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Well, the annual highlight of our year is over again, and it is safe to say that the 81st Annual Conference of the SD Municipal League was a great success. The city of Spearfish proved once again that it is the highest standard of hospitality, and we sincerely appreciate all the hard work of the Mayor, Council, and staff who made it all happen.

Members of the SDML Board of Directors led the First Time Attendees meeting, and filled in generally all around the Conference, ideas that have served everyone well. Not only is it a nice chance for everyone to know the Board, but the Board can turn the feedback into action as they direct the League into the next year.

This year’s conference had a couple of very special moments — a personal favorite was watching Paul Young of Spearfish receive the well-deserved Excellence in Municipal Government award. Congratulations, Paul! Another were the inductions into the SD Municipal Hall of Fame — which this year led to 31 people receiving recognition for having served more than 20 years in municipal public service. The other most special moment was a mayor from a town of under 500 catching me in the hallway to tell me how he was in a rush, getting from meeting to meeting, because he was learning so much he hated to miss a minute of anything. “Next year will be different,” he said, “We’ll have more of our council and staff here so we can all learn.”

The policy process was especially interesting this year, and we had numerous people sitting in on the committees as they reviewed their work and prepared the Statement of Policy for a vote of the membership. With the election upcoming, and so many new people coming to the Legislature, it will surely be a time when your local input will be extremely important.

Until next month, remember we are always available at 1-800-658-3633 or yvonne@sdmunicipalleague.org.

Yvonne Taylor
Executive Director
Greetings to everyone! Allow me to introduce myself. I am Jeanne Duchscher, Finance Officer for the City of Parker. I am now honored to serve as your SDML President. I have mighty big shoes to fill as I have seen many good people over the years hold this office. It is not something I take lightly as it is not a position that I did a “pick me! pick me!” thing! The nominating committee for the SDML does extensive research for their candidates for the SDML Board of Directors. I would like to thank Mayor Nelson and the Parker City Council for their support in my involvement in the SDML Executive Board.

I have been the Finance Officer for the City of Parker since 2000. Before that, I was the Business Manager for the Wall School District for almost eight years. Prior to that I was the Business Manager for the Northwest School District, Lodgepole, South Dakota—located near the North Dakota border between Lemmon and Bison, South Dakota. All in all almost 27 years in government finance.

I actually do hail from North Dakota—but have lived in South Dakota now as long as I did growing up in North Dakota. Most of you know my husband, Tim. We have two children and now a GRANDSON! (Only a month old by now!) Tim is endearingly referred to as Gopher Tim because in his retirement he has started a lawn care business called Gopher Lawn Service.

As I reviewed past president’s remarks, I am going to find it difficult to not say the same thing. But then, that is a good thing because we all want the same thing for our communities. Good, wholesome places to live, work and raise our families.

Having just returned from the annual SDML Conference in Spearfish, I feel rejuvenated and inspired by many of the speakers and topics that were presented there. Networking is the catch phrase that is so important to the learning process. Even after 27 years; I am always amazed at learning something new.

By the time you read this, we will be very near the Holiday Season. Whether it be fall festivals, holiday concerts, homecoming or those beloved church suppers. (yum!) For many communities, this is your chance to showcase your businesses and community pride. The construction season is winding down and many of the future projects are already being planned for 2015. City fiscal year is near year end.

I would like to take this opportunity to again congratulate Paul Young, Spearfish councilman for being the recipient of the 2014 SD Municipal League Excellence in Municipal Government Award. He is such a nice man and is so deserving of this award! Thank you to the SDML staff for their tireless efforts of putting together the Conference—lots of last minute work that we never see from the outside! Thank you to Mayor Boke, the Spearfish City Council and staff for hosting this year’s conference. Beautiful weather in a beautiful area of our state!

Again, I am humbled by being your SDML President. After the elections at the conference; a lot of people kept saying “Good Luck!” Well, I must say that has me a little nervous—as to why I need luck but I am sure with the excellent SDML Board of Directors and the League Staff; it will be a great year!

Thank you to Becky Brunsing, Past President of the SDML. She did a terrific job and even managed to get Yvonne Taylor a little teary-eyed with her term ending!

