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Monday, March 15, 2010

Informational Meeting		4:00 p.m. at Carne
gie Town Hall		
Sioux Falls City Council		235 West 10th Str
meet		

Members Present: Kenny Anderson Jr., Gerald Beninga, Vernon Brown, J. Pat Costello, Greg Jamison, De Knudson, and Bob Litz.

Members Absent: Kermit Staggers, and Mayor Dave Munson.

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk, and Denise D. Tucker, CMC, Assistant City Clerk.

#### 1. Call To Order

Council Chair J. Pat Costello called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### 2. City Council Staff Report

##### A. Updates by Debra A. Owen, City Clerk

Owen gave an election update. She said absentee voting starts tomorrow at the Minnehaha County Administration Building, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday; and on Saturday, April 10th, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Owen said the Mayoral Candidates Forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters/Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, will be this Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The forum will broadcast live on Channel 16 and online. The forum will be rebroadcast too.

#### 3. Mayor Munson

Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works, spoke regarding intermittent discharges into the Big Sioux River, from a lift station at Tuthill Park. Line power to the lift station was lost after ice hit a guide wire. Cotter said the back up generator was activated. And there was heavy flow of water into the pipes, due to a breach in the system. The pipes are about 50 years old. Cotter said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources was contacted to inform them of the intermittent discharges into the Big Sioux River. River samples (upstream and downstream) were gathered and analyzed every six hours to make sure there hasn't been an impact on the river.

Trent Lubbers, Water Reclamation Superintendent, provided additional information on the Tuthill Lift Station. Discussion followed.

Cotter invited the public to two events: one at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday on West Avenue, southbound lanes of Madison Street, to see the steps required to fix a pothole; and at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Gage Brothers, to see some of the key pieces to fabricate some of the steps to fix the 41st Street Bridge.

4. Audit Committee

No report.

5. Fiscal Committee

No report.

6. Land Use Committee

No report.

7. Public Services Committee

Brown said they had the final hearing last week for the vehicles for hire. He said the issue comes before the Council tonight. Brown said there are two options for the Council to consider: a price cap or to remove price caps completely. Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner, explained the options. Discussion followed.

8. City Council Open Discussion

Costello mentioned that there has been talk about the Council getting new monitors. Owen said the monitors are too big and they are checking into the possibility of returning them. Discussion followed.

Knudson informed the public of the Breakfast Club meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Leonardo's Cafe. She stated that the Mayor's State of the City Address will begin at 1:30 p.m. on March 24th at the Orpheum Theatre. Knudson commented on information provided for Item 15 on tonight's agenda. She informed the Council that she recently participated in a focus group at the Multi-Cultural Center. Knudson requested an audit of the Multi-Cultural Center and a presentation, of the results, to the City Council at an Informational Meeting. Discussion followed.

Litz left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Jamison said he attended a concert at Omaha s Qwest Center. He said we need to continue thinking about an events center. Discussion followed.

Mayor Dave Munson arrived at the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Brown mentioned that he has an obligation at 5:15 p.m.

9. Presentations

No presentations.

10. Adjournment

Council Chair Costello adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk