

## IN PROGRESS

- Proceeding with secondary access for South Valley Drive with the right of way acquisition is in process. This project will be open for bid with estimated project completion this year.
- Approximately 160K will be utilized to fix Railroad Crossings this year.
- Exploring consolidation of Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Community Planning and Development currently provides staff for over 20 Boards and Commissions.
- Legislation to allow imprest funds (so bills are paid faster) goes into effect July 1. The bill paying process for Airport, Civic Center and Library has already been streamlined.
- Exploring the feasibility of using Rapid Creek water for the Park irrigation system as opposed to treated drinking water starting with Memorial Park.

## GROWTH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Proactive approach for growth including water line to Rapid City Regional Airport. The Water Main Extension Project will be bid in 4 phases starting this year.
- United Airlines will offer a direct air service to Houston beginning June 7 at Rapid City Regional Airport.
- Set up Fire Department Counter on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City/School Administration Building to continue streamlining development Service.
- Completed one of the biggest code re-writes in decades. Ordinance 5772 (subdivision), Ordinance 5793 (streets) and Ordinance 5794 (utilities). These facilitate growth while ensuring accountability.
- Building Permit Reports are now divided out by segment including separation of public and private sector.
- Approved Project Plan for major revitalization near the School of Mines.

## ACTIONS TAKEN

- The Greenway Trails and Pedestrian Facilities project is now under construction. Pedestrian bridge, parking expansion and restroom facility at Founder's Park Trailhead, Pedestrian amenities, Lighting and signage in Founders Park area, Natural trail along the north side of Rapid Creek, Extension of bike path from Founder's Park Trailhead along the west edge of Executive Golf course, Bike Path connection with SDSM&T, and bike path connection through the Pennington County Fairgrounds; Light the Night Project is underway.
- Collaboration between the City, Rapid City Area Schools and the Solutions Group has brought forward hope, as bus rides offer help, to those with lack of transportation to and from school. A ride to and from school is found to be a simple solution to keep children in school.
- The City adopted a comprehensive Records Retention Policy on February 21.
- Addressing pedestrian/cyclist safety issues by installing enhanced crossings at key intersections.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$53.9M has been budgeted in infrastructure projects to be bid in 2012 with an additional \$37M carried over from 2011 projects.
- Over the last six months 1,462 (as of 4/16) old street & regulatory signs have been replaced by the Traffic Safety Division. Please call 394-4118 to report a street or traffic sign that needs replaced.
- Acquired the former DSG property east of the Main Fire Station for future expansion purposes.

# MAYOR SAM KOOIKER



## RAPID CITY Progress Report April 2012

### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- **HB 1076**, An Act to retain certain members of municipal governing bodies in office following the redistricting of municipal wards - Clarifies that an incumbent holds office until the completion of their term, even if redistricting has moved them from the ward from which they were originally elected. At the expiration of their term, the incumbent would run from the new ward. Passed.
- **HB 1077**, An Act to authorize municipalities to establish incidental accounts - Would allow municipalities to establish an account from which advanced payment or claims requiring immediate payment may be made. The amount available in the fund would be established by the governing body, with detailed account of expenditures to be presented not less than monthly. Passed.
- **SB157**, revise certain provisions relating to outdoor advertising signs. Vetoed by the Governor; veto sustained by the State House of Representatives.
- **HB1184**, permit public bodies to keep minutes of executive session and to restrict who may review the minutes. It was defeated 8 to 4 in committee. The margin is better than last year, and that gives me hope that it can be adjusted to address some of the concerns and brought back next year.
- **HB1261**, prohibit collective bargaining by public employees. This was a terrible bill and it was defeated in committee.
- **SB23**, An Act to place certain substances on the controlled substance list. This bill outlaws certain types of Synthetic Drugs. Passed.

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Implemented resolution (2012-004) requiring all property tax increases to be voted on separately by the city council. Never again will property tax increases be buried in a budget.
- Dissolution of Tax Increment Districts (TID) 51, 35, and 55 has brought back a valuation increase of \$89,013,955. Tax Revenues generated from the valuation increase for FY2011 totaled \$1.63M and will be directed to the overlapping portion of TID 67 and remaining balance being returned to the City, County, and School Treasuries.

### INCREASED ACCESS TO CITY GOVERNMENT

- New RapidMap program is now available at [www.rcgov.org](http://www.rcgov.org)
- A "Guide to Doing Business" link is now available on our homepage including permit and licensing information.

### City Hall is Open for Business

*New hours are in effect. Offices now open until 5:00 p.m. rather than 4:00 p.m.*

It is important to note that many of the items listed above were the result of a joint effort between City Council, Department Directors, all of our employees, citizens, and myself.

*We are a Team.*

### Building Permit Totals

Permits, Valuation, and Inspections	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 as of 4/30
<b>New units &amp; buildings:</b>				
Single-family units	141	182	157	59
valuation	\$27,793,456	\$32,679,324	\$27,019,631	\$10,825,296
Total residential units	155	192	219	71
valuation	\$28,917,468	\$33,877,324	\$33,809,421	\$11,945,296
Industrial buildings	0	0	0	0
valuation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commercial buildings	20	19	21	4
valuation	\$21,623,058	\$25,864,341	\$40,983,587	\$23,301,000
Public buildings	5	3	6	0
valuation	\$1,586,900	\$1,020,786	\$23,276,107	\$0
Other buildings	15	10	15	2
valuation	\$14,699,822	\$3,535,776	\$5,785,091	\$2,252,492
<b>Total new buildings:</b>	<b>\$66,827,248</b>	<b>\$64,298,227</b>	<b>\$103,854,206</b>	<b>\$37,498,788</b>
<b>Total building permits</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>5,253</b>	<b>1,562</b>
<b>Total inspections</b>	<b>13,661</b>	<b>11,726</b>	<b>14,362</b>	<b>4,252</b>
<b>Total permit valuation</b>	<b>\$117,549,865</b>	<b>\$132,773,559</b>	<b>*\$258,990,182</b>	<b>**\$69,517,479</b>

\* The Building Services Division began issuing permits for residential and commercial roofing starting in June 2011. Due to catastrophic hail damage the City issued 2,335 roofing permits with a total project valuation of \$18,874,832.

\*\* In 2012 the City has issued 584 roofing permits with a project valuation of \$4,896,638.

Single Family includes:

- Single-family detached

Total residential units include:

- Single-family detached and attached
- Two family units
- 3-4 unit
- More than 5 unit

Commercial includes:

- Hotels
- Service Stations
- Office/banks
- Stores

Industrial includes only:

- Industrial (I.e Factories, Machine Shops, Paper Mills, etc.)

Public includes:

- Public Works
- Schools

Other includes:

- Other non-residential
- Non-housekeeping
- Amusement
- Churches
- Parking garages
- Hospitals