Happy Fall Ya’ll!

Jeanne Duchscher
President
September 10, 2014

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tim Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kristi Noem
United States House
Washington, DC 20515

We write seeking your support for S. 2609, the Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act. As you know, the bill has two parts: the taxing of Internet sales (Marketplace Fairness) and the taxing of Internet access (the Internet Tax Fairness Act).

The ability to tax Internet sales is of great importance to our state. The proliferation of Internet access has created nearly endless possibilities for a rural state such as ours. It has brought an unprecedented level of choice to South Dakotans. However, we must ensure this competition and choice is fair to our local retailers. The lack of a sales tax on Internet purchases at the point of sale creates a price-based advantage for Internet only retailers. This discrepancy is an unfair disadvantage to businesses that choose to locate in South Dakota.

Further, many local cities also share our state’s concern. Marketplace Fairness will allow local entities, such as municipalities, to assess their local sales tax against online purchases from within their jurisdiction, just as local taxes are assessed now against purchases made from a seller located in a city.

The urgency of Marketplace Fairness is compounded by developments surrounding the Internet Tax Fairness Act, which seeks to extend the current access tax moratorium that will expire on November 1, 2014. If the Internet Tax Fairness Act is enacted without any clauses grandfathering the current taxes collected, the state of South Dakota stands to lose $9.3 million of revenue and South Dakota cities stand to lose $4.3 million. As you know, because South Dakota maintains very low taxes, we are disproportionately affected by losses of revenue. Absorbing the loss of access tax revenue would be very difficult if not accompanied by new revenue through an online sales tax.
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We would appreciate your support of Marketplace Fairness to address the inequity between online and local retailers. The passage of Marketplace Fairness will help our state move past the loss of Internet access taxes upon the potential enactment of a permanent federal prohibition.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daugaard
Governor
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Executive Director
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Three area election workshops are scheduled this winter to assist election officers in conducting elections. The Secretary of State’s office, Associated School Boards of South Dakota and the South Dakota Municipal League will again co-sponsor workshops covering all aspects of elections – from notices to the final canvass – including question-and-answer sessions.

Municipal finance officers and school business managers have statutory responsibility to conduct elections in their local jurisdictions. Properly conducted elections are an integral part of the democratic process. The many hours of diligent work on the part of the election officers enhances candidate and voter participation, and provides for accurate and consistent elections.

Election officers may choose to attend one of the following three election workshops:

- Rapid City Ramkota Hotel December 10th
- Pierre Ramkota Hotel December 11th
- Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel December 12th

The workshops will begin at 9:45 a.m. local time and conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. Registration is $25.00 per person and will cover coffee, workshop materials and lunch.
The mission of the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system. In order to provide a safe transportation system, the SDDOT and the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), found it necessary to update the 2007 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The updated plan, guided by the safety vision statement of: Every Life Counts: Partnering to Save Lives, identifies various strategies and emphasis areas intended to reduce the fatal and serious injury crash rate 15% by 2020.

Through the work of the SHSP steering committee, safety partners and safety stakeholders, the plan identifies seven key safety emphasis areas: roadway departure, unbelted vehicle occupants, speeding-related, drug and alcohol related, young driver and motorcycles. Within the document we have identified proposed safety strategies, implementation plans, performance measures and evaluation criteria.

The SHSP is intended to help guide investment decisions on roadway improvements for all public roadways. The SHSP can be downloaded from the SDDOT website at: http://www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/traffic/safety/docs/FinalSHSP.pdf.

The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) offers many job services at the local level that can lead to an effective workforce system.

Job seekers are encouraged to visit a DLR local office to speak with a workforce expert. Employment representatives specialize in all aspects of job searches from career exploration to application, resume and cover letter assistance, to mock interviews and workforce training opportunities.

“As a department, we strive to provide job seekers with relevant and quality services,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “We are focused on South Dakota’s workforce and helping South Dakotans find the right career.”

Additional services offered at all DLR local offices include job search workshops, National Career Readiness Certification, veterans’ services and South Dakota’s largest jobs database SDWORKS.

