



Rapid City Progress Report

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GROWTH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Resolution 2012-115 was passed, eliminating 37 committees, boards and task forces. Community Planning is also working on consolidating eight standing boards into two.
- ◆ United Tribes Technical College has announced its expansion planned for the former NAU Building.

PARTNERSHIPS

- ◆ Formalized a relationship with the Rapid City Area School District and County Sheriff's Office for an agreement regarding School Liaison Officers. We have had liaison officers since about 1973 but have never had an official agreement of service.
- ◆ 16,703 tires were accepted at the Landfill during the recent City/State Free Tire Disposal weekend.
- ◆ The Journey Museum and City have signed a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing our strong partnership.
- ◆ Rucker Square Phase 2, student housing at SDSM&T, will be expanding this spring. Project includes 135 student residential units approx. 51,000 square feet. Total construction cost for this project approx. \$15m including phase 1 & phase 2.

INCREASED ACCESS TO CITY GOVERNMENT

- ◆ Ord. 5874 was implemented, which requires an annual report of Federal Funding to City Council. This is a companion ordinance to Ord. 5761 which requires a monthly cash report and Ord. 5854 which requires an annual debt report. Ord. 5887 was also passed requiring a report of Inter-departmental Charges.

PRIORITIES FOR 2013 SD LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- ◆ Clarification of definition of smoke as it relates to Hookah establishments.
- ◆ Allow for accumulated Drainage Fees to be transferred to drainage utility.
- ◆ Proposed direct pay law for Ambulance billing.
- ◆ Allow for Maintenance Service Contracts to be paid upfront.

ACTIONS TAKEN

- ◆ Railroad crossing grades have been fixed at 1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 5th Street, 7th Street, 11th Street, East Boulevard, East North Street, Maple Avenue, N. Lacrosse Street, and West Boulevard. The City and SD Department of Transportation, is coordinating with Canadian Pacific to redo Mt. Rushmore Road crossing in 2013.
- ◆ The Public Works Department has extended the renew period for citizens on the Utility Rate Relief Program from 1 to 2 year terms.
- ◆ Rapid City celebrated the grand opening of Founders Park, the 130th Anniversary of Rapid City becoming a city, and the 100th anniversary of the M on Cowboy Hill.
- ◆ 72 new recycling bins have been placed downtown. This initiative was a pilot project by Destination Rapid City's 'Green Team' and the newly formulated Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability.
- ◆ East Branch Library at Western Dakota Technical Institute is fully operational and open to the public.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ◆ An 8% decrease in the residential garbage collection rates is now in effect. The rate decrease saves 18,960 customer an estimated \$320k a year.
- ◆ \$22m bond sale has allocated funding to existing infrastructure needs throughout the City. This twenty year bond will fund six large scale projects all to be constructed within the next three years. This funding is in addition to the .16 Fund contributions.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ◆ South Valley Drive Extension Project is now complete. This project extended Minnesota Street from the Southeast Connector to South Valley Drive.
- ◆ The City has allocated \$32.6m for infrastructure improvements in FY 2013; including streets, drainage, water/sewer utility projects. This does not include \$40m Jackson Springs Water Treatment Project bond; the new treatment plant will be on line later this year.

*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.***

MEET THE DIRECTOR



Please join us in welcoming Jeff Biegler as our new Director of Parks and Recreation. Jeff most recently served as Recreation Director in Troy, Michigan. Jeff grew up in Rapid City, and graduated from Central High School. He earned his management degree from Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. He is certified by the National Recreation and Parks Association as a Parks and Recreation Professional and a certified Playground Safety Inspector.

CITY INFORMATION LINE 394-9300

Building Permit Totals

Permits, Valuation, and Inspections	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual
New units & buildings:				
Single-family units	141	182	157	179
valuation	\$27,793,456	\$32,679,324	\$27,019,631	\$33,496,398
Total residential units	155	192	219	405
valuation	\$28,917,468	\$33,877,324	\$33,809,421	\$65,766,313
Industrial buildings	0	0	0	2
valuation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,204,829
Commercial buildings	20	19	21	13
valuation	\$21,623,058	\$25,864,341	\$40,983,587	\$16,166,414
Public buildings	5	3	6	4
valuation	\$1,586,900	\$1,020,786	\$23,276,107	\$27,427,360
Other buildings	15	10	15	16
valuation	\$14,699,822	\$3,535,776	\$5,785,091	\$4,356,984
Total new buildings:	\$66,827,248	\$64,298,227	\$103,854,206	\$117,921,900
Total building permits	3,043	2,915	5,253	4,861
Total inspections	13,661	11,726	14,362	13,256
Total permit valuation	\$117,549,865	\$132,773,559	*\$258,990,182	**\$207,811,337

* 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 1,590 roofing permits with a project valuation of \$13,865,756.

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