

Vermillion, Yankton Explore Avenues of Cooperation

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Only 23 miles separate Yankton and Vermillion, but sometimes the communities feel much farther apart.

Civic, business and education leaders from Yankton and Vermillion took time Wednesday to hold a discussion, hosted by 1 Million Cups at the Avera Pavilion, on how the two cities can work better together economically.

Ben Hanten, a co-founder of the Yankton chapter of 1 Million Cups, said while the two cities act separately, there's a lot of potential in working together.

"We're 23 miles apart from Vermillion, but sometimes it seems like we're on a different planet," Hanten told the large crowd of students, business and city leadership. "If we start looking at branding these cities together, we have a population base of more than 25,000 people — we have USD and Mount Marty College (MMC); we have the river; we have recreation; we've got strong arts, culture and education; we've got strong medical, manufacturing and banking. Couldn't we be stronger if we started to tell one story instead of two separate stories?"

Wednesday's event included a panel featuring Larry Ness of First Dakota National Bank, University of South Dakota president Jim Abbott, Vermillion City Council vice-president Kelsey Collier-Wise and Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) president John Kramer.

Ness said he would like to see the workforce available in Vermillion — especially students — make contributions in Yankton as well.

"I think Yankton is suffering right now," Ness said. "If you were to open a

new business in town, it could be difficult to get enough people to staff it. ... When I was in college, I worked two jobs and I look at those kids over there — young people — and I say, 'What a pool we could have depending on what the business is.' There are things that they could be doing in Yankton part-time, after-hours or they could be working for a Yankton business via computer from their dorm or apartment. I would like to see some way to put together a workforce pool from people available in both communities so people in Yankton and Vermillion both know who's out there, what their interests are and how they can fit in with what we've got going on."

Abbott said it's key to keep that young workforce in the Yankton-Vermillion area as a way of promoting their involvement in the community.

"I would actually like to employ more students in the Vermillion and Yankton (area) as opposed to Sioux Falls because one of the things I don't like about students going home to Sioux Falls on the weekend is that they don't really come back for anything, obviously," Abbott said. "You can get, pretty easily, to a basketball game, football game or any kind of event if you work in (Vermillion or Yankton). We have a fair number of opportunities for students and a fair number of students to work there, but I think we could do a better job of (promoting) that."

Additionally, the forum addressed the need for housing in both communities, expanded collaboration between MMC and USD and a need for additional recreation options on which to cooperate.

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stated that the \$3.30 for recycling is allowed by statute for the weekly collection of recycling materials. This other fee you propose is not something that is allowed by the State law.

Gail Bickel, resident of Elm Street, questioned why the City was only taxing beer. She asked why not liquor and other luxury items. The tax on beer only impacts a small group that will have to raise their prices.

John Prescott, City Manager, stated that State Statute only allows the City to put a markup on malt beverages. He stated that prior to 1988 it also allowed cities to include a markup on liquor but that has since been removed. He stated that in Brookings the markup on liquor is 11% and 10% on malt beverages.

Discussion followed on the proposed ordinance and how notice is made of items being considered by the City Council.

23-15 Alderman Holland moved to table second reading of Ordinance No. 1325 until the February 17, 2015 meeting. Alderman Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

8. New Business

A. Mid American Energy Annual Report

Mark Hoogwerf, Mid American Energy Supervisor, updated the City Council on the contributions made by Mid American to the community. Mark stated that, at the present time, there are no issues that will impact the natural gas prices for this heating season. Mark reported on local staffing levels, emergency leak calls, leaks in the system, average response time as well as the longest response time. Mark reported on new services installed, services replaced, new gas main installed along with gas main replaced within the city. Mark reported that the rebate program that was in place for 2014 is currently awaiting approval by the PUC for 2015. Mark answered questions of the City Council on Mid American Energy operations within the community.

B. Intergovernmental Contract with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance for insurance coverage

John Prescott, City Manager, reported that the City has been part of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (SDPAA) since 1987 for its liability, boiler, public officials, fire, equipment and vehicle insurance. John noted that for many years Hagan Benefits, Inc was the third party contractor who administered the pool and that effective January 1, 2015 these services are being moved in house at the SDPAA. John stated that the intergovernmental contract proposed is to reflect the changes relating to the deletion of references to Hagan Benefits as the administrator. John stated that the agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and recommended the adoption.