“Our job services help guide people to the right training and opportunities for today’s jobs,” said Secretary Hultman.

A list of local office locations and contact information can be found at www.sdjobs.org/localoffices.
Parker Finance Officer Jeanne Duchscher ascended to the South Dakota Municipal League’s top leadership position at the 81st Annual Conference on October 10 in Spearfish.

The event was formalized at the Business Meeting with the traditional “Passing of the Gavel” from Past President Becky Brunsing, Wagner Finance Officer, to Duchscher.

President Duchscher began her leadership duties immediately on behalf of the interests of South Dakota’s municipalities.

SDML’s leadership also includes the following Officers, Trustees and District Chairs:

**President:** Jeanne Duchscher  
Finance Officer, Parker

**1st Vice President:** Meri Jo Anderson  
Finance Officer, New Underwood

**2nd Vice President:** Laurie Gill  
Mayor, Pierre

**Trustee:** Greg Jamison  
Councilmember, Sioux Falls

**Trustee:** Sam Kooiker  
Mayor, Rapid City

**Trustee:** Pauline Sumption  
Finance Officer, Rapid City

**Trustee:** Mike Wendland  
Mayor, Baltic

**Trustee:** Karl Alberts  
Finance Officer, Aberdeen

**Past President:** Becky Brunsing  
Finance Officer, Wagner

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**District Chairs**

1. Mike Grosek  
Mayor, Webster
2. Tim Reed  
Mayor, Brookings
3. Amy Nelson  
City Manager, Yankton
4. Debbie Houseman  
Finance Officer, Lake Andes
5. Renae Phinney  
President, Ree Heights
6. Anita Lowary  
Finance Officer, Groton
7. Arnold Schott  
Mayor, McLaughlin
8. Harry Weller  
Mayor, Kadoka
9. Gary Lipp  
Mayor, Custer
10. Fay Bueno  
Finance Officer, Sturgis

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SDML Elects New Leadership

SDML President Jeanne Duchscher accepts the gavel from SDML Past President Becky Brunsing.

Outgoing SDML President Becky Brunsing receives a plaque from SDML Executive Director Yvonne Taylor in honor of her service as SDML President.

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The following is from SDML President Becky Brunsing’s presentation of the Excellence in Municipal Government Award during the luncheon held Thursday, October 9 at the 81st Annual SDML Conference in Spearfish.

“This year’s Excellence in Municipal Government Award Winner has always been known as a leader, and for involvement with the community. The contributions to city projects is almost too long to list, but we’ll try in a bit…but first, some quotes from people asked to comment on this outstanding person:

“There are so many good things to say…but I guess the biggest one is he is willing to do ANYTHING for you!”

“Really one of the nicest people I know.”

“He is just an honestly kind and good human being.”

The award winner is dedicated to his family, and is a proud husband, father, and grandfather — as is evident any time you talk to him and see him beam as he talks about his wife and kids.

But his great humanity is just the icing on the cake – our purpose in honoring him today is his service to municipal government.

In 18 years as a city council member, his leadership has been recognized with service as a council President or Vice President. He has served on the local Parks and Rec Board, the Personnel Committee, the Library Board, and regional economic development boards. He is active in the United Way, Kiwanis, the free community health clinic, his church, his university, and in local youth sports organizations.

He was instrumental in the formation of his city’s park system, trails, and recreation center. His love of good music and fun times came together with his love of city when he helped establish the summer downtown festival on Friday nights. And as we witnessed just today, his talent extends to performance.

Paul Young, receives the Excellence in Municipal Government Award from SDML President Becky Brunsing.

His service to the Municipal League spans his entire career, and includes rising to the top leadership position of President. He currently is serving as the Immediate Past President.

I am so pleased to present this year’s Excellence in Municipal Government Award to Paul Young — Councilmember of Spearfish.”

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October 6 - 9, 2015
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The SDML Hall of Fame is ongoing, if 20 years of service is completed by September 30, 2015 you are eligible to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2015 at the SDML Annual Conference in Watertown. Nomination forms will be available with other conference information in 2015.

