolution 14-44. (Memorandum 14-197)

**RESOLUTION 14-44**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2014 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS VEGETATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton, South Dakota:

SECTION 1. That the special assessment roll for the assessment of the property assessable for the destruction of noxious vegetation in the City of Yankton, South Dakota, is hereby approved and the assessments as set out in said special assessment roll approved this date are hereby levied against such property upon filing of said special assessment roll in the office of the City Finance Officer.

SECTION 2. The assessments set forth in the assessment roll will become due and payable in one (1) annual installment together with interest at a rate prescribed by the Board of City Commissioners, by resolution, per annum, in accordance with SDCL 9-43.

The above assessments may be paid without interest to the City Finance Officer on or before December 15, 2014, thereafter, the entire assessment may be paid with interest from the date of filing with the City Finance Officer at the rate established by resolution of the Board of City Commissioners.

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

Kyle Goodmanson, Environmental Services Director, presented a power point program prepared by HDR Engineering updating the Yankton Water Treatment Plant Design.

Sergeant Foote, Officer Nolz, and Canine Officer Grief gave a presentation on the K-9 program.

Commissioner Gross temporarily left the meeting at this time.

**Action 14-285**

Moved by Commissioner Sommer, seconded by Commissioner Woerner, to approve the 2015 lease agreement between the City of Yankton and Yankton Area Senior Citizens Center. (Memorandum 14-204)

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

**Action 14-286**

Moved by Commissioner Akland, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to adopt Resolution 14-51. (Memorandum 14-200)

**RESOLUTION 14-51**

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 953, adopted and effective as of January 28, 2013, established "Appendix B - Business improvement District No. 1" of the City Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS Section 4 of Appendix B established the boundaries of the District as the corporate limits of the City of Yankton:

**Sec. 4. Boundaries of District.** Pursuant to SDCL 9-55-4, the boundaries of "the District" are the corporate limits of the City of Yankton. The businesses subject to the "Occupational Tax" are the following "business owners," all of which operate their businesses within the established non-contiguous business areas with common zoning designations and which are located within the corporate limits of the City of Yankton:

Best Western Kelly Inn, 121Rooms, 1607 E. Hwy 50; Broadway Inn 37 Rooms, 1201 Broadway Ave.; Day's Inn, 46 Rooms, 2410 Broadway Ave.; Holiday Inn Express, 58 Rooms, 2607 Broadway Ave.; Super 8 Motel, 59 Rooms, 1603 E. Highway 50;

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and;

WHEREAS Section 6 of Appendix B allows for new properties in the district to be included by resolution per SDCL:

**Sec. 6 New Properties in the District.** Business Improvement District No. 1 may be expanded by resolution per SDCL to also include all hotel, motel and lodging establishments with 25 rooms or more which are constructed after the creation of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the new Econo Lodge, with 59 rooms, located at 611 West 23rd Street, shall be included in Business Improvement District No. 1 upon receiving a completed "Certificate of Occupancy" from the City of Yankton.

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

Commissioner Gross returned to the meeting at this time.

**Action 14-287**

Moved by Commissioner Akland, seconded by Commissioner Ferdig, to adopt Resolution 14-46. (Memorandum 14-187)

**RESOLUTION 14-46**  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AIRPORT HANGAR LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTERLINE, LLC

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton has been given the authority to approve airport hangar land lease agreements at Chan Gurney Airport; and,

WHEREAS, Centerline, LLC desires to lease a 32' deep by 44' wide lot at Chan Gurney Airport on which they intend to build an airplane hangar; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Yankton and Chan Gurney Airport for the Board of City Commissioners to approve the land lease agreement with Centerline, LLC,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton, SD, that the airport hangar land lease agreement with Centerline, LLC for building location 702 E 31st Street Number 33 is hereby approved at a rate of \$0.10 per square foot of building space.

**Roll Call:** Members present voting "Aye;" Commissioners Akland, Ferdig, Gross, Hoffner, Sommer, and Mayor Carda; voting "Nay;" None; Abstaining: Commissioner Woerner.  
Motion adopted.

**Action 14-288**

Moved by Commissioner Akland, seconded by Commissioner Hoffner, to adopt Resolution 14-54. (Memorandum 14-203)

**RESOLUTION 14-54**  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AIRPORT HANGAR LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHRIS NELSON

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton has been given the authority to approve airport hangar land lease agreements at Chan Gurney Municipal Airport; and,

WHEREAS, Chris Nelson desires to lease a 32' deep by 44' wide lot at Chan Gurney Municipal Airport on which they intend to build an airplane hangar; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Yankton and Chan Gurney Municipal Airport for the Board of City Commissioners to approve the land lease agreement with Chris Nelson,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton, SD, that the airport hangar land lease agreement with Chris Nelson for building location 702 E 31st Street Number 34 is hereby approved at a rate of \$0.10 per square foot of building space.

