

RAPID CITY PROGRESS REPORT



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Civic Center Expansion: City Council unanimously approved, and Mayor signed, an agreement with Department of Justice establishing a 2017 deadline for the Civic Center to be in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.

A special election has been set for March 10, 2015 for a vote on Resolution 2014-118, which authorizes the issuance of Sales Tax Obligations for the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in an amount not to exceed \$180m. Learn more at www.getmine.com or call 394-4115.

Storm Water Utility Update: The Storm Water Utility Maintenance crews have been able to make short work of some really congested drainages thanks to the purchase of a compact excavator and tracked loader with brush attachments. Work started on drainage improvements throughout the City. The group will be unveiling a new logo so citizens can recognize our storm water crews and equipment at work.

Streamlining: The City continues to focus on streamlining and refining City processes to provide better customer service, which will save time and staff resources. Of note,

- 6,618 calls were handled by the City Information Line (394-9300) in 2014 with an average time for call of 1.45 minutes.
- 34 Raffle requests were processed by the City Attorney's Office, which now serves a singular conduit for processing.
- 90 Special Event Permit Applications were received and processed by the Rapid City Police Department in 2014, 19 of which went before City Council.

Fiscal Responsibility:

- Sales Tax Revenue comparison for the first 11 months of 2013 and 2014 increased 4.1%.
- Tax Increment District (TID) 44 has been dissolved 2 1/2 years early. This TID was created in 2004 to facilitate the construction of Mall Drive from Dyess Avenue to the Visitors Information Center on North Elk Vale Road with sanitary sewer, water and drainage improvements. The base valuation of the property in 2004 was \$3.786m and now has an assessed valuation of \$56.935m. The District will now generate \$1.225m over and above the base value revenues. The TID 44 revenues will now be used to repay the overlapping TID 64 (Cabela's area).
- TID 53, Stoney Creek, has been paid off 10 years early, and with no overlapping TID's the taxing entities are slated to receive approx. \$127k in 2015, which the City's share is about 18% or \$22k. Created in 2005 to facilitate construction of Stoney Creek Plaza, located on Sheridan Lake Road by financing storm sewer and grading improvements. The base valuation of the property in 2005 was \$132k and now has an assessed valuation of \$6.903m.
- Refinanced Parking Lot & Area Bonds from 5.53% to 2.95%, which is projected to save the City \$264k in interest.

Building Permits: For the fourth consecutive year, building permit valuation has surpassed the \$200 million mark. For 2014, permit valuation was \$214,924,664 with a total of 5,457 permits issued. It is the third year in the past four years with over 5,000 permits issued; and the fourth consecutive year with permit valuation over \$200 million. Permits with the highest valuation included Granite Auto (\$10m); McKie Auto(\$10m); Horace Mann Pool (\$8m); Whisper Park Apartment Complexes (\$6m) and Community Health Center (\$5.9m).

Growth & Economic Development: Rapid City ranked fifth among 252 small metropolitan cities for Successful Aging by the Milken Institute. Rapid City ranks very favorably in a number of areas important to seniors, including tax burden, the growth of small business, low unemployment rate and high rate of volunteerism in the community. Underemployment continues to be a challenge.

Parks & Recreation:

Veterans' Memorial has been relocated to Memorial Park Promenade. The City, in conjunction with the Veterans Commission, honor a Veteran each month at City Council. Find more information at rcgov.org, and nominate a deserving Veteran.

A new, more durable flag now flies over Dinosaur Park overlooking Rapid City. The flag is similar to the coastal-area flags that withstand sustained, heavy winds.

Airport:

The original terminal, built in 1947, at Regional Airport has been removed. This will free up future space for hangar development and aircraft parking. Westjet is building a new general aviation terminal in the same general area as the old terminal.

The final phase for the Airport Water Line Project will be let for bid in the Spring and is projected to be completed in 2015.

Code Enforcement:

In 2014, Code Enforcement took action on 1700 violations and abated 323 properties. Demolition was accomplished on three substandard homes.

Summer Nights:

City Council approved a three year Special Event Permit for the downtown Rapid City Summer Nights Art & Entertainment Festival.

Downtown Parking:

Amended the procedure and amounts of penalties for parking violations to provide a 'free pass' for first violation - every 90 days. In addition, two primary changes: a graduated penalty structure from overtime parking (\$10 for second violation, \$15 for third and \$25 for further violations), and an increase in penalties for other types of violations.

Rapid City Community Planning & Development Services
Building Permit Totals

Permits, Valuation, and Inspections	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual
New units & buildings:					
Single-family units valuation	182 \$32,679,324	157 \$27,019,631	179 \$33,496,398	236 \$43,681,672	233 \$42,271,201
Total residential units valuation	192 \$33,877,324	219 \$33,809,421	405 \$65,766,313	661 \$77,497,797	355 \$51,604,701
Industrial buildings valuation	0 \$0	0 \$0	2 \$4,204,829	2 \$3,888,000	1 \$824,800
Commercial buildings valuation	19 \$25,864,341	21 \$40,983,587	13 \$16,166,414	17 \$47,189,501	25 \$47,858,664
Public buildings valuation	3 \$1,020,786	6 \$23,276,107	4 \$27,427,360	3 \$4,824,177	2 \$1,376,459
Other buildings valuation	10 \$3,535,776	15 \$5,785,091	16 \$4,356,984	1 \$30,000	37 \$3,380,682
Total new buildings:	\$64,298,227	\$103,854,206	\$117,921,900	\$133,429,475	\$105,045,306
Total building permits	2,915	5,253	4,861	5,906	5,457
Total inspections	11,726	14,362	13,256	13,542	15,459
Total permit valuation	\$132,773,559	\$258,990,182	\$207,811,337	\$244,253,223	\$214,924,664

Note: The Building Services Division began issuing roofing permits in June 2011. Due to several severe storms the City issued permits and performed inspections for several thousand roofing permits including: 2011 - 1,616 permits (\$12,587,766 permit valuation), 2012 - 1,590 permits (\$13,865,756 permit valuation), 2013 - 2,490 permits (\$20,639,710 permit valuation), 2014 through August 31st – 2,168 permits (\$18,346,010 permit valuation).
 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	Sales 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
Total for Streets		8,092,008	11,981,841	10,479,244	10,859,976	9,295,197	9,460,040	9,679,714

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	Sales Tax/Bond	-	1,450,000	500,000	900,000	-	-	-
Stormwater Utility	Enterprise Fund	-	-	700,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total for Drainage		2,686,672	4,160,339	4,171,162	6,962,817	5,357,222	5,454,458	5,587,997

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
Total for Water/Sewer Utilities		18,834,051	16,776,613	21,357,677	14,882,984	14,728,303	15,269,436	15,832,214

Total Infrastructure Budget		29,612,731	32,918,793	36,308,083	31,905,777	29,380,722	30,183,934	31,099,925
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