Glenn Sealey, Colome, 32 Years
Glenn Sealey has faithfully served the City of Colome for over 32 years, both as mayor and councilman. During that time he missed very few meetings, and was instrumental in many things, including a new city wide water main project. He has been a member of the Colome Volunteer Fire Department for 36 years, many of those serving as chief, and was a driving force behind building a new fire hall to serve the community. He has also served the community as an EMT for many years. Glenn’s wife, Cindy, is a teacher in the Colome school system. He has two children and three grandchildren.

Duane Walters, Freeman, 30 Years
Public Works Director

Ralph Borkowski, Huron, 20 Years
Ralph grew up and Huron and, like lots of high school kids, the view of his home town that he wanted was in the rear view mirror. After marrying Kim (a high school science teacher) and starting their family in Yankton, they moved back to Huron to be closer to his family. Ralph worked in Huron first as the City Administrator and City Planner and continues his work as the City Planner. Ralph celebrates his 20th anniversary with the City of Huron this year. Ralph volunteers in Huron as a member of the United Way board (since 1994), state-wide with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (since 2010) and at his church.

Brian Dunn, Huron, 20 Years
Brian celebrates his 20th year anniversary with the City of Huron this year. He has been a member of the Huron Fire Department for 20 years serving two years as a fire fighter and 18 years as a Lieutenant. He has a 3rd degree black belt in Tang Soo Do and Tae Kwan Do. He is EMT B certified, ARRF certified, Diving certified and an active member of the Huron Ambulance. He is the secretary/treasurer for the Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company and a member of the Huron Community Rural Fire Truck Association. He was a machine gunner in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1983 – 1989. He enjoys fishing, hunting and gardening in his free time.

Gary Gogolin, Huron, 20 Years
Gary celebrates his 20th year anniversary with the City of Huron this year. In 20 years, he was a 911 Telecommunicator from 1994 to 2010 when he transferred to Water – Sewer Treatment. He has received Certificate of Achievement from SD DENR for 2012 and 2013 for providing safe drinking water to the City. He served in the Navy and USNR for 18 years and 4 months from 1973 – 1977 and from 1980 to 1994.

Rollie Hotchkin, Huron, 20 Years
Rollie celebrates his 20th year anniversary with the City of Huron this year. In 20 years, he has worked for the Street Department as an Equipment Operator from 1994 to 2006 and as a mechanic from 2006 to present. Rollie is very active in the Boy Scouts of America where he has volunteered since 1998. He will take vacation time to attend Boy Scout Camp and has since 1998. Rollie also serves on his church council since 2012.

Karen Mathison, Madison, 20 Years
Karen began her employment with the City of Madison in 1994 as Utility Billing Clerk. In 2007 she moved to the position of Utility Clerk/Cashier. She enjoys working with the public even though it can be challenging at times. Karen and her husband Scott have two daughters, Kelsi and Kristin, and one son, Scott Jr. She enjoys fishing, gardening and walking in her spare time.

Richard Nighbert, Madison, 20 Years
Rick Nighbert was hired by the City of Madison in August 1994 as a water I wastewater treatment operator. Rick currently holds class III certifications in both water and wastewater treatment and was promoted to foreman of Madison’s facilities in January of 2013. One of his career highlights was being awarded the 2014 Nalco Award by the South Dakota Water and Wastewater Association. Rick has been involved with many changes at Madison’s treatment facilities including major upgrades in equipment and technology at both plants.

Daniel Wyatt, Madison, 20 Years
Dan started his employment with the City of Madison in 1994 as a Patrol Officer with the Police Department. Over the past 20 years he has observed many significant changes happen in the city. The evolution
of Dakota State University, the destruction and rebuilding process after a 100 year flood and the expansion of the City’s economic development. In the past 20 years Dan has been promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant at the Police Department. He understands and appreciates that when a situation occurs his co-workers [all city employees] all work together and serve the citizens in exemplary fashion. (ie: Spring of 2014 water treatment plant) Dan is excited for what the future holds for the City and takes great pride that he has the honor to work for the City of Madison.

