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Commission Information Memorandum

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

Non-Agenda Items of Interest

1) Extended Pool Hours

At the March 4, 2008 PAB meeting, it was recommended, on a 5 to 1 vote, that the 2008 Memorial Pool Season end on Sunday, August 24. The PAB discussed the 2007 pool season and the extended weekends the pool was open beyond the historical closing date. The PAB agreed an extended weekend in August again this year would be a great opportunity for area residents to have access to the pool, but did not believe the pool should be open a 2nd extended weekend, which would be Labor Day Weekend in 2008. The costs associated with keeping the pool chemically treated and heated for the additional week and weekend, besides the problem with finding staff on the holiday weekend, were the reasons for choosing one extended weekend versus two. If the City Commission wants the Park and Recreation Department to alter this plan for 2008, please give the direction.

2) Parks and Recreation Department Update

Enclosed in your packet is an update on the various activities in the Parks and Recreation Department.

3) Downtown/Riverfront TIF

Public Works has represented the City at meetings held by the South Dakota Department of Transportation to discuss funding programs to be used for future state and city street projects. Many changes are underway related to project funding and it is important that the mechanisms for project funding be accurately reflected in project budgeting. The timing to make adjustments to planned projects is good since the City 2009 budget process is just to get underway. To be successful we need to consider all possible funding sources to help Yankton prosper in the new economy. Specifically Public Works would like to be advised if the City Commission will consider the use of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for the public improvements proposed for the riverfront and downtown areas. Improvements were identified by a planning process conducted in 2006 and 2007 related to the Discovery and Meridian Bridge projects. The first meeting to kick off the 2009 budget process is scheduled to occur this month and your response on this issue will have significant ramifications.

4) Yankton Mall Proposed TIF Project

Representatives from Dial Enterprises and Mr. Todd Meierhenry will be presenting information about the proposed Yankton Mall Tax Increment District Project to the Planning Commission at 5:50 PM, Monday the 14th in the City Meeting Room at the RTEC. I strongly recommend that all City Commissioners not attending the City Manager Search Committee meeting be in attendance at the

Planning Commission meeting. This meeting will provide an opportunity to ask Mr. Meierhenry detailed questions about the proposal and get the latest information from Dial about the project

5) Monthly reports

Enclosed for your review are the minutes regarding Skatepark Advisory Board, Planning Commission and the Golf Advisory Board. Enclosed are monthly reports for the Yankton Police Department, Salaries.

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