24-15 Alderman Willson moved approval of the Intergovernmental Contract with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance for insurance coverage and authorized the Mayor to sign. Alderman Collier-Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

9. Bid Openings

A. Electric transformers

Jason Anderson, Assistant City Engineer, reported that bids were opened on January 13th for the annual supply of padmount transformers for the electric department projects for this year. Jason reported six bids from five bidders with appropriate bid security were received. Jason stated that the transformer bids are evaluated for operating losses over the transformer life cycle in determining the low bidder. The total base price is the initial cost to acquire the transformers, while the total evaluation price represents the total life cost of the transformers including operating losses. Staff recommends the low bid of RESCO with an initial purchase price of \$73,377 and a total evaluated bid of \$144,565.80.

Bids: Border States Electric, base bid \$83,513.50, total evaluated price \$159,187.90; Wesco, base bid \$84,044.00, total evaluated price \$153,668.40; DSG, base bid \$81,815.00, total evaluated price \$155,254.20; RESCO, base bid \$73,377.00, total evaluated price \$144,565.80; Stuart Irby (bid one) base bid \$75,618.00, total evaluated price \$148,148.80; Stuart Irby (bid two) base bid \$88,523.00, total evaluated price \$144,710.20

25-15 Alderman Willson moved approval of the low bid of RESCO, for padmount transformers with an initial purchase price of \$73,377 and a total evaluated bid of \$144,565.80. Alderman Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

10. City Manager's Report

A. John reported that last Tuesday the Main/Center/Court Street traffic signals were taken out of service and stop signs were put up for Center and Court Streets for the test period. John asked

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citizens to provide their comments to the City on the intersection.

B. John reported that the Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Vermillion Wine & Liquor, 820 Cottage Avenue is Thursday, January 29th with the ribbon cutting scheduled at 4:00 p.m.

C. John reported that a raffle notification form was approved for the Delta Theta Phi Fraternity and USD Sports Law Student Group. They will be selling raffle tickets for \$10 each from March 15 to 18, 2015. They will be selling tickets based on the NCAA Mens Basketball bracket. Proceeds will be split between the prize winner and United Way.

PAYROLL ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Engineering: Harold Holoch \$20.00/hr; Police: Mark Foley \$20.61/hr, Tony Klunder \$22.20/hr; Light: Monty Munkvold \$31.96/hr, Phil Weibelhouse \$24.32/hr; Wastewater: Cory Moore \$18.70/hr, Rob Pickens \$17.27/hr

11. Invoices Payable
26-15 Alderman Willson moved approval of the following invoices:

Invoices 2014
Avera Queen Of Peace Health testing 354.60
Baker & Taylor Books books 191.84
Blackstone Audio Inc books 147.99
Bound Tree Medical, LLC supplies 96.57
Broadcaster Press advertising 3,336.88
Bureau Of Administration telephone 237.59
Butler Machinery Co. parts 1,209.78
Campbell Supply supplies 1,033.24
Clay Co. Conservation Dist tree planting 295.00
Clay Rural Water System water usage 62.60
Clay-Union Electric Corp electricity 2,226.20
Danko Emergency Equipment firefighting equipment 2,345.89
Dept. Environment Natl Res landfill operations fee 2,747.87
Dust Tex mat service 80.00
Ed M. Feld Eqpt Co supplies 5,750.60
Farmer Brothers Co. supplies 111.66
Fedex shipping 25.40
Fred Haar Co, Inc repairs 288.80
Gale books 205.10
Graham Tire Co. tires 1,245.70
Gregg Peters managers fee & advertising 14,458.89
Heine Electric & Irrigation repairs 16,972.00
Herren-Schempp Building supplies 44.22
Ingram books 1,410.80
Jacks Uniform & Eqpt uniforms 341.15
Jerry's Chevrolet Buick Gm parts 296.61
Johnson Feed, Inc repairs 211.09
Jones Food Center supplies 32.03
Lessman Elec. Supply Co tools 915.20
Loren Fischer Disposal haul cardboard 140.00
Mart Auto Body towing 225.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc oxygen 230.98
Medical Waste Transport, Inc haul medical waste 92.13
Midwest Building Maintenance mat svc 283.00
Mike Manning refund building permit 2,761.52
Moore Welding & Mfg supplies 22.00
NCL Of Wisconsin, Inc supplies 36.24
Nebraska Journal-Leader advertising 35.82
Netsys+ repairs 21.25
Northern Truck Eqpt Corp parts 105.72
Office Systems Co copier contract/copies 345.12
Owens Inspection Services professional services 1,000.00
Quill supplies 365.29
Random House, Inc books 26.25
Schaeffer Mfg. Co supplies 638.40
SD One Call 4th qtr locates 299.25
Stern Oil Co. supplies 1,604.80
Sturdevants Auto Parts parts 453.23
Testamerica Laboratories professional services 4,002.53
The Equalizer advertising 196.00
The Walking Billboard uniforms 53.75
Tom Hollingsworth water heater/wiring rebate 365.00
True Value supplies 212.56
Twin City Hardware supplies 180.81
Tys Building Service repairs 1,071.00
United Laboratories supplies 1,330.74
United Parcel Service shipping 83.20
Verizon Wireless wireless communications 122.57
Vermillion Ace Hardware supplies 145.94
Vermillion Area Community Round Up program 4th qtr 228.00
Vermillion Chamber Of Commerce Bliss Pointe grant 202,649.27
Vermillion Events Center police/fire banquet 2,465.00
Vermillion Ford parts 103.96
Visa/First Bank & Trust supplies 11.85