Thomas Harmon, Murdo, 23 Years
Thomas H. Harmon has lived most of his life in South Dakota. He graduated from James Valley Christian High School and Northern State College. He taught special education for several years before he went into law school. In 1978 he received his J.D. as well as a master’s degree in education from USD. Tom worked for the State Supreme Court and the Attorney General’s office before going into private practice. For 15 years he was a partner in the Tieszen Law Firm in Pierre, and now he is a sole practitioner. In addition to a number of schools, he represents the cities of Murdo and Kennebec. Tom is married to Esther and they have two adult sons.

Paula Basker, Sturgis, 24 Years
Paula Basker has been employed with the Sturgis Police Department as Secretary - Records/Office Administrator since June 1990. Over the years, she has fully automated the office and record keeping processes of the department. Paula works closely with the Clerk of Courts, Sheriff’s Office and State’s Attorney Office as well as other city offices. Paula assists with the administration of grants, pulling statistical reports for the Chief of Police. Paula manages all the police records and also coordinates annual hiring of special rally officers. Paula serves as the public face of the PD’s Business Office, addressing walk up and telephone inquiries.

Ann Bertolotto, Sturgis, 22 Years
Ann Bertolotto has served as Deputy Finance Officer for the City of Sturgis since July 1992. She is a certified Municipal Clerk and her duties include accounts receivable, processing $15 million dollars each year. She writes and administers grants, most recently a new recreational trail and a new park facility. Ann served as Park Board Secretary for 13 years and was a member of the Project Playground Committee in 2002. She served as interim Finance Officer (1999) and interim co-Finance Officer (2007). During her career, Ann also handled contractor licensing for the City and the DOT drug compliance program.

Jim Bush, Sturgis, 36 Years
Jim Bush joined the Sturgis Police Reserves in 1978. He was hired as full-time in 1979, graduating Standards in February 1980. Jim was promoted to Sergeant (1985) and became Police Chief in 1990. He implemented community policing and introduced a School Resource Officer in local schools. He enhanced animal control services, jointly building a new shelter facility with Meade County. He has overseen law enforcement for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. He serves on the Board for the Action for the Benefit of the Community (ABC), and was a past President of the SD Police Chiefs’ Association and Sturgis United Way.

Maxine Cordes, Sturgis, 22 Years
Maxine Cordes joined the Sturgis Community Center staff in November 1992 as a drop-in daycare provider during the land aerobics classes. After several months, she moved to the Front Desk role where she has been cheerfully checking in members, answering telephone calls, selling concessions, and providing general office support for the Office Manager and Director. Maxine has worked the weekday morning shift on a part-time basis for many years and is a favorite with staff, visitors, and, of course, the “regulars”, who she knows all by name.

Judd Crowser, Sturgis, 24 Years
Judd Crowser started his career with the City of Sturgis in March 1991 on the Sanitation crew. After three years, he transferred to the Streets department. Judd was part of the crew that was called in to help dig fire break lines on the extensive Bear Butte fire that burned in the late summer of 1996. Judd transferred to the Water Department in September 2009. Judd quickly completed his certifications for Water Treatment and Water Distribution to become a Water Operator. He recently transferred back to the Streets Department.

Joyce Ehlers, Sturgis, 23 Years
Joyce Ehlers joined the City of Sturgis in March 1992 as Assistant Manager for our Community Center, just before its grand opening. Joyce bought the first pencil! Five years later, Joyce moved to the Water Department as Billing Clerk. In 2001, she became the Accounting Clerk for the Finance Office, and now serves as Accounts Payable Specialist. Joyce was the Secretary of the Forestry Advisory Board from 2002 until 2009 and was an integral part of the Freedom Memorial’s creation in 2007. Joyce was also a member of the Bike Path Committee, which established the first recreational trail in Sturgis.
Shawn Fischer, Sturgis, 21 Years
Shawn (Peterson) Fischer started as an EMT-Basic in 1993 with Faith Ambulance. She certified as an EMT-I (1996), Paramedic (2009) and Critical Care (2010). Shawn joined the Sturgis Ambulance Service (2010) and in 2012 became Director. Under her leadership, the Service updated medical protocols and internalized billing. Sturgis was awarded the 2012 SD Ambulance Service of the Year and, in 2011 and 2012, received “EMS Week of Year.” Since 2010, the Service has seen double digit growth in call volume annually and are on target to have 2,100 calls in 2014. Shawn was Sturgis’s Employee of the Year in 2012.

