

Rapid City Progress Report

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INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Airport Water Main Expansion Project broke ground in September. This is the first of 4 phases that will bring a 16" water main to the Airport, providing additional fire protection as well as opening new areas for future development.
- Rapid City's National Flood Insurance Program / Community Rating System Verification Report has improved from a Class 8 to Class 7 rating in Zone A. Thanks to the improved rating, homeowners may be eligible for a discount on their flood insurance premiums.
- Rapid City Regional Airport celebrated the completion of the Airport Expansion Project. After 23 years nearly every square foot of the airport's interior was updated. The new facility serves as a gateway to our area and now runs more efficiently than ever. The features of the project include a rooftop patio, expanded security, and a separate wing to house the rental car offices.

PARTNERSHIPS

- Memorial Park Promenade & Botanical Gardens will connect the Civic Center and Downtown areas by providing a space for walking, biking, picnicking, and social gathering in Memorial Park. Destination Rapid City is contributing the funds for the design & construction of this project.
- The City is partnering with the 24/7 Program & Pennington County Sheriff's Office to provide service to the community at an office space located at 108 E. Main Street.
- Partnered with Western Dakota Technical Institute (WDTI) for the Construction and Operation of a Fire Station and Training Center shared between City and Rapid City Area Schools.
- The Rapid City Public Library will be expanding an East Branch at the WDTI Campus. A joint partnership between the City, School, and County. One of the first such partnerships in the country.

ACTIONS TAKEN

- Chapel Valley has received national recognition for becoming the first Rapid City Firewise neighborhood for their efforts to reduce risk of urban wildfire.
- In 2012 the Fire Department has taken a proactive approach to the prevention of wild fire by completing & committing to over 80 fuel reduction projects that to date total 85+ acres inside City limits thru the Survivable Space Initiative. We have awarded a total of \$88k dollars for these projects thru the state 50/50 cost share grant, and in addition to that, the City has awarded over \$29k to assist home owner's projects thru their own hazardous fuel removal program. To find out more please contact Lt. Tim Weaver at 394-5233.
- The Mountain Pine Beetle Suppression Plan was reauthorized to assist home owners with the removal cost of infested trees with a YTD processed reimbursement total of \$156k with \$194k of remaining funds available.
- City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2011-114 as a permanent extension of the Disability Consideration Policy. Simply put, people who have a severe disability and who are qualified for the position will receive an interview.

GROWTH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The City celebrated the opening of Anamosa Street connecting E. North Street & Lacrosse.
- Our first Industrial permits have been issued since 2008; two permits issued totaling nearly \$4.2m. More expected soon.
- The RCPD Street Crimes Unit has been expanded to residential areas in North Rapid City with the addition of four new officers. Since the introduction of the Street Crimes Unit in April 2010, Rapid City's central sector has seen a 10% reduction in calls for service.
- The concept of a Foreign Trade Zone is being explored to help local business with importing & exporting and to encourage manufacturing and industrial activity.

INCREASED ACCESS TO YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

- Established Ordinance No. 5854 requiring the City Finance Officer to report to the City Council yearly on the City's debt, including a general statement on the financial condition of the City. This is a companion ordinance to Ordinance No. 5761 which was passed last year to require periodic reporting of City cash & revenue balances.
- Media notices are sent out for all construction bid openings in an effort to increase access to City Government.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- City Council unanimously accepted a \$375k settlement and confession of judgment from Fish Garbage Service in favor of the City. Fish has admitted to defrauding the taxpayers. Checks & balances are in place to prevent a future occurrence.
- The City completed an internal rate study which resulted in an 8% decrease in the garbage collection rates saving ratepayers an estimated \$315k a year. The rate decrease affects 18,839 accounts and became effective October 1.
- Higher sales tax revenue and expiring Property Tax Increment Financing districts (TIFs) allowed us to balance the 2013 budget and provide for our growing city's needs without increasing property taxes or dipping into reserves. Overall, the budget was reduced by 1/2 percent, from \$138.5m in 2012 to \$137.8m in 2013.

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It is important to note that the items listed in this report are the result of a joint effort between City Council, Department Directors, 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 9/30
<i>New units & buildings:</i>				
Single-family units	141	182	157	158
valuation	\$27,793,456	\$32,679,324	\$27,019,631	\$29,750,740
Total residential units	155	192	219	330
valuation	\$28,917,468	\$33,877,324	\$33,809,421	\$46,682,740
Industrial buildings	0	0	0	2
valuation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,204,829
Commercial buildings	20	19	21	11
valuation	\$21,623,058	\$25,864,341	\$40,983,587	\$10,326,169
Public buildings	5	3	6	4
valuation	\$1,586,900	\$1,020,786	\$23,276,107	\$27,427,360
Other buildings	15	10	15	15
valuation	\$14,699,822	\$3,535,776	\$5,785,091	\$4,331,984
Total new buildings:	\$66,827,248	\$64,298,227	\$103,854,206	\$92,973,082
Total building permits	3,043	2,915	5,253	4,233
Total inspections	13,661	11,726	14,362	11,320
Total permit valuation	\$117,549,865	\$132,773,559	*\$258,990,182	**\$173,987,799

* 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 1,475 roofing permits with a project valuation of \$12,890,372.

Note: The permit valuation and building totals for the County administration facility issued in 2012 is reflected in the "Public Buildings" line item.

Public Works - Infrastructure spending in dollars

Fund	Revenue Source	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CIP - Streets	Sales Tax	4,128,237	4,188,919	4,230,008	4,413,841	4,815,794	4,928,686	5,043,803	5,161,165
.16 Fund - Street Rehabilitation	Sales Tax	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
.16 Fund - Streets	Sales Tax/Bond	-	-	-	3,300,000	1,500,000	1,725,000	-	-
Streets (STCM)	General Fund	600,000	600,000	762,000	868,000	894,040	920,861	948,487	976,941
Urban Systems	SD DOT	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Total for Streets		6,328,237	7,888,919	8,092,008	11,681,841	10,309,834	10,674,547	9,092,290	9,238,106

CIP - Drainage	Sales Tax	2,652,158	2,659,279	2,686,672	2,710,339	2,822,112	2,938,357	3,059,251	3,184,981
.16 Fund - Drainage	Sales Tax/Bond	-	-	-	1,450,000	500,000	900,000	-	-
Total for Drainage		2,652,158	2,659,279	2,686,672	4,160,339	3,322,112	3,838,357	3,059,251	3,184,981

Water	Enterprise Fund	7,288,404	7,511,400	7,807,856	8,116,170	8,436,817	8,770,289	9,117,101	9,477,785
Sewer	Enterprise Fund	3,661,423	3,807,880	3,956,195	4,110,443	4,270,860	4,437,695	4,611,202	4,791,651
.16 Fund - Utility	Sales Tax/Bond	2,000,000	500,000	7,070,000	4,550,000	8,650,000	1,675,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total for Water/Sewer Utilities		12,949,827	11,819,280	18,834,051	16,776,613	21,357,677	14,882,984	14,728,303	15,269,436

Total Infrastructure Budget*		21,930,222	22,367,478	29,612,731	32,618,793	34,989,623	29,395,888	26,879,844	27,692,523
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*Does not include \$40m Jackson Springs Water Treatment Plant bond