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Groton Area ranks 158th in the nation

Groton Area ranked 158th in the United States in Newsweek Magazine's Top 500 highest performing schools in the nation. Groton had a score of 89.67 in college readiness, 88.69 percent of its graduates are college bound, 88.55 percent of the seniors graduate from high school and the poverty rate is 12.89 percent. According to High School/Middle School Principal Anna Schwan, she said that there is an extensive list of questions that they have to answer. The announcement was made at the Groton Area School Board meeting Monday night.

Rosholt was listed at 223rd place with a college readiness score of 85.42, 70.05 percent of its seniors are college bound, 73.84 percent graduate and the poverty rate is 30.14.

Brookings High School was rated 348th. They had a college readiness score of 77.24, 53.24 percent are college bound, the graduation rate is 25.64 and the poverty rate is 15.98.

Irene-Wakonda ranked 446th with a college readiness score of 70.83. The graduation rate is 93.20 and 70.44 percent are college bound. The poverty rate is 39 percent.

Scottland High School ranks 474th with a college readiness score of 69, 36.17 percent are college bound, 96.73 percent graduate from high school and the poverty rate is 30.86 percent.

The top rated school in the United States was Thomas Jefferson High School in Virginia. Their college readiness score was 99.93 percent, 99.22 percent are college bound, their graduation rate is 78.48 percent and their poverty rate is 2.05 percent.

School Enrollment figures are stationary

School enrollment figures are up from the spring projections and are the same as last year. There are 596 enrolled in Groton Area School, up from the 585 spring projections. The enrollment numbers are steady from last year. There are 17 students who have exempted from public education. The open enrollment summary shows 58 students who have open enrolled into Groton Area and 84 who have open enrolled out of the district.

The breakdown is as follows:

Aberdeen: 34 in, 27 out.	Northwestern: 12 in, 1 out.
Britton-Hecla: 2 in, none out.	Warner: 1 in, none out.
Doland: 1 in, none out.	Waubay: none in, 1 out.
Langford: 8 in, 11 out.	Webster: none in, 44 out.

Groton on the verge of losing state aide

The evaluation for the Groton Area School district is rapidly creating a financial issue. Business Manager Mike Weber said the district is on its way to no longer receiving state aid. Funds will be issued by a per student basis and at \$4,800 a student, Groton Area will be able to raise more than \$4,800 per student on its property taxes; thus, lose its state aid. In addition, the \$50,000 that Groton receives on such things as fines, may be taken away and redistributed per student, which means Groton may also lose those funds. Plus, there is consideration of setting a base on funds derived from utility companies, oil companies, etc., and anything over that base will be redistributed on a per student basis. Sioux Falls and Rapid City schools would benefit greatly from these changes. Board member Kelly Kjelden said, "This will be bad for our district. If this gets life, every teacher, every staff member, every person needs to contract their legislature.

Highway 37 project to feature 1.5 miles of new sidewalk

South Dakota Highway 37 going through Groton has a deficiency in ADA pedestrian facilities. That is going to be corrected in 2016 when the highway will get a major make-over from Aspen Avenue to US Highway 12.

The project will include new storm sewers, new curb and gutter, asphalt surfacing, sidewalk and new roadway lighting. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.5 million with 80 percent of



On the right side of the table, Gordon Nelson and Kristie and Robert Gibbs look over the plans for the SD Highway 37 project. On the left is Naomi Fossen, road design engineer for the South Dakota Department of Transportation. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

that coming from the federal government. Approximately 29 people attended the informational meeting held Thursday night at the Groton Community Center. Neil Schochenmaier, road design engineer supervisor, said the project is contingent on federal funding.

SD Highway 37 was constructed in 1954. The surface was redone in 1985 and the last time it was chip sealed was in 2007. According to traffic count, an average of 1,143 vehicles go through Groton per day on Highway 37.

There will also be improvements done at the intersection of SD 37 and US 12 to help with drainage and other issues. SD 37 will have 12 inches of gravel and a five-inch asphalt mat.

On the east side of SD 37 from Railroad Avenue to US 12, curb and gutter will be installed. There will also be a 5-foot boulevard with a 5-foot ADA sidewalk. On the west side of SD 37, curb and gutter and sidewalk will be installed from Railroad Avenue to Seventh Avenue. New LED lights will be installed along SD 37. The lights will be spaced out evenly; thus, not every intersection is going to have a street light.

The tentative plan calls for landowner meetings in the fall and winter of 2014, the final design will be done by winter of 2014, the Right of Way process will be done winter of 2014 into 2015, the bids will be let in February of 2016 with construction to begin in the spring of 2016.

During the construction process, half of SD 37 will be done at a time to allow for local traffic only in the other lane. General traffic will be detoured along Railroad Avenue with east bound traffic going all the way to US 12 while west bound traffic will go north along Sixth Street.

South Dakota has 82,536 miles of roadway - 7,810 miles are state highways maintained by the Department of Transportation and even though it's only 9.5% of the total mileage, the state highway system carries approximately 67% of all vehicle miles traveled.

- Paul Kosel

The site for the JV Football game vs Red/Dol on Monday, Sept 29th is now at DOLAND!

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Prom date to remain unchanged

The prom date will not be changed. After the agenda was published in the Groton Daily Independent, it was brought to Superintendent Schwan's attention that on the weekend of April 25, the national Robotics Competition will be held in California. The team has to qualify for the nationals, but they have qualified in the past and the prom date has been an issue. The date of April 18 is also the same day as the ACT testing in Groton, but is only in the morning.

Children's Theater set for the week of March 22

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that the Children's Theater contact has been received and the gym has been reserved for the week of March 22. Ryan Tracy has again agreed to house the directors at his place of lodging on Main Street.

Other bits of information

Merle Harder said that he was a substitute bus driver and there was one girl he did not know and she did not talk and he had no idea where she was suppose to go. He said there should be a list or the daycare provider should make sure that everyone is dropped off.

There was a large list of changes to the school policies which was given first reading.

The government class is considering options for a community service project. One area under consideration is the gravel area between the concession stand and the bleachers. They want to spruce up that area.

Superintendent Joe Schwan talked about the teacher salary enhancement fund that the state is considering. There is the possibility of \$40 million set aside for teacher pay raises per year. The conversation is still in play for options.

There were 50 new desks ordered, but 16 were damaged. In fact, they received the drawers for a desk, but no desk.