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

**Action 14-289**

Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to adopt Resolution 14-52. (Memorandum 14-201)

**RESOLUTION 14-52**  
A RESOLUTION TO RESTRICT PARKING ON DOUGLAS AVENUE FROM 33RD STREET TO WILSON ROAD AND

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**ON WILSON ROAD FROM BROADWAY AVENUE TO DOUGLAS AVENUE**

WHEREAS, these roadways are main entrances to commercial development, and

WHEREAS, the anticipated traffic would include not only a large volume of standard sized vehicles but also larger commercial vehicles, and

WHEREAS, future commercial properties would be required to provide adequate off-street parking, and

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton has the authority to establish and revoke parking restrictions within the City of Yankton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, that parking is prohibited on Douglas Avenue from 33rd Street to Wilson Road and on Wilson Road from Broadway Avenue to Douglas Avenue.

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

**Action 14-290**

Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Woerner, to adopt Resolution 14-53. (Memorandum 14-202)

**RESOLUTION 14-53**  
NO PARKING ON A PORTION OF THE NORTH SIDE OF 15TH STREET BETWEEN BROADWAY AVENUE AND LOCUST STREET

WHEREAS, 15th Street is an arterial street that carries a large number of vehicles each day; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient off-street parking spaces for the facilities on both the north and south side of the road, and

WHEREAS, there is a concern with the restricted sight distance due to the topography, and

WHEREAS, no businesses or homes will be adversely affected by the elimination of the on-street parking described below, and

WHEREAS, The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton has the authority to establish and revoke parking restrictions within the City of Yankton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, that parking is prohibited on the north side of 15th Street from a point approximately 260 feet west of Broadway Avenue, continuing to the west for a distance of 340 feet, or otherwise described as the area between the two current driveway approaches for the Orchard Square apartments.

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

**Action 14-291**

Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Vision Internet, Santa Monica, California, for a new design of the City's website for an estimated cost of \$26,475.00 plus \$550.00 per month for hosting of the site. (Memorandum 14-206)

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

**Action 14-296**

Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

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

City Manager Nelson presented the results of the "2014 Citizen Survey."

**Action 14-292**

Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Sommer, to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 714593 between the City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for design and construction of the railroad underpass on the Auld-Brokaw Trail west of Locust and north of 15th Street and changing the deadline date for the City to complete the work to January 1, 2016. (Memorandum 14-198)

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

**Action 14-293**

Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adopt Resolution 14-55. (Memorandum 14-207)

**Resolution 14-55**  
A Resolution Establishing Base Salary Adjustments at 3 percent, and a 1 step increase on the pay

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plan for Eligible City Employees of the City of Yankton, South Dakota

WHEREAS, adequate monies have been provided for in the adopted 2015 budget, for the remuneration of services rendered by City of Yankton employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to provide a base adjustment for all eligible City employees of 3 percent and a 1 step increase on the pay plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners that the City Manager implement a base adjustment of 3 percent and a 1 step increase on the pay plan on January 1, 2015, for all regular full-time and regular part-time employees that are below the maximum of their respective pay range.

**Roll Call:** Members present voting "Aye;" Commissioners Akland, Gross, Hoffner, Sommer, Woerner, and Mayor Carda; voting "Nay;" None; Abstaining: Commissioner Ferdig.  
Motion adopted.

The request from Mr. Curt Bernard, downtown business owner, to expand overnight parking availability on Walnut Street from 2nd to 3rd Street was considered. (Memorandum 14-205) Curt Bernard was present to answer questions about his request. Ben Hanten, downtown business owner, was present to speak in favor of expanding overnight parking in the downtown area. Cindy Hunchhoff and Barb Rohde, downtown business owners, were present to speak against expanding overnight parking in the downtown. It was the consensus of the Commission to form a committee to review the issue and bring back recommendations to a future meeting.

**Action 14-294**

This was the time and place to award the bid for a 2010 or newer Model 52,000 GVW Class 8 6x4 Truck for the Public Services Department /Joint Powers Division. The following bids were received and opened on November 4, 2014: Truck-Trailer Sales & Service, Inc., Yankton, South Dakota-\$57,950.00; Boyer Trucks, Sioux Falls, South Dakota-\$63,550.00. Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to award the bid to the low bidder, Truck-Trailer Sales & Service, Yankton, South Dakota, in the amount of \$57,950.00 subject to a mechanical inspection. (Memorandum 14-208)

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

**Action 14-295**

Moved by Commissioner Akland, seconded by Commissioner Ferdig, to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. to discuss proposed 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, Ferdig, Gross, Hoffner, Sommer, and Woerner. City Attorney Den Herder and City Manager Nelson were also present. Absent: Commissioners Balaaid and Knoff. Quorum present.

**Action 14-296**

Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

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

## Hong Kong Protesters Try To Storm Legislature

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong police arrested four men early Wednesday after a small group of protesters tried to force their way into the city's legislature in overnight clashes.

The arrests came after authorities cleared some barricades a day earlier from a small section of a site occupied by pro-democracy activists for nearly two months.

Police used pepper spray against the umbrella-wielding protesters, who they said repeatedly charged their cordon and injured three officers.

The protesters used metal barricades and concrete slabs to smash glass doors at the entrance to the legislature.