Darrel Hatzenbuhler, Sturgis, 24 Years
Darrel Hatzenbuhler joined the Sturgis Police Department in 1990, graduating Standards in 1991. Darrel became the School Resource Officer (1994), achieving rank of Sergeant (1999), and growing the DARE program to include 5th, 8th and high school grades. He was named the West River DARE Officer of the Year in 1999. In 2010, SDNG invited Sergeant Hatzenbuhler to travel to South America and speak to the Suriname Police Department. He has been the Rally Daytime Shift Supervisor since 1995. Darrel was one of the PD’s first motorcycle officers. Darrel retired in 2013, but several months later returned as the part-time SRO.

Jay Johnson, Sturgis, 27 Years
Jay Johnson started as Sanitation Operator for the City of Sturgis in 1987. He was involved in the automation of garbage pick-up. After several years, he became Sanitation Supervisor, which included responsibility for garbage pick-up and the Rubble Site. Jay is currently the Sanitation Superintendent (2012). Jay implemented a Recycling program allowing residents to drop off recyclables at 2 locations. He also wrote a grant for an Alternative Daily Cover machine, extending the life of our Rubble Site. Jay is a certified “Manager of Landfill Operations” through SWANA. Jay is a longstanding Board member of SD Solid Waste Management Association.

Jeff Lucas, Sturgis, 27 Years
Jeff Lucas began his career with the Sturgis Public Works Department in 1987. Jeff worked various positions within the Public Works Department – Sanitation, Wastewater, Rubble Site, and Heavy Equipment Operator until transferring to Parks in 2005. Jeff built iconic Rally infrastructure: Two Photo Towers and 16 banner poles spanning key City thoroughfares. For years, he did track prep for the annual 1/2 mile event. Jeff was a part of the City’s clean-up for the 1995 flood and the 2013 blizzard. Jeff helped build the Lion’s Club Gazebo and was responsible for blading and irrigating the new Pony Field.

Julie Moore-Peterson, Sturgis, 29 Years
Julie Moore-Peterson began as Circulation Librarian (October 1985) for the Sturgis Public Library, moving to Assistant Director (1987) and Director (2004). She coordinated the original digitization/automation of library records. She was a Building Project member for the new Community Center (1992 opening) and the new Library/City Hall (2006 opening). The Library expanded services into Meade County with a small branch library (Union Center) and community drop off services (Summerset). Julie partners with the Sturgis Area Arts Council and is a Board member for SD Humanities Council. She was the 2013 SD Festival of Book’s Chair of Local Arrangements.

Michael O’Bryan, Sturgis, 29 Years
Mike O’Bryan was hired in 1985 by the Sturgis Police Department, graduating Standards in 1986. In 1990 Mike was awarded the Medal of Valor for actions taken while on duty. Mike is also credited...
with saving the life of a severely injured woman. Mike has also been involved in many of the Department’s technological upgrades: he bought their first computer, launched the website, and implemented email. Mike also handles the speed trailer and works with Action for the Betterment of the Community, conducting saturation patrols, seatbelt enforcement, and sobriety checks. Mike has also supported the outreach programs in the elementary school.

**Dale Olson, Sturgis, 25 Years**
Dale Olson started with the City of Sturgis in 1989 as an equipment operator (Streets). He became the Water Department’s Meter Reader (1991), a Water Operator (1992), the Water Supervisor (1996) and now leads the Water Department as Water Superintendent (2011). The Department has replaced or added 10,000 feet of water main in the last three years, including the $2.2 million Lazelle Project. The Department now exercises all City valves and fire hydrants (best practices) and Dale has improved crew response times and efficiency. Under Dale’s leadership, the City is always compliant with South Dakota safe drinking water standards.