The school has been having technology issues with the high school and elementary school. Both principals have reported frustrated teachers with technology problems.

The Homecoming theme is Decades with coronation set for 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 and the parade on Friday of that week.

High/Middle School Principal Anna Schwan reported that Detective Tom Tarnowski from the Aberdeen Police Department will speak to the students on September 17 about the dangers of social media and how students need to protect themselves. There will be two groups, grades six through eight and grades nine through 12.

Ten students were acknowledged for public school exemption. Two will be in the first grade, three in the third grade, one in each the fourth, sixth and eighth grade and two for fifth grade.

There was a request to pick up a student six miles east of Bristol. Currently, they are bringing the student into Bristol. "I don't like to tell families no on something like this, but to add 15 minutes to the route would be stretch," Superintendent Schwan said. "If the bus route had extra time, I would be for it." Right now the first pickup is 6:50 a.m. and it arrives in Groton at 8:10 a.m. No action was taken.

The time for the September 22 school board meeting was changed to 6 p.m. due to homecoming coronation at 7:30 p.m.

Julie Erdmann was given a \$300 raise as her education was raised

from BS+15 to BS+30.

Justin Hanson was approved as a voluntary boys basketball coach. Currently, there is no assistant coach, but Hanson is not able to have the time to be in the paid position.

Three students were approved for open enrollment into the Groton District. One is a sixth grade and one is a first grade, both from Aberdeen, and one is from Warner in the fifth grade.

There was a list of 15 staff work assignments - these changes are because of the adjusted work load based on student's needs and numbers. Those who had changes with no changes in pay were Ryan Dix, Barb Wacholz, Gail Kyar, Rose Long, Glenna Remington, John Lowary and Jill Krueger. Those with adjustments were Jill Krueger for a reduction of \$896.88, Darcy Leshar with an increase of \$476.88, Becky Lewandowski with an increase of \$476.88, Kami Lipp with an increase of \$80.94, Lena Cox with an increase of \$809.38, Randy Hjermstad with a decrease of \$404.69, Lois Krueger with a decrease of \$809.38, and Linda McInerney with a decrease of \$2,023.44.

Webster Area Invitational Cross-Country

Groton Area sent 15 runners to the Webster Area Invitational Cross Country Meet held Monday. Hannah Fischbach was the high finisher in the junior varsity girls race with a 20th placing, Micah Poor placed 23rd in the junior varsity boys race, Hannah Lewandowski placed 30th in the girls varsity race and Luke Smith was the only boy running in the varsity race with a place of 46th.

JV Boys 3000 Meter Run: 23, Micah Poor, 14:58.40; 37, Mitchell Koens, 16:04.28; 42, Dyan Graf, 16:21.43; 52, Noah Poor, 17:42.01; 59th, Spencer Jacobs, 23:50.00.

JV Girls 3000 Meter Run: 20, Hannah Fischbach, 16:37.25; 21, Emily Thompson, 16:39.24; 35, Jenifer Fjeldstad, 17:51.41; 40, AnneMarie Smith, 18:13.41; 58, Gabby Kramer, 20:55.71; 62, Caroline Graf, 24:13.12.

Boys Varsity 5000 Meter Run: 46, Luke Smith, 21:45.32.

Girls Varsity 4000 Meter Run: 30, Hannah Lewandowski, 18:27.18; 60, Erin Smith, 21:32.87; 63, Kaitlin O'Neill, 22:20.71.

Conde National Bowling League

Team Standings: Colts 3, Braves 2, Pirates 2, Cubs 2, Mets 2, Giants 1.

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 245, Bryce Dargatz 203, Cliff Kuckelburg 188.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 541, Lance Frohling 528, Butch Farmen 496.

Women's High Games: Val Kuckelburg 223, Breanna Kuckelburg 192, 190 and 190; Joyce Walter 186.

Women's High Series: Breanna Kuckelburg 572, Val Kuckelburg 559, Joyce Walter 438.

Groton Coffee Cup Bowling

Team Standings: Farm Girls 3, Jungle Lanes 3, Ken's 2, Ten Pins 2, Golden Girls 1, JVT 1.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 169, Vicki Walter 164, Arlowyn Spencer 154.

High Series: Vickie Kramp 467, Vicki Walter 426, Alice Severson 426, Mary Jane Jark 408.

Fischbach wins JV girls race at Britton

Hannah Fischbach won the girls 3,000 junior varsity race at the Britton-Hecla Invitational held Sept. 2 with a time of 13:41.50; Emily Thompson was third with a 14:17.50; Erin Smith was fifth with a 14:55.57; Jenifer Fjeldstad was seventh with a 14:59.52; Gabby Kramer was 16th with an 18:59.51 and Caroline Graf was 17th with a 20:39.52.

In the junior varsity 3,000 meter race, Micah Poor placed sixth with a time of 12:47.56; Noah Poor was 12th with a 14:52.31; Dylan Graf was 13th with a 14:57 and Spencer Jacobs was 15th with a time of 17:04.55.

In the girls 4,000 meter varsity race, Jasmine Schaller was seventh with a 20:07.17; Hannah Lewandowski was eighth with 20:09.08; and Kaitlin O'Neill was 18th with a time of 24:21.52.

Luke Smith ran the boys 5,000 meter varsity race, finishing 16th with a time of 22:39.39.

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City Council approves 5th Ave. West project for next year

Ryan and Diane Kurtz, Brenda and Tony Madsen and Steve O'Neill, all who live along Fifth Avenue West, came before the council Monday evening as the city council had a special meeting to give second reading to the 2015 Appropriation Ordinance. They expressed their concern about dropping the street project for next year. The council, at the last meeting, had decided to save \$300,000 next year to build up a kitty to do the rest of the West Side project.

Diane Kurtz asked what was the determining factor in starting from the south end instead of the north end. At the time, Finance Officer Anita Lowary said, Gary Heitmann was driving the transit but when it got stuck in the middle of Second Ave. West. He was on the council and that was the tipping point of where to start on the West Side Project.

Diane also asked Lowary that she had asked two years ago of the projected plan for the West Side Project. At the time, Lowary said, the council had decided to start from the south and work their way north with Fifth Avenue expected to be completed in 2015. "There's a whole new council now," she said. Councilman Mary Fliehs said that she is not opposed to the street project - she is opposed to going further in debt to do it.

"It doesn't please me to have our road to be the last one done," Diane said. "We were promised to get it done by next year."