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Wesco Distribution, Inc supplies 396.00
Westech Engineering, Inc repairs 719.95
Willson Florist funeral arrangement 56.00
Nels Brunick Bright Energy Rebate 175.00

2015 Invoices

BW Insurance Agency, Inc notary bond 100.00
Canon Financial Services copier lease 196.27
Centurylink telephone 1,496.73
Clay Co Register Of Deed filing fee 30.00
Coyoteopoly contribution 2,000.00
Dept. Environment Natl Res wastewater permit 10,500.00
Gregg Peters managers fee 5,375.00
Intl Assoc Of Fire Chiefs membership dues 209.00
Midcontinent Communication cable service 53.68
Midwest Alarm Co alarm monitoring 303.00
Municipal Elec. Assoc. membership dues 4,117.00
Republic National Distributing merchandise 12,667.51
Reserve Account postage for meter 950.00
SD Airport Management Assoc. membership dues 25.00
SD Assoc. Of Code Enforcement membership dues 40.00
SD Building Officials Assoc. membership dues 50.00
SD City Mgmt Association membership dues 300.00
SD Firefighters Association membership dues 1,125.00
SD Governmental Human Resources membership dues 25.00
SD Municipal League membership dues 4,455.36
SD Municipal Liquor Assoc. membership dues 25.00
SD Secretary Of State notary filing fee 30.00
SECOG membership dues 11,467.00
US Postmaster postage for utility bills 1,050.00
Vermillion Chamber Of Commerce contribution 50,000.00
Vermillion Housing Authority contribution 1,000.00
Vermillion Public Transit contribution 7,500.00
WOW! Business dial up service 49.95

Alderman Clarene Meins seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

12. Consensus Agenda - None

13. Adjourn

27-15 Alderman Ward moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:07 p.m. Alderman Holly Meins seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the motion adopted.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 19th day of January, 2015.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA

BY
John E. (Jack) Powell, Mayor
ATTEST:
BY
Michael D. Carlson, Finance Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the Department of Transportation Capital Assistance Grant Programs for Rural and/or Special Transportation, SESDAC, Inc. dba Vermillion Public Transit, 604 1/2 High Street, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069, presents notification of intent to purchase a vehicle. The proposed vehicle, an ADA accessible passenger van with wheelchair ramp, will replace a vehicle that provides rural public transportation for elderly persons, persons with disabilities, youth and general public on a demand response basis.

Interested public or private transit or paratransit operators within the area are invited to comment on this proposal or to make a proposal to provide the necessary service by sending a written notice to SESDAC, Inc. dba Vermillion Public Transit and the South Dakota Department of Transportation, 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2586, ATTN: Office of Air, Rail and Transit. Written notice and comments should be mailed no later than thirty (30) days following the appearance of this notice.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF CLAY

IN CIRCUIT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs,
Kathleen P. Varilek, nka Kathleen P. Haines; and any person in possession,

Defendants.

Civil No. 13-168

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

Judgment in the amount of \$67,801.72 having been entered in favor of plaintiff and against

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defendants, which Judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Clay County, South Dakota, on September 18, 2014, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judgment that the real property described in the Mortgage dated August 12, 2005, which Frank J. Varilek and Kathleen P. Varilek, Mortgagees, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee:

Wiken Tract 1 in the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty (20) and Wiken Tract 2 in the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Twenty-one (21), All in Township Ninety Four (94) North, Range Fifty-three (53) West of the 5th P.M., Clay County, South Dakota.

