

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Rapid City, South Dakota
September 5, 2003

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on Friday, September 5, 2003 at 7:00 A.M.

Mayor Jim Shaw, Finance Officer Jim Preston, and the following Alderpersons were present: Jean French, Alan Hanks, Sam Kooiker, Tom Murphy, Bill Waugh, Ray Hadley, Ron Kroeger, Rick Kriebel and Jeff Partridge; the following arrived during the course of the meeting: None; and the following were absent: Martha Rodriguez.

Mayor Shaw distributed a fact sheet and noted that the information was obtained during a conference call with various state officials on September 4th. He reported that the current West Nile Virus is an epidemic unprecedented in western South Dakota in recent times in terms of public health. Shaw reported that the aerial spraying could occur as early as Sunday evening. The reason for this meeting is because the State needs to know if the City is interested in participating in the aerial spraying program by 9:00 this morning. The following Resolution was introduced and Kriebel moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MOSQUITO PREVENTION AND
CONTROL MEASURES IN THE FORM OF AERIAL SPRAYING

WHEREAS, the total number of confirmed human cases of West Nile virus in South Dakota is now 403 for this transmission season, including 4 deaths; and

WHEREAS, aerial spraying of the chemical Permanone 3166 is a safe and effective means of preventing the spread of West Nile Virus; and

WHEREAS, the first several weeks in September constitute a critical period to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus in the Rapid City area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that the State of South Dakota including all agents and/or representatives thereof, is authorized to conduct emergency mosquito prevention and control measures in the form of aerial spraying.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2003.

ATTEST:
s/ James F. Preston
Finance Officer
(SEAL)

CITY OF RAPID CITY
s/ Jim Shaw, Mayor

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was seconded by Murphy. Dan Michael noted that his mother is in the hospital with this virus. He asked what the costs would be for the spraying. Shaw explained that the costs for this program will come from the Center for Disease Control and there are no local dollars involved. Regarding next spring, Shaw noted that the City would have to re-assess and make a decision on what type of control measures should be undertaken to control mosquitoes and the spread of the West Nile Virus. He added that under the current program, it is proposed that

fourteen cities will be sprayed with Rapid City being the first. They will do the spraying in the evening and it will probably take two nights to do the Rapid City and surrounding area. The chemical the CDC will use breaks down quickly in the environment and at the low concentration used, makes the likelihood of any adverse effects very low. The State has indicated that residents are not required to relocate or take any special precautions during this spraying. Anyone who has any illness or respiratory problem should be advised to stay indoors, just as a matter of common sense. French asked if the City would be putting the briquettes in the water to stop the spread of the mosquitoes that transmit this virus. Shaw stated that people should continue to eliminate any standing water on their properties, use mosquito repellent with DEET, and dress appropriately when outdoors. In areas that cannot be drained, the use of briquettes is appropriate. They can be purchased commercially at various outlets in the community. The following voted AYE: Hanks, French, Murphy, Kooiker, Waugh, Kroeger, Hadley, Kriebel and Partridge; NO: None, whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

As there was no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 A.M.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Mayor

Finance Officer

(SEAL)