Brenda Madsen said the dust from the road is horrible. "We can't open the windows and even with them closed, we have dust everywhere in the house," she said. "For 17 years, that road has been bandaided and bandaided and bandaided."

O'Neill asked, "What happened to the budget that it can't be done?"

Lowary explained that the council had decided to do \$1.4 million this year, and that left \$1.4 million left. "The council did not want to bond the city to do it all," she said. The city gets about \$500,000 in sales tax and \$500,000 in property tax. That left all of the utility rates to pick up the operating part of the government. "It meant really stretching the budget," she said. "We knew we would have to go the bank if we were going to do the whole project."

Ryan Kurtz asked when the council was going to do Fifth Ave. West. It was projected to be done in three or four years with the city setting aside \$300,000 a year.

Diane then asked how the Olson Development got its roads done. Lowary said, that the ordinance states that the roads have to meet certain criteria before city will accept them. "In the past, it was gravel with a chip seal. Then came the water. Roy saw what was happening and he took it upon himself to do it right and he had to pay for them. Now the standards are higher.

After everyone expressed their concerns, the council decided to take the \$300,000 that was set aside and to spend it next year on the street project instead. That would put \$265,000 into streets and \$35,000 for engineering fees. That would do Fifth Avenue from Broadway to Garfield Street and if the bids come in good, the council would also consider doing the first block west of Broadway on Fourth Avenue West. "I like this idea," said Councilman Michelle Muilenberg. Councilman Burt Glover added, "We're floating forward and not digging a bigger hole." Muilenberg added, "We balanced the budget and still got things done for our residents."

Groton Boys Soccer Defeats Tea Area Titans

The Groton Boys Soccer team defeated the Tea Area Titans on Saturday, September 6, 2014 by a score of 4-1. Groton scored the first goal at 21:13 with a header by Wyatt Kurtz off a corner kick by James Thompson. At 6:23 in the first half, Trevor Pray shot a bul-



Lane Weig gets his foot around the ball and funnels it away from the opponent. (Photo by Jodi Sternhagen)

let into the net with an assist by James Thompson. Tea scored at 3:06 when a penalty kick was awarded to the Titans due to a Groton foul in the box to make the half-time score 2-1 Groton. In the second half, Jacob Milbrandt made a great move in the box to score an unassisted goal. Later in the second half at the 34 minute mark, Jacob Milbrandt again scored (unassisted) to make the final score 4-1 Groton. Goalkeeper for Groton was Chance Strom. The Tigers are coached by Mike Becker and assisted by Craig Sternhagen. The Tigers play their next game in Huron against James Valley Christian on Thursday at 4:00 (JV at 6:00) and follow-up with a game against Sioux Falls Christian on Saturday, September 13 in Groton.

Girls beat Tea in soccer

Emily Locke, McKenzie Menzia and Harliegh Winther each scored one goal as Groton defeated Tea in high school girls soccer action, 3-1. Winther and Locke each had one assist. Devan Howard was the goalie with 11 saves.



What are the odds? I didn't realize until I got to the school board meeting of the name on my Diet Coke bottle - Laura. I had to send it to former Superintendent Laura Schuster, who got a good laugh from it. We need to keep Laura's mom in our prayers. Laura was going back home from Bismarck where her mom has been very, very sick.

Boys and Girls Soccer Parents Day Saturday, Sept. 13th

The GHS Boys and Girls Soccer Teams will celebrate Parents Day on Saturday, September 13th in Groton. The Groton Girls play at 1:00 and the Groton Boys at 3:00. Boys and Parents will be announced at half time of the Girls Varsity game (approximately 1:40). Girls and Parents will be announced at half time of the Boys Varsity game (approximately 3:40). Players are asked to bring \$5 for a parent gift for Parents Day (give to Jodi Sternhagen).

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Netters beat Ipswich in season opener

Groton defeated Ipswich in the first volleyball match of the season, 3-0. Game scores were 25-23, 25-17 and 25-19.

Groton was 61 of 71 in serving with 10 ace serves. Josie Doeden was 11 of 14 with two ace serves, Courtney Kurtz was 16 of 16 with three ace serves and Kasey Waage was 12 of 12 with two ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 69 of 72. Kurtz was 62 of 65 with 17 assists.

Groton was 57 of 72 in attacks with 19 kills. Ashley Gibbs was 11 of 15 with four kills.

Groton had five blocks with Maggie Simon with two, Doeden and Tori Bjerke each had one.

Groton had 48 digs with Waage having 28 and Audrey Wanner 12.



Haley Anne Erickson

Haley Anne Erickson was born on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, to Seth and Megan Erickson, Roseville, Minn. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 3/4" long.

Grandparents are John and Meri Erickson, Groton; and Mark and Deb Brandlee, Bristol. Great-grandparents are Emery Sippel, Groton; Clarence and Charlean Erickson, Groton; Mary Anne Bartell, Bristol; and Orville and Marge Brandlee, Bristol.

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You might be hard pressed to find a high school sports team that is run quite the way the GHS soccer teams are. You will find coaches & parents wearing many hats, to make the program a success. From marking the field, taking gate admission, supplying food and drink for the concession stand, working concessions, stocking bathrooms with necessary supplies, making bus and hotel arrangements for the team, transporting 40-50 kids to away games, fundraising, to picking up garbage left on the field after the game. The coaches, parents and players are doing it all.

Soccer has entered it's third year as a sanctioned high school sport. The school board agreed to sanctioning the sport, at a time that budget cuts were being made. Therefore, the agreement was, no school funding, at that time. We have run the program for two years, receiving \$0 from the school. This year the budget was looking better, so the district has agreed to paying the salaries of our two head coaches. Fundraising efforts are still necessary to pay for referee's, upkeep on the buildings, help with busing and any other expenses that come our way. Next year the SDSHAA will be implementing new rules that will require us to replace our current uniforms, so they meet the standards they have set forth. The school is hoping to be able to help out more next year, but nothing is guaranteed. Our fundraising committee has worked very hard to pinch every penny, to keep this team out of the red. Without the help of a very devoted crew of coaches, parents and local businesses, that have sponsored signs. We wouldn't be where we are today.

Unlike most GHS sports, we get to keep the money from both the gate and concession stand. However, we are responsible to staff both, and all concession supplies are donated by soccer parents or bought with money from our account. As a school sport, we are able to honor activity tickets & senior passes.