**Marty Plaggemeyer, Sturgis, 22 Years**
Marty Plaggemeyer started working for Sturgis Public Works as a seasonal employee in 1992. He was hired as a Sanitation Operator in January 1993. Marty worked as a Rubble Site Operator before transferring to Streets (1994). Marty was instrumental in constructing the City’s iconic hillside Sturgis sign. He helped to construct and reinforce the City’s various creek crossings and participated in various Sly Hill projects – installing guard rail and reinforcing the road bed/slope. Marty became Streets Superintendent (2012) and is responsible for maintenance and care of 40+ miles of roads (plus alleys), traffic lights, street lighting and City buildings.

**John Rasch, Sturgis, 24 Years**
John Rasch’s career with the City of Sturgis Parks Department began in April 1990. John has helped develop the infrastructure of many of the City’s parks and recreational facilities. Highlights include the blade work on both tee ball fields, the dirt work for Centennial Park and the Community Center, helping construct the Lion’s Club Gazebo, laying out the irrigation system at City Park, and gutting the old Library building. For years, John did track prep for the annual 1/2 mile event. John works with Tree City USA initiatives. John was a part of the City’s clean-up after the 2013 blizzard.

**Julie Schmidt, Sturgis, 33 Years**
Julie’s municipal career began at the City of Herreid’s swimming pool. She became the Aberdeen Police Department’s Case Clerk Recorder as well as responsible for their Evidence Room (July 1981). Julie represented the City in magistrate court and filed documentation with the States’ Attorney and Clerk of Courts. Every once in a while, Julie would work undercover with the detectives. After moving to Sturgis, Julie joined the City of Sturgis Fire/EMS department in January 2002. Julie continues to serve as Administrative Assistant, processing invoices, purchasing, and revenue payments. She is also responsible for the City’s billing to Veterans’ Affairs (VA).

**Jeanie Shyne, Sturgis, 43 Years**
Jeanie Shyne began with the City of Sturgis in 1971 as a Library clerk. In 1979 she transferred to the Finance Office and became the Deputy Auditor/Deputy Treasurer. Jeanie was instrumental in the digitization and automation of the City’s financial records into a City-wide software system. Following the 1992 restructure of the Finance Office, Jeanie became Deputy Finance Officer and still serves in that capacity. During vacancies, Jeanie served as interim Finance Officer and interim co-Finance Officer. Jeanie also served as the Planning Commission’s Secretary from 1979 until 2009.

**Leith Simonson, Sturgis, 20 Years**
Leith Simonson started with the Sturgis Public Library in 1994. Although technically a Circulation Librarian, Leith is really the Library’s “Fixer Extraordinaire,” resurrecting many a book (and several puppets) that seemed beyond repair. Leith is very conscientious about the Library’s appearance and takes pride in ensuring that everything is neat and orderly. She is also the Library’s “go to” person for Saturday shifts. Leith’s customer service is exceptional and she knows all the local patrons (and quite a few out-of-staters) by name. Although she retired this past summer, Leith still works on call, helping out as needed.
Gene Stock, Sturgis, 30 Years
Under the leadership and guidance of the Parks Board of the City of Sturgis, Gene Stock has brought to fruition the community’s visions for our Parks and Recreational amenities. Since Gene became Parks Director in 1984, the City has developed City Park (new restroom, shelter and play structures), Woodland Park (shelter and play structures), Meade Avenue Park (play structure), and Centennial Park (play structures). We have developed approximately eight miles of bike/recreational trails. Youth sports field and facilities have been constructed or enhanced, with Girls Softball, Pony Field, Ft. Meade Adult Softball, Little League fields, and Strong Field seeing improvements.

Brenda Vasknetz, Sturgis, 27 Years
Brenda Vasknetz began with the City of Sturgis’s Water Department in 1988, assisting the City Engineer and managing utility billing. In 1997 she became Deputy Finance Officer, handling Accounts Payable, Liquor Licensing and voter records. In September 2003, Brenda became the Assistant Director of the new Rally Department. She moved to Director in 2008. The department expanded to coordinate all City special events in 2012. Under her direction, Brenda developed the Mayor’s Ride and (Rally) Military Appreciation Day. In 2013, she established the annual Supermoto races through downtown Sturgis. She served as Board member on Black Hills Badlands & Lakes.

