

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dennis W. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were: President Dennis W. Johnson, Carson Steiner, Klayton Oltmanns, Gene Jackson, and Rod Landblom

Absent were: None.

STANDARD MOTIONSIII. 2010 SUBSIDY REQUESTS

A. Stark Development

Gaylon Baker, Executive Vice President of Stark Development Corporation gave a presentation to the Commission highlighting the activities and accomplishments of the organization. Mr. Baker informed the Commission this program is a 501c(4) nonprofit organization with two full time employees. This program is funded with 14% of 1% sales tax for economic development. This program focuses objectively on economic merits of proposed projects. The target of a minimum of \$1 million per project. Mr. Baker thanked the Commission for the continued support and would like to continue to receive 14% of the 1% City sales tax. Baker hopes to have continuation of the contract with the City and hopes the City feels this is a good investment and hopes to have a good beneficial relationship.

Commissioner Landblom does question the call center expenses for an inoperable building and why it would cost \$1500 in utilities for the summer.

Baker explains this is attributed to keeping the building up.

B. Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Bev Hafele Project Coordinator for the RSVP in Dickinson spoke about the RSVP and RSVP+ program. This program focuses on the needs of older adults. This program has 309 volunteers with 203 being the age of 55+. A consignment store has been opened in the T-Rex Mall to subsidize the program. This store is run by volunteers. Volunteers only work for non-profit and government agencies.

Nancy Olson, RSVP + North Dakota Coordinator states funding is being requested from the City of Dickinson and Stark County. Ms. Olson states their funding is pretty stable with the store and would only like to request the same amount of funding as last year.

Advisory Council Local Representative, Vice Chairman Robert Sivak informs the Commission on what an impact this program makes on our community. Sivak states volunteers work in the Sheriff's Office, central fire station and throughout the community. These individuals make a tremendous impact, also they are not only seniors but younger people.

C. Southwest Community Service

Toni Morasko, Program Director states SW Community Service serves all of southwestern North Dakota which is approximately 10,000 square miles. This program is a judicial system for alternative incarceration for low risk offenders. Offenders can work off fines and fees and community service arranges work for the

offenders. Offenders are taught life skills. Morasko states in 2009, 13,000 volunteer hours were worked by the offenders which is approximately \$88,000. This money is put back into the community. Some offenders are hired with the company permanently once their community service is complete. Offenders often work at RSVP, ABLE, hospital, etc. Morasko explains the difference between Sunrise Youth Bureau and SW Community Service. She also explained an incident where an individual kept getting suspended from school and then found out this individual liked the stability of working for a company and that is why he would get suspended.

Ms. Morasko would like to thank the City and the Commission for their past support.

D. Sunrise Youth Bureau

Rich Wardner Chairman of Sunrise Youth Bureau explained Sunrise Youth Program to the Commission. Sunrise Youth Bureau is an alternative to sending youth through the juvenile court system. This program gives the parents and officers the opportunity to resolve the issues without going through juvenile court. Attendant Care is also a program of the Youth Bureau. This service houses juvenile for no more than 48 hours until juvenile services decides where they will be placed. This service is available to the eight surrounding counties. This grant would be used to house individuals for additional time spent at the Youth Bureau should the need arise.

Jerry Mayer, Director gives many examples of the program and how it is utilized. This program takes steps in order for children to be taken to a safe place outside of the home or from any institutions. This program has 24 hour supervision. Mayer explains grant money is very difficult to keep and maintain. He thanks the Commissioner for the past support and the continued support.

E. Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center

Darriane Johnson, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center and Gloria Fichter-Rau, Direct Services Coordinator explained domestic violence and sexual assault and why it happens. These situations can happen to your neighbors, employees, friends and even your family. They explained the abuse these individuals experience has forever changed their lives.

Ms. Johnson states that over 50% of the new cases are oilfield related. This has been a huge increase in the past six months where an abuse comes from a friend, husband/wife or others. Johnson's center only holds 18 people and they have been housing up to 25 individuals.

F. Homeless

Darriane Johnson and Gloria Fichter-Rau, co-chairs of Southwest Homeless Coalition explained the homeless issues in Dickinson and the significance of a homeless shelter. Ms. Johnson states the homeless people were asked to move from the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center as there were too many domestic violence incidents. Rau states many people have been turned away from the shelter as there is not enough room.

Ms. Rau explains they are hoping to get all of the surrounding agencies involved as this issues affects a 10+ square mile area. Rau explains there is a possibility of a three bedroom home for rent. The total amount needed to rent this home for one year including staff, utilities, food and supplies would be \$34,280.

Commissioner Steiner questions the possibility of purchasing this home for the homeless.

Commissioner Landblom is concerned as this homeless issue is a statewide problem and we need to check to see if this home is properly zoned.

Ms. Johnson states this home would be welcomed as long as it is separate from the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center.

Commissioner Oltmanns states if 50% of the issues are coming from the oilfield that maybe Ms. Johnson or Ms. Rau could make some presentations to the oilfield companies to inform them of the domestic violence and homelessness it is causing.

Ms. Johnson states oilfield companies do not want to hear of these problems.

President Johnson commends Ms. Johnson and Ms. Rau on the work they have done in the community and bringing the challenges forward.

G. Convention and Visitors Bureau

Terri Thiel, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) thanked the Commission for their support for the year 2010. The CVB employs three full time employees and one part time volunteer in the winter. The CVB promotes the City and much of the surrounding communities. Ms. Thiel would like to continue with the funding as usual. Thiel provides the Commission with the 2011 budget which includes the revenue, expenses and additional items in regards to the marketing of the City of Dickinson.

