

**Explanation of  
Proposed Rules  
For the Rapid City Council**

<b>Proposed Rule</b>	<b>Current Equivalent</b>
Rule 1. Regular Meetings.	RCMC §2.08.010. (Identical language)
Rule 2(a). Special Meetings.	RCMC §2.08.020. (Identical language)
Rule 2(b). Recessed Meetings.	RCMC §2.08.060. (Please note this was not reflected in previous handout)
Rule 3. Organizational Meeting.	Nothing in writing; SDCL §9-8-7 and §9-14-5 have some requirements.
Rule 4(a). Proposed Agenda.	Nothing in writing.
Rule 4(b). Adoption of the Agenda.	Nothing in writing; this would provide a mechanism for changing the order of items on the agenda.
Rule 5. Public Address to the Council.	Nothing in writing.
Rule 6. Order of Business.	Handbook for Municipal Officials suggests an order of business.
Rule 7. Presiding Officer.	SDCL §9-8-3 and §9-8-7.
Rule 8. Action by the Council.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.
Rule 9. Second is Required.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.
Rule 10. One Motion at a Time.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.
Rule 11. Substantive Motions.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.
Rule 12. Adoption by Majority Vote.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.
Rule 13. Voting by Written Ballot.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.

Rule 14. Debate.	<i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> governs. Note, for example, that <i>Robert's Rules</i> allows a council member to speak only once per item.
Rule 15. Ratification of Actions.	Nothing in writing except to the extent <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> apply.
Rule 16(a). Procedural Motions.	This sets up the procedure to follow for motion making and considering items in a meeting; takes the place of <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Rule 16(b). Order of Priority of Motions.	This is the technical ordering of motions and procedures; takes the place of <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 1. To Appeal a Procedural Ruling of the Presiding Officer.	Motion 58, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 2. To Adjourn.	Motion 2, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 3. To Take a Brief Recess.	Motion 70, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 4. Call to Follow the Agenda.	Loosely covered in Section 40 of <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 5. To Suspend the Rules.	Motions 77 and 78, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 6. To Go into Closed Session.	Section 9, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 7. To Leave Closed Session.	Section 9, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 8. To Divide a Complex Motion and Consider it by Paragraph.	Motion 36, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 9. To Defer Consideration.	Motion 43 from <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> is a motion to lay on the table. The City Council currently uses the motion to lay on the table to kill a measure which is not technically correct. The Motion to Defer Consideration would take the place of the motion to lay on the table and be used to kill an item.
Motion 10. Motion for the Previous Question.	Motion 64. <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> . This is the formal name for "call the question." Note that <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> requires a two-thirds vote to call a question.

Motion 11. To Continue to a Certain Time or Day.	Motion 61. <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> . Technically, in <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> , this is a "motion to postpone."
Motion 12. To Refer a Motion to a Committee.	Motions 24 and 25, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> . Technically, this is a "motion to commit."
Motion 13. To Amend.	Motion 11, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 14. To Revive Consideration.	Motion 79, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> . This motion is never used by the Rapid City Common Council, due to its use of the motion to lay on the table.
Motion 15. To Reconsider.	Motion 71, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 16. To Rescind or Repeal.	Motion 74, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Motion 17. To Prevent Reintroduction for Six Months.	There is no comparable motion in <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Rule 17. Renewal of Motion.	This would re-introduce a previously-acted-upon motion. No parallel in <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Rule 18. Withdrawal of Motion.	Motion 83, <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .
Rule 19. Duty to Vote.	RCMC §2.08.080. Note that §2.08.080 provides that an abstention is deemed to be a vote with the majority, and paragraph E provides that no member of the council may abstain from voting unless he states on the record his reason for such abstention.
Rule 20. Special Rules of Procedure.	This is the place to insert any additional rules the council desires.
Rule 21. Closed Sessions.	Explicitly incorporates South Dakota state law allowing the City Council to hold executive sessions for certain purposes.
Rule 22. Quorum.	RCMC §2.08.070.

Rule 23. Public Hearings.	The City Council holds its hearings during the City Council meeting and also sets the hearing during the City Council meeting. I am currently researching the need for this provision.
Rule 24. Minutes.	RCMC §2.40.060; SDCL §9-18-1.
Rule 25. Appointments.	Various appointments are made through various mechanisms.
Rule 26(a). Establishment and Appointments of Committees and Boards.	Nothing in writing. Authorizes existing practice of appointing boards both temporary and standing.
Rule 26(b). Open Meetings Law of Committees and Board.	SDCL Chapter 1-25 requires that committees be open to the public as well.
Rule 27. Amendment of the Rules.	Procedure not explicit; currently requires change in ordinance.
Rule 28. Reference to <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .	Defers to <i>Robert's Rules of Order</i> .