

# Rapid City Progress Report

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## Actions Taken

- The Roosevelt Park Ice Arena completed a major lighting project. This upgrade converted the high temp/high energy metal halide lights to cooler, more efficient T-5 fluorescent fixtures, providing 20% more light on the ice.
- Passed Ord. No. 5938, to update licensing framework applicable to pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers, and to incorporate gems and precious metals dealers under this chapter.
- The South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment reversed its previous decision. As a result, Res. No. 2013-083, expressing grave concern of the In Situ mining of uranium in Custer and Fall River Counties, has become part of the official record of the hearings.
- Passed Ord. No. 5965, the Stormwater Drainage Utility, which will provide a maintenance and capital improvement program for stormwater drainage systems throughout Rapid City. This will reduce the risk of property damage due to localized flooding and keep streets usable during storm events. A relief program for seniors and disabled persons has been included. In comparison, the \$4m Stormwater Drainage Utility is substantially lower than water and sewer utilities which generate \$13m and \$8.7m, respectively.
- At the recommendation of the Civic Center Future Committee, an RFP has been issued for professional consulting services which will provide a cost analysis on the Civic Center and parking structure needs. Simply put, this will allow for a firmer cost to be established.

## In Progress

- The Airport's runway rehabilitation project is underway. Phase 1 repairs and replaces several cracked concrete panels to the runway. The nature of this work requires late night runway closures (after the last commercial flight arrives) as well as construction during the day. Phases 2-4 will begin 2014, which includes replacement of all runway joint seals, distance remaining signs, and asphalt taxiway connectors.
- The construction of the new 50 meter swimming pool near Roosevelt Park Swim Center is in progress. This \$4.7m Vision Fund project is on schedule to be completed by mid 2014. The design phase of the \$5.7m Horace Mann Family Pool is underway and will be bid next year.
- Canyon Lake Dam Reconstruction is on hold due to significant water flow increases to Pactola Reservoir and Rapid Creek created by the October winter storm. The inflows into Pactola for this time of year are at a 60 year high.

## Increased Access to City Government

- Your input is needed to update the City's Comprehensive Plan, which provides a "blueprint" for the future, and gives guidance as to where and how communities should grow & change. Find more information at [PlanRapidCity.com](http://PlanRapidCity.com).
- Pennington County has additional representation on the Tax Increment Financing Committee and has a vote on the Library Board of Trustees for the first time ever.

## Growth & Economic Development

- Building permit numbers are strong heading into the final quarter of 2013. Residential construction is ahead of schedule with both single-family and multi-family dwellings surpassing 2012 totals.
- The Jackson Springs Water Treatment Plant is now fully operational. This \$28.8m project has a capacity of 8.0 million gallons per day and provides residents of Rapid City with safe, reliable drinking water.
- Lehe Planning is performing a review of the development review application process. The results of this study will assist the continued effort to streamline the application review processes. The goal is to encourage excellent customer service and economic growth while ensuring accountability.
- The Rapid City Police Department recently received a \$500k federal COPS Hiring Program grant to hire four additional officers. The grant pays salaries and benefits for the new officers for three years. We are currently accepting applications for police officers.
- City Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting the State of South Dakota's petition which is pending before the national Surface Transportation Board (STB). The petition asks that the STB to enforce the promises made by Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) to update the tracks. CP has announced its intention to sell the former DM&E rail line which runs through Rapid City.

## Fiscal Responsibility

- Independent auditing firm Ketel Thorstenson issued an unqualified audit for FY2012, showing the City is in excellent financial condition.
- Ord. No 5951 was adopted to authorize Department Directors to sign and enter into contracts for amounts up to \$25k. Previously all bills of \$5k or more and every contract, regardless of amount, needed to be signed by the mayor. This ordinance streamlines the bill paying and contracting process while ensuring accountability.

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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 the mayor.

*We are a Team.*

## Community Planning & Development Services

Open for Business 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Building Permit Totals

Permits, Valuation, and Inspections	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 as of 9/30
<b>New units &amp; buildings:</b>	-	-	-	-
Single-family units valuation	182 \$32,679,324	157 \$27,019,631	179 \$33,496,398	190 \$35,085,999
Total residential units valuation	192 \$33,877,324	219 \$33,809,421	405 \$65,766,313	604 \$67,802,124
Industrial buildings valuation	0 \$0	0 \$0	2 \$4,204,829	2 \$3,888,000
Commercial buildings valuation	19 \$25,864,341	21 \$40,983,587	13 \$16,166,414	14 \$30,955,501
Public buildings valuation	3 \$1,020,786	6 \$23,276,107	4 \$27,427,360	2 \$4,074,177
Other buildings valuation	10 \$3,535,776	15 \$5,785,091	16 \$4,356,984	1 \$30,000
<b>Total new buildings:</b>	<b>\$64,298,227</b>	<b>\$103,854,206</b>	<b>\$117,921,900</b>	<b>\$106,749,802</b>
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<b>Total building permits</b>	2,915	5,253	4,861	3,923
<b>Total inspections</b>	11,726	14,362	13,256	9,492
<b>Total permit valuation</b>	<b>\$132,773,559</b>	<b>\$258,990,182</b>	<b>\$207,811,337</b>	<b>\$186,006,764</b>

Note: 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 2011. In 2012 the City 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.

Note: The total permit valuation number for 2013 includes a floodplain grading permit of \$14,193,186 for I-190 reconstruction work.

### Public Works Infrastructure

Fund	Revenue Source	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
CIP - Streets	Sales Tax	4,230,008	4,413,841	4,666,744	4,804,226	4,945,832	5,091,688	5,291,995
.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	Tax/Bond	-	3,300,000	1,500,000	1,725,000	-	-	-
Streets (STCM)	General Fund	762,000	868,000	912,500	930,750	949,365	968,352	987,719
Urban Systems	SD DOT	1,600,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,900,000
<b>Total for Streets</b>		<b>8,092,008</b>	<b>11,981,841</b>	<b>10,479,244</b>	<b>10,589,976</b>	<b>9,295,197</b>	<b>9,538,106</b>	<b>9,679,714</b>

CIP - Drainage	Sales Tax	2,686,672	2,710,339	2,971,162	3,062,817	3,157,222	3,254,458	3,387,997
.16 Fund - Drainage	Tax/Bond	-	1,450,000	500,000	900,000	-	-	-
<b>Total for Drainage</b>		<b>2,686,672</b>	<b>4,160,339</b>	<b>3,322,112</b>	<b>3,962,817</b>	<b>3,157,222</b>	<b>3,254,458</b>	<b>3,387,997</b>

Water	Enterprise Fund	7,807,856	8,116,170	8,436,817	8,770,289	9,117,101	9,477,785	9,852,897
Sewer	Enterprise Fund	3,956,195	4,110,443	4,270,860	4,437,695	4,611,202	4,791,651	4,979,317
.16 Fund - Utility	Sales Tax/Bond	7,070,000	4,550,000	8,650,000	1,675,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Total for Water/Sewer Utilities</b>		<b>18,834,051</b>	<b>16,776,613</b>	<b>21,357,677</b>	<b>14,882,984</b>	<b>14,728,303</b>	<b>15,269,436</b>	<b>15,832,214</b>

<b>Total Infrastructure Budget*</b>	<b>29,612,731</b>	<b>32,918,793</b>	<b>35,308,083</b>	<b>29,705,777</b>	<b>27,180,722</b>	<b>27,983,934</b>	<b>28,899,925</b>
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\*does not include \$40m Jackson Springs Water Treatment Plant Bond