President Johnson would like to see the CVB's financial statements in the annual report.

Ms. Thiel does explain the need for housing. They also have many visitors to the center looking for assistance and the employees direct them to Job Service, etc.

Commissioner Jackson questions the major decrease in marketing from 2010 to 2011.

Ms. Thiel explains the motel room situation in that oil companies have rooms rented for 30 days at time. The motel is not to change individuals in the room for 30 days as every time the room's tenant is a new individual, occupancy tax should be charged.

President Johnson feels that renting a room for 30 days to the same person shows a loss in occupancy tax and this is not being collected. This issue should be discussed with the state tourism and see if a legislative change could be made.

Ms. Thiel is very favorable of changing this law and will be discussing it at their convention. She does state that 50% of the rooms rented are to oil field workers.

H. Mayors Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Ray Ann Kilen of the Mayor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities asked the City Commission for their continued support of \$1,000.00 for the year 2011. Ray Ann also thanked the Commission for their past support. Ms. Kilen explains Diversity Days which is targeted towards the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in an effort to educate them on disability awareness. She also explains the annual recognition to community members who have made a difference for people with disabilities in the areas of employment and accessibility. Ms. Kilen explains that over 8,000 kids are in extreme poverty in southwest North Dakota.

I. Arts on the Prairie

Kristi Pechtl, Executive Director of Arts on the Prairie thanked the City Commission for their continued support for the Arts on the Prairie and would like to ask for the continued support of \$8,000.00 for the year 2011 and the use of the office space. Ms. Pechtl explains the Band-Aid Relief that was held last year after the tornado, the Missoula Children's Theatre, band shell, Relay for Life concessions and the Dickinson's Got Talent programs that are in relationship to Arts on the Prairie. She explains the 2010-2011 federal grants have been reduced this year and for the next 3 years. Pechtl stated the Band-Aid Relief turned over \$54,900 to the Unmet Needs committee. Pechtl is concerned of the condition of the band shell in that it is in need of repairs.

Administrator Kessel thanks Ms. Pechtl for listing the City in the publications.

J. Theodore Roosevelt Symposium Dickinson State University (DSU) – Theodore Roosevelt (TR) Symposium

Sharon Kilzer, Project Manager thanked the City Commission for their past support and would like to continue to receive \$20,000.00 for the year 2011. Ms. Kilzer is very excited to announce the 2011 Symposium will be held over Theodore Roosevelt's birthday on October 27-29, 2011 which will be held in conjunction with the 92nd Annual meeting for the National TR Association. It was discovered Theodore Roosevelt presented his 4th of July speech on the lawn of the court house in the City. This will hopefully be portrayed on the court house lawn in 2011. Ms. Kilzer explains the events that will be taking place over the three day event. Ms. Kilzer thanks the City for their support and is looking forward to next year

K. Elder Care

Collen Rodakowski, Director spoke to the Commission in regards to the Elder Care – Public Transit Program. Elder Care took over Public Transit on April 1, 2009. Rodakowski explains the program cannot continue without the support of the City. Rodakowski explains the public transit is making a difference for up to 4000 people. Elder Care does serve meals to the elderly. Elder Care is affected by the baby boomers in that they are starting to retire and do not consider themselves elderly and do not want to join the services.

President Johnson asks Ms. Rodakowski why they do not raise their rates.

Ms. Rodakowski explains Public Transit is to serve the people and 38% of the riders are people with disabilities. She states with the cost of living people cannot afford the rates. She does bid the gas prices in December yearly.

Fred Gengler, Board Member explains the board does review the fair rates every three months. These rates are also coordinated with the state. An ongoing problem is keeping up with the wages of employees and finding employees. Gengler thanks the City for the past support and is hopeful to be favorable on the new request.

Commissioner Jackson would like to see the rates increased. Jackson thanks Elder Care for doing a great job and feels the rates should be adjusted fairly for people who can afford them.

Ms. Rodakowski is working with Dickinson State University to transport new students in the fall to their destinations.

President Johnson states it is evident that Ms. Rodakowski and her staff are doing a really great job with transportation.

L. Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport

Matt Remyse, Airport Manager speaks to the Commissioners and requests money for a new hanger. This hanger would be a medium sized hanger which would have an 80'x25' door. This hanger is estimated to be approximately \$500,000. Remyse explains that up until now the airport has been able to meet all the demands of the overall growth but now larger aircraft are landing at the Dickinson facility and incase of inclement weather there is no place for the owners to store their aircraft. He states that revenue is being lost when and aircraft has to be moved to Bismarck for overnight protection. Remyse reports they have received good news that a direct flight from Dickinson to Denver and Denver to Dickinson each day will begin to take place. Matt also discusses a Fixed Based Operator which is an entity that provides fueling, charter aircraft, maintenance for aircraft, basically a truck stop for planes and pilots.

Commissioner Jackson suggests Mr. Remyse visit with Stark Development as this would be an economic development issue.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Jackson alluded to the fact there might be people in the community that would be willing to contribute to anyone of these causes. He explains there may be someone who would have a charitable interest in some of these entities and to contribute to them.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Carson Steiner

SECONDED BY: Rod Landblom

For adjournment of the meeting at approximately 4:40 PM.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.
Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Rita Binstock, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Shawn Kessel, City Administrator

Dennis W. Johnson, President
Board of City Commissioners

Date: _____