At one point, pro-democracy lawmaker Fernando

Chiu tried to intervene but was pulled aside by some protesters so that others could continue ramming the glass.

Chiu told reporters that he saw one person enter the building.

He and other lawmakers from the so-called "pan-democrat" camp condemned the violence, saying it undermined the non-violent protest movement.

The student-led democracy protesters reject restrictions laid down by Beijing on inaugural 2017 elections for the southern Chinese financial hub's top leader.

The clashes and the court-ordered barricade clearance hours earlier underscored the protest movement's turn to a riskier phase as student leaders run out of options.

## Climate

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The growing season has dramatically lengthened throughout U.S. history, Moore said.

"With the old varieties of corn, the Native Americans were planting 70- to 80-day corn," he said. "Today, it's common to have 120-day corn."

Moore credited three major factors. "We have longer growing seasons, warmer winters and nights, and more frequent precipitation," he said.

The longer growing seasons mean more heat and sunlight for corn, affecting the yields per acre, he said. However, the longer seasons also mean the corn crops face greater chances of major storm events, he added.

The United States has seen a dramatic change in its agriculture practices, Moore said. "Traditionally, Native Americans grew the three sisters — corn, beans and squash — together as complimentary crops," he said. "The corn was important throughout their culture. It played a prominent role symbolically in their culture and religion."

Today, American farmers rotate corn and soybeans, sometimes with wheat in the rotation, he said. That wasn't always the case, as soybeans became popular in the Midwest only in the 1960s, he noted.

Through the years, farmers have also used a minimum or no-till strategy, he added.

Now, climate change is impacting agriculture, Todey said. He pointed to overall warming, ranging from warmer winters to warmer overnight temperatures.

The longer growing season has typically brought changes in corn variety and more productivity, Todey said.

However, climate change has also brought different weather patterns, he added.

The Midwest has seen an overall increase in precipitation along with changes in temperatures, he said.

"The precipitation is also occurring during different times of the year than we have seen (in previous years)," he said. "Sometimes, it doesn't line up well. There is more precipitation in the mid-summer, which isn't a bad thing. It's the time of year when crops are most actively growing. But we are also seeing a shift to more spring and fall precipitation."

The wetter spring and fall seasons can greatly affect both planting and harvesting, Todey said.

"In the spring, farmers are

trying to get into the field and get planted. If you have a wetter field at that time, you aren't able to get into the field, or you have more compaction of that field," he said. "In the fall, you may have the inability to get in the field and get your harvest out, which carries over into the spring."

Intense precipitation events can cause more erosion as well as flooding, he added.

The Midwest has seen years ranging from widespread drought with large-scale crop and livestock losses, to ideal conditions with bountiful harvests, he noted.

The USDA grant has been used to study greenhouse gas emissions and the impact of crop management practices, Moore said. In addition, the research looks at the resulting carbon, nitrogen and water footprints.

The researchers have surveyed Upper Midwest farmers. The survey measured the farmers' attitudes on whether the government and/or individual farmer should do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, farmers were asked if they believed sufficient evidence existed that climate change was occurring, Moore said. Farmers were also asked whether they thought climate change could be man-made, caused by natural events or a combination of both.

The survey revealed 31 percent of the respondents found insufficient evidence that climate change was occurring, Moore said. A chart showed a difference in attitudes from one part of the Midwest to the other end.

"It may have been based on their beliefs and their own experiences and local situation," he noted.

The Midwest has pulled out of a severe drought in recent years. However, other parts of the nation aren't so fortunate, and the Midwest stands to feel the impact.

"We are seeing abundant rainfall compared to California," Moore said. "But we'll find it's a precious commodity, and there will be additional water demand by 2030."

For more Midwest climate information, visit online at climatehubs.ocs.usda.gov/Midwest-hub.

For more information on the USDA grant and study, visit online at sustainablecorn.org.

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"There's some hard feelings that need to be avoided out there."

Scherschligt said they'll make every effort to get community feedback and avoid problems.

"We're looking to have a couple of public meetings and then neighborhood meetings," he said. "Just because everybody at the public meetings says, 'Oh, that looks like a good place' doesn't mean the neighborhood was there. So we want to make sure to at least have a 1,000-foot area around the (sirens) that everybody's in favor of it."

Times for meetings will be released at a later date. Wednesday's meeting also saw the commission accepting the resignation of Thomas Schramm, who will retire at the end of the year as the Yankton County weed supervisor.

Sinclair said there's now discussion of moving this job fully under the supervision of

the highway department as with some neighboring counties.

"What we've discussed ... is that this job would be moved underneath the highway superintendent similar to Lincoln County, Minnehaha County and others where the highway superintendent is also the weed superintendent," he said. "Mr. Schramm did a wonderful job and we're regretful that he's resigned, but this is an opportunity to move that inside the highway department. It's good management and similar to what other counties have in place."

In other business, the commission:

- Approved bids on county property;
- Voted to renew eight liquor licenses throughout the county;
- Approved a bid for minor courtroom renovations at the County Courthouse.

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