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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kooiker and Common Council
FROM: Wade Nyberg
DATE: January 26, 2012
RE: Titles 12 & 13 of the Rapid City Municipal Code
Legal & Finance Committee Agenda Items 33 & 34

The February 1 Legal & Finance Committee Agenda includes two ordinances, Ordinance 5793 and Ordinance 5794. These items are the culmination of several years of work (committees started meeting in August of 2005) by the Public Works Department's Engineering, Water, Water Reclamation, and Street Divisions in combination with multiple committees of citizens and professional consultants and our office. Separately, the newly revised Infrastructure Design Criteria Manual is also being presented for approval. The Engineering Division staff and committees reviewed the manual, and changes have been proposed based on their collective recommendations. As a result of the IDCM revisions, staff was directed to go through Titles 12 & 13 and update the ordinances to comply with the changes in the IDCM. Additionally, changes were made to consolidate regulations where possible, perform some "housekeeping" to clean up items that were unclear, add some items that were not addressed, and create common general provisions for all utilities when feasible.

Ordinance 5793 is a complete re-codification of Title 12 of the Rapid City Municipal Code. Former Chapters 12.04, 12.08, & 12.12, Street Names, Grades and Widths; Street Improvements; and Street and Sidewalk Excavations, respectively, were combined and revised into a new Chapter 12.04 dealing with all street improvements. Former Chapters 12.28, 12.32, 12.36, & 12.40 dealing with parades, park use regulations, municipal golf courses, and trees, respectively, were renumbered but otherwise were not revised. Former Chapter 12.44 dealing with travel parks was revised and moved to Chapter 15.52. (Agenda item 35)

Ordinance 5794 is a complete rewrite of Title 13. A new Chapter 13.04 containing general provisions applicable to the water and sewer service systems was added. Revised chapters dealing with water, private water lines and sewer are renumbered to Chapters 13.08, 13.12 and 13.16. Former Chapter 13.09 Onsite Wastewater Systems was renumbered as Chapter 13.20 but largely unchanged. Similarly, Chapter 13.10 Trenching Contractors was renumbered to Chapter 13.24 but contained few revisions. Former Chapters 13.12 & 13.16 relating to the airport and cemeteries were renumbered but not otherwise changed.