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Clay County, South Dakota, on the 17th day of August, 2005, in Book 123, Page 102; assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Assignment of Mortgage recorded September 9, 2013, in Book 135 Mortgages, Page 610, in order to realize the amount of \$67,500.00, as of August 12, 2005, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount at the rate of 5.75% per year, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Clay County, South Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Clay County, South Dakota, at the front door of the Clay County Courthouse, in Vermillion, South Dakota, on February 18, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. (CT).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Dated January 2, 2015.

Sheriff of Clay County, South Dakota

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The Ultimate Showdown

By Anne La Brake
For the Plain Talk

Remember the first time you walked into a theater premier with that delicious bag of hot, buttery popcorn, and that delicious aroma filling every crevice of the room.

Maybe you even had a cup of one of your favorite sodas to go with the popcorn tradition.

In fact, maybe you even remember which premiere it was that you watched, and even if you can't because your array of experiences have been so vast since, it's hard to deny that movies have truly touched the lives of the people of our community.

Anthony Sharp, director of Carmike Cinema in Yankton, was willing to recap on the movies that have touched us in the last year of 2014 as well as those that will affect our lives in the year to come.

"My favorite part of my job is definitely the movies," says Sharp. "When I grew up, my dad was theater manager and owned a video store in the 80's and 90's. Right out of high school, I joined up with Carmike, and pretty much have been doing it ever since."

"We even have fans dress up from time to time as their favorite actors in the movies," Sharp says. "Some did it for 'The Hunger Games' and some for 'The Hobbit.' You get enough movies with a big enough following and they'll come out and have some fun with it."

Recapping on some movies from 2014, Sharp shares at least three personal favorites. "The funniest of movies that came out this last year would be 'Guardians of the Galaxy,'" begins Sharp. "I don't believe it was just because it was a Marvel movie either, of which I am a massive fan of due to the

way that they are doing everything, because it is actually tied into 'The Avengers.' But I just thought it was very fresh." "Right behind it was 'The Lego Movie,'" Sharp laughs. "What makes that so funny is that the actor, Chris Pratt, was actually the lead in this show as well as 'Guardians of the Galaxy.' 'The Lego Movie' made me feel like a kid again, and it's very rare for me to go into a movie for a kid audience and be completely into it, you know?"

"The best done movie I saw, however, was 'Gone Girl,'" Sharp completes. "That movie was incredible. The way they marketed it was interesting, too, because I didn't read the book. I'm like any other movie goer. I don't like spoilers. When I went in to watch that movie, I had no idea what to expect because I had only watched the trailer. Of course, the trailer only had the first 45 minutes of the movie in it. They didn't show anything after that, so that when the twists and turns started hitting, it really took me by surprise. I love a movie with a good twist in it and 'Gone Girl' certainly had that, but above and beyond that, the acting was phenomenal. The guy who directs it, David Fincher, he is a very accredited director and so I always look forward to seeing his movies. He also did 'Seven,' 'Fight Club,' and 'The Social Network.'"

Later, Sharp admitted that the movie, "Interstellar," may have actually rivaled for third in his top three favorite shows from 2014. "As far as popular family shows that the public really enjoyed for 2014, we are looking at PG ratings," Sharp continues as he grabs a reference to make sure he doesn't miss anything. "The Lego Movie' did really well. 'Maleficent' did really well

for us, also. We had a pretty good line up of kid shows that came out this year, considering we also had 'Big Hero 6,' 'Rio 2,' and 'How to Train Your Dragon 2.'"

When asked what movies generated the most viewings at the theater in 2014, Sharp believed it to have been 'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1,' though it was close with 'The Hobbit' and 'Guardians of the Galaxy.'"

Of course, Sharp believes the year to have been an interesting theater year.

While he says 2014 was a standard good year as far as industry goes, he remarks that the majority of top films were sequels or reboots.

A reboot, of course, is a movie or series that was done already, usually in years past, but has been recreated and brought back to life.

"The top ten movies that came out in 2014 were mostly sequels or reboots," Sharp explains. "'Guardians of the Galaxy' was an original film, yes, but still part of Marvel Cinematic Universe films. 'Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1' was a sequel. 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier' – that's a sequel. 'The Lego Movie' actually was an original. 'Transformers' was the 4th installment. 'Maleficent' was a remake of Sleeping Beauty. 'X-men: Days of Future Past' of course, was a sequel. 'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes' was a sequel to the reboot. 'Big Hero 6' was original but 'The Amazing Spider-Man 2,' of course was a sequel as well."

There were other sequels and reboots too. "Godzilla," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," and "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" are just a handful.

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