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### Commission Information Memorandum

The Yankton City Commission meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### Non-Agenda Items of Interest

##### 1) Second Fire Station Committee

The volunteers of the Yankton Fire Department have formed a committee headed by Steve Hermanson and Adam Frick to educate the public on the second fire station opt-out ballot issue. They are being assisted by a citizens group headed by Dr Tim Barry. Several presentations have been scheduled to local service groups and other organizations to present the information to the public and allow them to ask questions regarding the ballot issue. An information board has been placed at the library which provides the floorplan, a picture, the site plan, the space plan, the cost estimate and the tax effect of the second fire station. In addition to these presentations this group will be doing news interviews and programs such as "Morning Coffee" to provide information to as many people as possible prior to the April 8 election. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Steve Hermanson, Adam Frick or Dr Barry directly.

##### 2) Personnel News

Kathleen C. Jacobs started her duties as Yankton Community Library Director on March 3, 2008. She was previously Director of the South Sioux City Public Library in South Sioux City, NE for 7 years. We welcome her to the City of Yankton.

##### 3) Brownfields Project Update

The closeout process for the Brownfields project continues to move along. We recently received the \$170,000 in EPA funding and we will be receiving over \$200,000 from DENR in the coming weeks.

##### 4) North Bridge Plaza Project Update

The Department of Transportation did not actively solicit applications for transportation enhancement projects this year. They did however allow us to resubmit the the funding request for North Bridge Plaza that was authorized by the commission last year. You may remember that this is a \$602,183 project with the possibility of receiving up to \$475,000 in grant funding. The project provides some trail connections and pavement associated with the conversion of the Meridian Bridge. It does not contain a large enough budget to implement some of the more aesthetic improvements that were included in the Shukert plan developed last September. We did include some of the drawings from the Shukert plan in the application this time in an effort to show that the funding requested would be part of a long term vision for the area. We will need to further address our course of action regarding this project during our upcoming CIP discussions.

**5) Yankton Mall Redevelopment Project**

Officials from Dial Enterprises, owners of the Yankton Mall, have been discussing a possible redevelopment project with us. Their proposed project involves consideration of a tax increment district (TID). We have involved Attorney Todd Meierhenry to guide the city through the process of considering a TID for the project. The project is scheduled to be a consent item on the Planning Commission's March 10th meeting agenda. The Planning Commission will be setting April 14th as their date for reviewing the information and making a recommendation to the City Commission. More detailed information will become available in the next couple of weeks.

**6) I-29 Corridor Community Collaboration**

Mayor Charlie Gross and Community Development Director Dave Mingo attended a gathering of officials from communities along the I-29 corridor on March 5th in Sioux Falls. In attendance were mayors, council members, economic development officials and education institution leaders from many eastern South Dakota communities. The group agreed that there should be a concerted effort to collaborate on a regional development strategy that would be tailored to our specific area country or even beyond that, our specific place in the global economy. A subcommittee was formed to identify specific action items that can be considered by the coalition. The subcommittee ideas will be considered at a follow-up meeting of the coalition in May.

**7) Monthly reports**

Enclosed for your review are the monthly reports regarding Salaries and Building.

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