We would love to see soccer continue for many, many years in Groton. Saturday, September 13th is going to be a big day for soccer in Groton, and we would love to have you come and check it out. Not only would you be directly supporting the future of this sport in our school. You should be highly entertained, by a couple of fun games to watch. The day will start with the girls team taking the field at 1:00 and the boys will follow at 3:00. Both teams will be taking on Sioux Falls Christian. On the girls side, Groton is ranked 3rd and SF Christian is ranked 8th, so if everything goes as it should, our girls should come out on top. The boys game is sure to be a battle to the fullest, as the Groton boys are ranked #2 and SF Christian ranked #1. This could prove to be one best soccer matches in the state, happening right here on our hometown field. If you have never attended a HS soccer game, this weekend is a great opportunity to try something new. Grab your lawn chairs and come check it out. Hope to see you there!

- Jamie Larson

Shabazz had two interceptions, Herman has one against Roncalli



Bennett Shabazz intercepts the ball and prevents Roncalli's Brayden McNeary from scoring a touchdown in a play that happened in the endzone.

Zach Lundquist. Colton Cox kicked both PATs.

Groton score first in the second quarter on a Jackson Doeden 11-yard run. Cox would score for Roncalli with a one-yard run and a PAT kick. Spencer Knecht scored later in the first half on a 32-yard pass from Jackson Doeden. Jacob Milbrandt kicked both PATs for Groton in the second quarter.

Roncalli scored twice within two minutes in the third quarter. McNeary scored on a 21-yard pass from

Lundquist and Jayden Evenson scored on a 50 yard pass from Lundquist with Cox kicking the PAT. Jackson Doeden had 28 carries for 115 yards, he completed one of four passes for 32 yards (to Spencer Knecht) and a touchdown and he had five tackles. Spencer Knecht had five carries for 36 yards and he led the defense with nine tackles. Also having five tackles were Austin Merkel and Logan Lane. Lundquist completed 12 of 17 Roncalli passes for 212 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions (two by Shabazz and one by Adam Herman). McNeary had seven catches for 64 yards and

had four carries for 51 yards.

Groton, now 0-2, will host Mobridge-Pollock on Friday while Roncalli, 2-0, will travel to Flaudreau.

Netters beat Deuel, 3-1

Groton's volleyball team lost the first game at Deuel, 25-21, but then came back to win the next three, 25-15, 25-9 and 26-24.

In serving, Groton was 90 of 98 with 18 ace serves. Courtney Kurtz was 32 of 33 with 10 ace serves, Sydney Thorson was 17 of 18 with three ace serves, Kasey Waage was 14 of 16 with two ace serves.

In attacks, Groton was 114 of 137 with 28 kills. Josie Doeden was 26 of 35 with eight kills, Ashley Gibbs was 23 of 25 with five kills and Audrey Wanner was 23 of 26 with seven kills.

Groton was 101 of 101 in sets with 23 assists. Courtney Kurtz was 75 of 75 with 20 assists.

Groton had nine solo blocks with Doeden having seven and Maggie Simon two.

Groton had 140 digs with Waage having 38, Kurtz 26, Gibbs 23 and Wanner 21.

Groton is now 2-0 on the season and will host Roncalli on Sept. 11.

Herman, Sombke place at Redfield

Two Groton golfers placed at the Redfield-Doland Invitational held Tuesday in Redfield. Adam Herman placed third with an 81 and Brody Sombke was sixth with an 83. Others golfing were Landon Marzahn with a 92, Sean Schuring shot a 100 and Korbin Blackmun shot a 116.

Sioux Valley placed first as a team with 328, Groton was second with 356, Milbank was third with 358 and Redfield-Doland was fourth with 400.

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Brown County Sept. 2 General Meeting



SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Wiese. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve the Joint City/County Meeting minutes and the General Meeting minutes of August 26, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$625.52; Carlsen Funeral Home \$1,000.00; CHS Dance Team \$1,000.00; CMW Cleaning Services \$987.00; Gerber Prof. Assoc. \$502.34; KCH Law \$143.78; LGB \$3,787.50; Leidholt Electric \$876.59; Liberty Tire Recycling \$3,048.95; Midstates Printing \$75.00; Ramada \$5,110.50; SD Building Officials Assoc. \$50.00; SDN \$62.50; Luke Yellow Robe \$3,271.42.

Transcripts: Kristi Brandt \$5.60; Tammy Stolle \$62.25; Sara Zahn \$20.40.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$160.71; Dakota Press \$165.00; Dex Media \$52.00; Kelo TV \$660.00; Midstates Printing \$875.00.

Rentals: A & D Larson Rentals \$560.00; BJS Properties \$260.00; Builders Mgmt. & Investments \$310.00; Evan Cummins \$250.00; GPCH \$630.00; Thomas Hinz \$260.00; Solstice Holdings \$200.00; Derrick Wellman \$250.00; Wolfsong Apartments \$330.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: A & B Business \$27.26; Bituminous Paving \$86,037.00; Butler Machinery \$3,847.89; Double D Body Shop \$172.77; Fastenal \$59.00; Grabar Voice & Data \$1,353.00; Hollaway Construction \$10,760.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$225.00; Lawson Products \$35.40; Leidholt Electric \$246.55; Schmidt Construction \$9,346.35; SD DOT \$18,121.89; Titan \$4,313.42; US Bank \$608.24.

Supplies: A & B Business \$17.48; Aberdeen Parks & Rec \$24.95; American Health & Safety \$206.84; Bituminous \$274,499.00; Butler Machinery \$545.87; Cass Clay Creamery \$193.20; CMW Cleaning Services \$87.13; Cretex Concrete Products \$117,636.00; DSG \$571.81; Digital Alley \$40.00; Domino's Pizza \$243.66; Flint Hills Resources \$127,522.36; Geffdog \$697.49; GovConnection \$82.50; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$874.08; Joe Akkerman \$18.59; Lang's \$1,732.97; Lawson Products \$476.76; Liebel's \$500.03; Marco \$198.37; Menards \$466.78; Midstates Print-

ing \$2,235.49; Muth Electric \$2,373.48; NCFE – Warner Elevator \$1,734.38; Newman Signs \$8,100.00; Palmer Dist. \$110.00; Photo-X-Press \$22.54; RDO Equipment \$145.70; Titan \$4,294.80; US Bank \$11,567.50; West Payment Center \$1,502.65.

Travel & Conference: Aberdeen Police Dept. \$700.00; Randy Crawford \$190.83; Don Fischer \$21.00; Maxine Fischer \$116.02; Sue Gates \$202.40; Nyle Jensen \$21.00; Barry Kusler \$127.84; Leo Leshner \$275.89; Gene Loeschke \$99.17; Russell Metz \$218.55; Ramada \$139.50; Sherri Rawstern \$97.68; Aliza Ruz \$53.58; Mike Scott \$21.00; SD Assoc. of County Commissioners \$1,950.00; US Bank \$2,544.46; Gary Vetter \$52.00; Carl Wright \$21.00.

Utilities: AT & T \$315.71; BDM Rural Water \$35.00; CenturyLink \$241.85; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; Midcontinent \$306.40; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$17.07; NWPS \$486.65; US Bank \$1,236.42; Verizon Wireless \$78.62; Web Water \$75.06.

Other: Get Tooned & Tattooed \$350.00; Ride Line \$2,000.00; Safe Harbor \$990.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Cheryl Grant as 24/7 Sobriety Program employee at \$11.94 per hour, effective August 28, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve the following application for Special Malt Beverage License, submitted by SD Snow Queen Festival: Brown County Fairgrounds (Expo Building) SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W, effective September 6, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to accept resolution introduced by Commissioner Fischbach for review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to table resolution introduced by Commissioner Fischbach until September 9, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CROW CREEK FLOODGATE STRUCTURE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign James River Water Development District Funding Application in amount of \$150,000.00 for the Crow Creek Control Structure Improvement Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MAGISTRATE COURT RENOVATION: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve an additional County expenditure for the Magistrate Court Room area to be included in a change order to the City's bid for the renovation of City Hall, as presented by Dean Marske, HKG Architects. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to declare a metal dock and boat lift (tax deed property cleanup) surplus for disposal as

scrap metal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BILLBOARD: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to support Highway Superintendent's decision to request a billboard be removed from Brown County Right-of-Way adjacent to South US 281 (Dahme Lake). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2015 PROVISIONAL BUDGET HEARING: Time and place, as advertised for public hearing on the 2015 Provisional Budget. No one from the public or various departments appeared. No action will be taken on the Provisional Budget until September 30, 2014.

FAIR REPORT: Sheila Enderson, Treasurer presented a report, as required by Brown County Ordinances, Title 16, Chapter 16.06.03(5), identifying resources that will be needed for next year's Fair, to safely and efficiently carry out the responsibilities identified in said Ordinance.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY CONTINGENCY: Cody Rogatz, Airport Manager explained need to remove contingency from application for occupancy approved on August 19, 2014, in order to secure federal grant funding for the project. After discussion, it was decided to prepare a draft agreement for procedures in regard to the high volume pump.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel and consult with council, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) & (3) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until September 9, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$60.84.

Brown County Sept. 2 Joint Meeting



SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 – JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Remily, Ronayne, Slaughter-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Absent were Council Members Johnson, Rux and Swanson. Present from County were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach, Wiese and Sutton.

ORDINANCE #14-08-01/438: On motion by Ronayne and seconded by Bunsness, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #14-08-01/438.

ORDINANCE #14-08-01/438: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to adopt Ordinance #14-08-01/438, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164

to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (C-2) Highway Commercial District, said property being described as follows: The East 488.98' of the West 1,037.3' of the North 670.16' of the NW ¼ of Sec 23-T123N-R63W, except highway, Brown County, SD (39213 133rd Street). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #14-08-03/439: On motion by Slaughter-Hansen and seconded by Bunsness, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #14-08-03/439.

ORDINANCE #14-08-03/439: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #14-08-03/438, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows: Fonder Outlot 1 and Lots 11, 12, and 13, Block 3, Moulton's First Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Sec 2-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13691 387th Ave). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

The City Council adjourned and the County Commission continued in regular session.

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Brown County Sept. 3 Special Meeting



SEPTEMBER 3 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING

Brown County Commissioners Duane Sutton, Nancy Hansen, Rachel Kippley and Tom Fischbach convened for purpose of special meeting at 3:30 p.m. on September 3, 2014 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for purpose of discussing removal of contingency previously attached to Application for Occupancy, submitted by the City of Aberdeen (August 19, 2014) for purpose of storm water discharge from the Aberdeen Regional Airport. Airport Manager Cody Rogatz, City Manager Lynn Lander, Ron Wager, Larry Lovrien, Township Officials and area residents were also in attendance. Mike Wiese attended via teleconference link.

A draft agreement between Brown County and Aberdeen City in regard to the procedures for the Aberdeen Regional Airport's High Volume Pump was discussed by all in attendance. After discussion and completion of agreement amendments, the following action ensued:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign

agreement with the City of Aberdeen for emergency procedures for the Aberdeen Regional Airport's High Volume Pump. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AMENDED APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to amend motion dated August 19, 2014 by removing the contingency to this Application for Occupancy, The City of Aberdeen for occupancy of Brown County 14W in Sec 28-30-T123N-R64W and Sec 25, 36-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD for installation of pipes for storm water discharge to be controlled by pumps. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Special Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County Ord. 438 Bellikka Rezoning



ORDINANCE #14-08-01/438 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Neil Bellikka for B & B Real Estate is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from (A-1) Agricultural District to (C-2) Highway Commercial District, said property is described as follows:

The East 488.98' of the West 1,037.3' of the North 670.16' of the NW ¼ of Sec 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., except highway, Brown County, SD, (39213 133rd Street).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for the County of Brown to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: August 14 & 21, 2014

Passed First Reading: August 26, 2014

Second Reading: September 2, 2014

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Duane Sutton, Chairman

Brown County Commission

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 439 Fonder Rezoning



ORDINANCE #14-08-03/439 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Paul Fonder is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property is described as follows: Fonder Outlot 1 and Lots 11, 12, and 13, Block 3, Moulton's First Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Sec 2-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, (13691 387th Ave).

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Groton City Sept. 8 Special Meeting



September 8, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 6:00pm at City Hall for a special meeting regarding the 2015 budget with the following members present: McGannon, Blackmun, Glover, Muilenburg, Opp, Flieds, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Paul Kosel, Tony and Brenda Madsen, Ryan and Diane Kurtz and Steve O'Neill.

Tony and Brenda Madsen, Ryan and Diane Kurtz, and Steve O'Neill addressed the Council opposing any more delay in reconstruction of W 5th Ave. The budget proposal of putting off all street work west of Hwy 37 for several years to build up a street repair reserve was explained. Council proposed doing only W 5th Ave from Broadway to Garfield for the \$300,000 instead of putting it into the reserve. Tony & Brenda Madsen, Ryan and Diane Kurtz and Steve O'Neill left the meeting.

After discussion on the changes to the 2015 budget, Ordinance No. 694, The 2015 Appropriation Ordinance was given second reading on a motion by Glover and seconded by Blackmun. All members voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LIVESTOCK NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT BOND PROGRAM

The South Dakota Value Added Finance Authority (Authority) will hold a Public hearing on the 25th day of September, 2014 at the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, 523 E. Capitol Avenue, Foss Building, First Floor, Matthews Training Center, Pierre, South Dakota 57501 at 8:00 a.m. CST. The hearing is on the proposal for the Authority to issue an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond, for the Project identified below, in the maximum principal amount indicated. The proceeds of the Bond shall be loaned to the Borrower named below (who will be the owner and operator of the Project) for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Project described below.

Livestock Nutrient Management Bond Project Number: 6-0028. Project: To assist in the construction of a livestock nutrient management system for a swine facility. Maximum Principal: \$195,000.00. Owner/Operator: Jeff Howard and Lisa Howard, 40829 131st Street, Groton, Brown County, South Dakota. Location: From Groton, 3 miles north on SD Hwy 37, 3 miles east on County Road 13, 1 mile north on 409th Avenue, 1/2 mile east on 129th Street.

The Bond, when issued, will be a limited obligation of the Authority and will not constitute a general obligation or indebtedness of the State of South Dakota or any political subdivision thereof, and shall not be payable in any amount by taxation, but the Bond will be payable solely and only from amount received from the Borrower, named above under a Loan Agreement between the Authority and the Borrower, the obligation of which will be sufficient to pay the principal of, interest and redemption premium, if any, on the Bond as and when it shall become due.

At the time and place fixed for the hearing, all individuals who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal to issue the Bond for the purpose of financing the Project, and all written comments previously filed with the South Dakota Value Added Finance Authority, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, will be considered. Additional information regarding the Project described above may be obtained by contacting the Authority at the address shown above.

Any individual affected by the above described Project may, at or prior to the scheduled time for the aforementioned hearing on said Project, file a written request with the Authority that a local hearing be held on the proposal to issue the Bond to finance said Project. A local hearing, if requested, would be conducted in the county where the Project is located.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Authority at the above address within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-5436.

Terri LaBrie, Executive Director
South Dakota Value Added Finance Authority

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Groton City 2015 Budget Ordinance



ORDINANCE NO. 694 2015 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Part I: Be it ordained by the City of Groton that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

General Fund:
410 General Government: 411 Legislative- \$12,890; 411.5 Contingency- \$82,000; 412 Executive- \$6,950; 413 Elections- \$810; 414 Financial Administration- \$250,670; 419 Other- \$26,670; Total General Government= \$297,990

420 Public Safety: 421 Police- \$243,400; 429 Other- \$210; Total Public Safety= \$243,610
430 Public Works: 431 Street- \$738,360; 432 Weed Control- \$8,000; 437 Cemetery- 15,650; 439 Transit- 3,000; Total Public Works- \$465,010

440 Health & Welfare: 441 Pest Control- \$ 3,710; Total Health & Welfare= \$3,710

450 Culture & Recreation: 451 Recreation- \$ 165,730; 452 Parks- \$19,200; 455 Library- \$1,130; 456 Community Center- \$6,580; Total Culture & Recreation= \$ 192,640

460 Economic Development: 465 Promotion & Planning- \$2,000; Total Economic Development= \$2,000

470 Debt Service: 470 Debt Service- \$126,980; Total Debt Service= \$126,980

490 Miscellaneous; 490 Gas Tax- \$1,400; 499 Liquor- \$60; Total Miscellaneous= \$1,460
Transfers To Debt Service- \$125,690

2015 General Fund Total Appropriations= \$1,841,090

Gross Receipts Tax Fund: 451 Recreation- \$21,530

Airport Fund: 435 Airport- \$31,960

Family Crisis: 440 Health & Welfare- \$4,400

Debt Service Funds:

470 Special Assessments Debt Service: 2006- \$16,380; 2007- \$28,780; 2009- \$70,950; 2013- \$29,850; 2014- \$31,910

470 Water Debt Service: Main St- \$30,690; EPA- \$21,160

470 Sewer Debt Service: NE Sewer- \$8,840; RR Sewer- \$17,390; West Ditch- \$27,910

Part II: The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$200; 310 Taxes- \$1,151,000; 320 Licenses & Permits- \$10,700; 330 Intergovernmental Revenues- \$243,290; 340 Charges for Goods & Services- \$61,130; 350 Fines & Forfeitures- \$90; 360 Miscellaneous Revenue- \$4,540; 380 Liquor- \$9,200; Transfers from Enterprise Funds- \$310,200; Total Means of Finance= \$1,841,150

Gross Receipts Tax Fund: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$ 1,530; 310 Taxes- \$20,000; Total Means of Finance= \$21,530

Airport Fund: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$11,260; 360 Miscellaneous Revenue- \$25,820; Total Means of Finance= \$37,080

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$32,900; 360 Miscellaneous Revenue- \$1,000; Total Means of Finance= \$33,900

Family Crisis Fund: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$4,000; 360 Miscellaneous Revenue- \$4,400; Total Means of Finance= \$8,400

Special Assessments Debt Service Funds:

2005: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$(10,000); 360 Miscellaneous Income- \$10,510; Total Means of Finance= \$510

2006: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$12,000; 360 Miscellaneous Income- \$9,300; Total Means of Finance= \$21,300

2007: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$36,000; 360 Miscellaneous Income- \$10,860; Total Means of Finance= \$46,860

2009: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$130,000; 360 Miscellaneous Income- \$30,510; Transfer from General Fund- \$14,500; Total Means of Finance= \$160,510

2013 Undesignated Fund Balance- \$63,000; 360 Miscel-

laneous Income- \$26,000; Total Means of Finance= \$89,000
2014 Undesignated Fund Balance- \$5,000; 360 Miscellaneous Income- \$26,710; Transfer from General Fund- \$5,200; Total Means of Finance= \$36,910

Water Debt Service Funds:
Main St: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$0; Transfer from General Fund- \$30,690; Total Means of Finance= \$30,690

EPA: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$0 Transfer from General Fund- \$21,160; Total Means of Finance= \$21,160

Sewer Debt Service Funds:
NE Sewer: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$0; Transfer from General Fund- \$8,840; Total Means of Finance= \$8,840

RR Sewer: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$0; Transfer from General Fund- \$17,390; Total Means of Finance= \$17,390

West Ditch: Undesignated Fund Balance- \$0; Transfer from General Fund- \$27,910; Total Means of Finance= \$27,910

Proprietary Funds:

Electric Fund: Beginning Retained Earnings- \$1,000; Estimated Revenue- \$1,816,800; Total Available- \$1,817,800; Less Appropriations- \$1,596,650; Estimated Surplus- \$221,150; Less Surplus Retained- \$150; Estimated Surplus To Be Transferred To Govt. Funds- \$221,000

Water Fund: Beginning Retained Earnings- \$100; Estimated Revenue- \$307,550; Total Available- \$307,650; Less Appropriations- \$255,860; Estimated Surplus- \$52,300; Less Surplus Retained- \$790; Estimated Surplus To Be Transferred To Govt. Funds- \$81,000

Sewer Fund: Beginning Retained Earnings- \$1,000; Estimated Revenue- \$209,520; Total Available- \$210,520; Less Appropriations- \$201,060; Estimated Surplus- \$9,460; Less Surplus Retained- \$1,260; Estimated Surplus To Be Transferred To Govt. Funds- \$8,200

Solid Waste Fund: Beginning Retained Earnings- \$1,000; Estimated Revenue- \$80,680; Total Available- \$81,680; Less Appropriations- \$79,960; Estimated Surplus- \$1,720; Less Surplus Retained- \$1,720 Estimated Surplus To Be Transferred To Govt. Funds- \$0

Part III: The following is a summary of those funds for which spending authority has been approved by the electorate:

Wastewater Fund: Amount Authorized- \$635,000; Expended to Date- \$465,454; Unexpended Authorization- \$169,546

Wastewater Fund: Amount Authorized- \$420,000; Expended to Date- \$404,475; Unexpended Authorization- \$15,525

General Fund: Amount Authorized- \$1,000,000; Expended to Date- \$980,000; Unexpended Authorization- \$20,000

Part IV: The Finance Officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor. The maximum dollar amount of tax levies allowed under the tax freeze (\$404,000) plus \$230,000 authorized under the opt out procedure (\$634,000.00).

Passed First Reading - 8/26/14
Passed Second Reading - 9/8/14

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Groton City Sept. 2 Meeting Minutes



September 2, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 6:48pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, Blackmun, Opp, McGannon, Muilenburg, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Ward Gilchrist, Terry Heron, Dwight Zerr, Finance Officer Lowary and representatives from the press.

The 2015 budget was discussed with the department heads. Attorney Johnson enters the meeting during the discussion. Ward Gilchrist, Terry Heron, and Dwight Zerr left the meeting after the discussion.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 369.40 salaries; **Administrative Payroll** 7,840.32 salaries; **Public Safety Payroll** 13,105.89 salaries; **Public Works Payroll** 29,584.44 salaries; **Cultural & Recreational Payroll** 19,468.99 salaries; **First State Bank** 8,502.45 ss & wh; **City of Groton** 126.29 dep refunds, postage; **Cons Fed Cr Union** 1,125.00 emp savings; **April Abeln** 436.97 med, dep flex; **Car Quest** 200.26 supplies; **Marie Gengerke** 5.17 dep refund; **Suzanne Oliver** 546.36 refunds; **SD Water & Wastewater Assoc** 120.00 registration; **John Sieh** 21.81 refund; **Pamela Trautner** 213.20 dep refund; **US Post Office** 208.93 postage; **April Abeln** 333.50 dep flex; **AOS** 518.60 antenna; **Associated Supply Co** 14.58 control; **Kathy Bjerke** 31.79 bag; **Border States** 1,075.00 socket, arrestors; **Buhls** 30.50 rug rent; **Chase Visa** 3,865.02 motel, gas, chairs, bks, meals; **Clark Engineering** 19,507.93 engineering; **Colonial Research** 116.01 cleaner; **Commercial Pool** 992.91 filter cleaner; **Isaiah Cutler** 250.00 WSI training; **Dakota Tree Company** 200.00 move tree; **Darrels** 13.95 tire repair; **Duanes** 1,259.91 fuel, oil chg; **Mary Flihs** 10.65 refund; **Groton Independent** 166.52 publishing; **Taylor Gustafson** 250.00 WSI training; **Harry Implement** 43.44 mower bearing; **HD Supply Waterworks** 159.66 curb box, inserts; **Heartland Waste** 6,280.43 garbage hauling; **James Valley Tele** 716.56 phone, internet; **Johnson, Drew** 650.00 legal services; **Robert Johnson Const** 208,822.17 street reconstruction; **Nikki Koehler** 225.00 lifeguard training; **Travis Kurth** 327.04 mileage; **Lien Transportation** 728.00 hot mix; **Kami Lipp** 285.00 WSI Training; **Locators & Supplies** 193.12 safety cabinet; **Brenda Madsen** 215.00 WSI training; **Matheson** 52.43 argon; **Menards** 89.97 fans; **NW Energy** 1,252.62 natural gas; **Palmer**

Distributing 946.62 repair; **Pattios Plus** 1,403.06 moving slide; **Pepsi** 489.22 pop; **Taryn Rossow** 250.00 WSI training; **Runnings** 66.88 chains sharpened, oil; **S&S Lumber** 525.85 supplies; **SD Dept of Health** 140.00 testing; **SD Retirement** 9,834.86 retirement; **Bennett Shabazz** 200.00 lifeguard training; **USA Bluebook** 155.30 hour meters; **Van Diest Supply** 3,212.00 mosquito spray; **Verizon** 41.61 data comm.; **WEB Water** 15,973.93 water; **Wesco** 371.00 hoist; **Brianna Woods** 280.64 testing, mileage; **Wright & Sudlow** 80.00 manhole rings.

At 7:30pm **Tim Thurston** came before the Council for the hearing of the malt beverage license for the **Red Dragon Saloon**. **Attorney Johnson** requested a release from **Tim Thurston** of his criminal record to the Council for consideration during this hearing and **Tim** agreed. **Police Chief Stacy Mayou** and **Police Officer David Hunter** entered the meeting during the discussion. Moved by **Blackmun** and seconded by **Glover** to grant a malt beverage license to **Tim Thurston** for the operation of the **Red Dragon Saloon**. All members present voted aye. **Tim Thurston** left the meeting.

Chief Mayou and **Officer Hunter** discussed the need for house numbers on homes for better response time in emergencies. Moved by **Opp** and seconded by **Glover** to give 1st Reading to Ordinance 695, **House Numbering Regulations**. All members present voted aye.

A request from **Supt. Joe Schwan** of the school for an **AED** to be located at the soccer field that could be shared with baseball or skating was discussed with the officers. A need for one at the swimming pool and community center were also discussed. The training needed and operation of the units was discussed. Each **AED** unit costs about \$1,900. Grant funds will be sought for three units.

Chief Mayou discussed the 2015 budget requests. **Chief Mayou** and **Officer Hunter** left the meeting.

Options for truck storage and

land use for **David Miller** were discussed and tabled.

A utility bill penalty for **Nikki Kotzer** due to on-line bill pay and the lack of a postmark on the check was discussed. Cash flow and the fifteen days from mailing the bill until penalty is applied were discussed. Moved by **Flihs** and seconded by **Glover** to deny the request for removal of the penalty. All members present voted aye.

Members were reminded of the DOT meeting Sept 4 at the Groton Community Center on the Hwy 37 project. **Glover** will try to attend the Community Appeal Workshop in Aberdeen Sept 10-11. A mosquito control workshop will not be attended.

The Mayor was authorized to write a letter of support for the grant application to repair and preserved the stained glass windows in the **Trinity Episcopal Historic Church**, but membership in the **Brown County Historical Society** was tabled for the present time.

Moved by **Muilenburg** and seconded by **Opp** to authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign a Line of Credit with 1st State Bank for \$300,000 to be used during the cash flow shortage. All members present voted aye.

A request from **Duane Kavanaugh** to change the administrative rule that requires the water to be shut off at a property to take the sewer and garbage charges off the utility bill was discussed. Moved by **Glover** and seconded by **Opp** to deny this request. Members voting aye were: **Glover, Opp, Flihs, Muilenburg, and Blackmun**. **McGannon** voted nay. Motion carried.

Discussion was continued on the 2015 budget, especially funding for the street project. Moved by **Flihs** and seconded by **McGannon** to hold a special meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 from 6pm to 7pm to finish the 2015 budget discussion. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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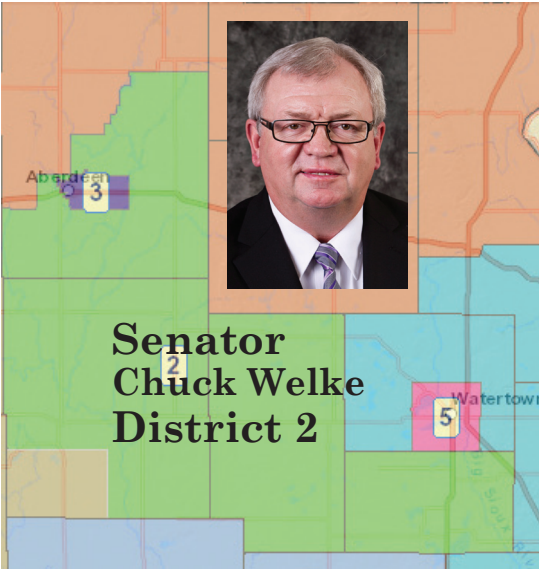
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It was another week of activities and travel as I have been all over the area to listen to constituents and to attend important meetings. We had good discussions concerning important topics
 Tuesday: The Governor came to Aberdeen to discuss the results of the Workforce Summit. We know that workforce issues are extremely important as we try to grow our economy. Many business leaders are having a hard time finding the qualified workers needed for them to maintain and/or expand their business activities. The Governor put together some good ideas and reported that the State will help to support these activities with funds and other assistance. The disappointing part of the discussion was that low wages in SD was not addressed anywhere in this process. If



we are going to attract people into the state we need high paying jobs. We are seeing the same problem in the field of education as teachers are looking elsewhere for teaching jobs or they are leaving the field. Many of our leaders like to emphasize the quality of life and the lower cost of living in SD and that is true to a certain level. However if we are going to attract high quality individuals in all areas of employment we must be competitive with the surrounding states.

Thursday morning: I attended the Northeast Area Conference on Aging at Northern State University. We discussed numerous issues facing our aging population. We had good presentations on the state of services in the communities in NE South Dakota. Issues like transportation, Medicaid expansion, community-based services, the education requirements for individuals to work in area of gerontology, and the issues of licensure for long term care providers. One thing that is of grave concern is that because people are living longer we will have a big increase in the number of people with Alzheimer's and diabetes. Certainly the most contentious discussion dealt with Medicaid expansion. I support this because it would help 48,500 South Dakotans who can't afford to pay for health insurance and it would reduce the burden on hospitals and county governments who get stuck paying the bill when people don't pay for their healthcare.

Thursday evening: I went to Groton to attend a Department of Transportation meeting to listen to the information provided concerning proposed improvements on a section of Highway 37 that runs through Groton. It was a pretty positive crowd but there were a few concerns that were addressed by the DOT officials. This project is to begin in the spring of 2016. Of course all this depends on if we can get the issues with the Federal Highway Trust Fund worked out.

Friday: I attended the Fall Festival at the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield. It was a beautiful day as we started the ceremony outside and then moved inside. Highlights included presenting awards to employees and individuals who have met or surpassed their goals. There was a celebration to honor Dr. Ted Williams who is retiring after 38 years at the facility. In those 38 years Ted has touched the lives of many and he made many positive changes in terms of how we treat people with disabilities.

On Saturday I attended the 40th Anniversary celebration of 3M in Aberdeen. Tours of the facility were provided and refreshments were served. 3M has been a great business partner to the community and have done much to enhance the lives of people around the world. Some of their employees have worked at the plant for the full 40 years.

With the Homecoming season upon us I will be trying to get to as many parades and other activities that I can. However, I see that many of these occur on the same Friday so it will be impossible to make them all. It is an exciting time of the year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can.

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