

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Rapid City, South Dakota

September 13, 2004

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 Monday, September 13, 2004 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Jim Shaw and the following Alderpersons were present: Malcom Chapman, Tom Murphy, Jean French, Ron Kroeger, Karen Olson, Tom Johnson and Bill Waugh. The following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting Jeff Partridge and Sam Kooiker; and the following were absent: Ray Hadley.

Mayor Shaw introduced the first item on the agenda "Pursuant to the motion of April 19, 2004 and based upon the identified needs within the budget, should the City ask for an increase in the mill levy?" He also referenced the April 19, 2004 Council minutes. A tax levy estimate calculation for Rapid City prepared by the City Finance Office was reviewed and it was pointed out that the mill levy will decrease 3.33 percent. The Council was reminded as the budget is now will require using \$3.7 million from reserve funds. Alderman Johnson commented he did not support the adoption of the resolution on April 19, 2004 because it was not a good policy to bind future Councils.

Kroeger moved, second by Waugh that Rapid City not request an increase in the mill levy. Alderman Johnson again reiterated that he did not support the resolution. With the consent of the Council, Kroeger withdrew the motion.

Johnson moved, second by Murphy to rescind the Resolution adopted April 19, 2004. Shaw again noted that if the CPI and growth increases are not taken in a particular year, the City can not recapture it in the future.

Alderman Partridge entered the meeting at 5:59 P.M.

Mayor Shaw pointed out the mill levy has been decreasing each year because of construction for new businesses and homes, and remodeling of businesses and homes.

Upon a vote being taken on the motion to rescind the resolution, motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor presented (No. LF090104-21) Second Reading, Ordinance 4084 Regarding 2005 Appropriation Ordinance. French reiterated her request to use 2012 money to fund street reconstruction in order to fund requests not included in the budget. Waugh commented that the citizens of Rapid City did not support the use of 2012 funds to balance the City general fund budget. Mayor Shaw clarified that at Council direction, staff recommended prioritized capital costs to be placed on moratorium or cut from the budget in order to possibly fund several requests from the "do not include" list. Alderman French expressed interest in selling City-owned property to fund one-time expenditures.

Alderman Kooiker entered the meeting at 6:09 P.M.

Alderman Johnson expressed his reluctance to reduce Council Contingency as this fund is most needed for emergencies and unexpected requests. He questioned the funding from Pennington County for the detox program; believed it more appropriate to seek outside legal counsel for special circumstances; and supported the proposed budget with some changes. City Attorney Green responded that the City Attorney's Office often performs legal research for outside counsel.

As this time, Finance Officer Preston reviewed the list of General Fund Subsidies and it was suggested consideration be given to placing all subsidies under one budget.

Alderman Waugh left the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

Alderman Partridge reiterated his concern over street repairs and suggested reductions in several budget line items in order to allocate those funds for street repairs.

Alderman Murphy left the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Support was offered for the continued operation of the Horace Mann Swimming Pool. Parks and Recreation Director Cole review the revenues for 2002 and 2003 for the City-owned swimming pools explaining revenues were down and contributed the cause to the weather.

French moved to adopt the presentation of the Mayor as changes in the budget. The Chair declared the motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Johnson reviewed and asked for support of the following recommended cuts and funding as outlined at the September 7, 2004 Council meeting: funding requests - detox, dispatch, a police officer, an attorney, marketing of the pool and ice arena and recreation programs, and recreation scholarship program; budget cuts - runoff election, human resource overtime, seasonal human resource, office upgrade, furniture, shorting the seasonal operation of the Horace Mann pool, reduce the subsidy to the Small Business Development Center, reduce Council Contingency, and eliminate subsidy for Frontiers - Forging Our Future.

Kooiker moved to cap the General Fund Subsidy at the 2004 amount. The Chair declared the motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Chapman requested a list of subsidies and contracts between the City and those organizations receiving subsidies. Alderman Kroeger explained subsidies allocations are based on human need.

Johnson moved, seconded by Kroeger to approve amendments to the appropriation ordinance. Upon a vote being taken on the motion, motion carried with Kooiker voting NO.

Partridge moved, seconded by French and carried to refer Second Reading, Ordinance 4084 Regarding 2005 Appropriation Ordinance to the September 15, 2004 Legal and Finance Committee meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Finance Officer

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