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Commission Information Memorandum

The Yankton City Commission meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Non-Agenda Items of Interest

1) Ridgeway Park Warning Siren

Attached to this Commission Information Memorandum is a copy of a letter to be sent to residents around Ridgeway Park (located on 29th Street near Ruth Street) notifying them of the City of Yankton's intention to place a new severe weather warning siren in Ridgeway Park. The northeast part of Yankton has been identified by computer models and through discussions with residents in the area as not being adequately covered by an emergency warning siren. This new siren is meant to fill that gap.

In FY2008, two sirens will be purchased for the City of Yankton. A new siren in Ridgeway Park and a replacement for a 1965 era siren for Crockett Park (located on 11th Street near Whiting Drive) are being obtained through a Homeland Security grant. We hope to fully fund these two sirens from this grant. This may not be possible, however, because the amount of funding we received from this grant is less than the amount we requested. Therefore, there is a possibility that we may need to fund approx \$3000 per siren from City budget to complete this project. There is currently money in the FY2008 Civil Defense budget which could be used to cover these extra expenses; therefore, no supplement to the budget would be necessary.

This letter will be sent out within the next couple of weeks. We will keep you updated on the status of this project."

2) Building Report Summary

A total of 375 Building Permits were issued for the year 2007 with a valuation of \$21,844,929.00. New residential permits include forty single family homes, three 2-family homes and two apartment buildings that have a total of fifty-two living units. Commercial permits include: L&M Radiator, Mid-continent Communications, Kolberg/Pioneer, Ace Hardware, Cimpl Meats, Chan Gurney Maintenance Hangar, and Yaggies Storage Building. Attached in the commission packet is a year end summary report.

3) Public Works Update

Public Works continues to address regulator issues and maintain state operating permits. This past week the city was notified that it has been successful in completing the renewal process for the "combination restricted use and municipal solid waste transfer station facility" permit. This five year permit addresses the city's ability to manage disposal of the many items handled at it's solid waste operation located at

23rd and Kellen Gross Drive. Over thirty five thousand tons of items including, waste oil, municipal solid waste, white goods, metal, concrete rubble, wood and trees, yard wastes, construction debris, plastics, cardboard, newsprint, tires, aluminum, lime sludge, grit and ash, and a host of other regulated items are processed, recycled or otherwise eliminated in an environmentally sound manner each year at this facility.

4) Majestic Heights Subdivision

The proposed 40 acre housing development is located on the west side of West City Limits Road just south of the self-storage facility (future 15th Street alignment). The plat and associated Developer's Agreement have been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission contingent upon the input from our legal counsel in regards to the rural water issue we are currently dealing with. Because of the rural water issue, our legal representatives have recommended that some additional language be added to the Developer's Agreement in the form of an addendum. They are preparing the language and we will forward it to the developer for their review within a few days. This subdivision review has been delayed a couple of times already and we had hoped for a January 14th City Commission action but as a result of this additional process it will be delayed until January 28th. City staff and the developer are very concerned with the length of time this process is taking and the additional rural water related issues that are being focused on as a result of the pending complaint.

As always, have an enjoyable weekend and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these or other issues. If you will not be able to attend the Commission meeting on Monday, please inform my office.

Sincerely,

Al Viereck
Finance Officer