Dennis Schroeder, Winner, 50 Years
Dennis Schroeder was hired June 1, 1964 by the City of Winner immediately upon graduating from Winner High School to work in the water department. In 1985 he was appointed water department head; 1987 maintenance supervisor and 2006 the position of the Public Works Director. In 2003 he was also given the position of Safety Director, thus organizing workshops and informational seminars for fellow employees was instrumental in lowering the city’s liability rate. Dennis was certified in water distribution, water treatment, waste water collection. Through years of service and dedication Dennis’ knowledge of the water/sewer system was invaluable. He worked maintaining the city’s streets, parks and cemetery. Dennis was a dedicated self-motivating employee who never lost his enthusiasm for his job or for the betterment of the city and community. Dennis retired June 1, 2014 after 50 years of service to the City of Winner.

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Obituary: Larry Sand

Larry Sand, 61, Rosholt, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2014, in an automobile accident near Rosholt.

Larry Gerard Sand was born June 5, 1953, to Lawrence and Irene (Krauth) Sand in Breckenridge, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Catholic Church in Rosholt. He attended elementary and high school in Rosholt, graduating in 1971. After graduation he worked in Minneapolis, MN, at Champion Auto as a parts technician.

Larry returned to Rosholt and on March 20, 1976, he was united in marriage to his best friend and the love of his life, Bonnie Hauge in Fergus Falls, MN. To this union two daughters were born, Christy and Nicole.

Larry worked on the family farm and various other jobs. In 1985 he attended the Police Academy (DCI) in Pierre, SD. After completing his training, he became the police chief of Rosholt. He left the position for a time and was employed at Fiskars in Wheaton, MN. In 1999 he returned to the police chief position having worked until the time of his death. Larry was born to be a police officer, to serve and protect.

Larry was a devoted husband and father. He took loving care of his wife Bonnie during her illness of 18 months. His greatest joy was being a Grampy. He loved his family and friends. He was a friend to many and was always ready to help in any way he could.

Larry’s passions were hunting, shooting, and teaching youth gun safety.

Larry is survived by his daughters, Christy (Herman) Kauk of Wishek, ND, and Nicole (Joey) McGuire of Rosholt; 9 grandchildren, Austin Kauk, Annabelle Kauk, Jonathan Kauk, Herman Kauk III, Emily Kauk, McKenzie Schmitz, Alexander Schmitz, Sterling McGuire, and Amelia McGuire; sister, Carol (Norman) Carlson; sister-in-law, Linda Sand; brother-in-law, Gary Hauge; many nieces and nephews; and (adopted) son Justin (Niki) Rikimoto.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie; parents, Lawrence and Irene Sand; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Violet Hauge; brother, Rodney Sand; son-in-law, Chris Schmitz; brothers-in-law, Henry “Hank” Hull and Dale Hauge; nephew, Dennis Hull; and niece, Linda Hull Hansen.
### South Dakota Municipal League
### 2015 Statement of Policy

The Municipal League’s Statement of Policy for the coming year was adopted in its final form at the SDML annual business meeting held during the annual conference in Spearfish. This statement guides the League Staff and lobbyists during the legislative session and functions as a reference for the League’s position on various issues affecting local government. This Statement of Policy is also posted on the League’s website, www.sdmunicipalleague.org.

Adopted October 10, 2014

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<td>The SDML supports continuation, reinstatement, or new state and federal grants and loans, at sustained levels, including State Revolving Fund monies, to local governments to facilitate construction and upgrading of sewer, stormwater utility, water, and solid waste facilities as mandated by state and federal regulations. (PW – 2000; 2007; 19)</td>
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<td>The SDML supports cooperative efforts to return a portion of the video lottery revenues to municipalities. (T&amp;R – 2000; 2)</td>
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18. The SDML strongly opposes any formula-driven redistribution of sales and use tax revenues. The SDML strongly supports maintaining the current system of returning revenues based on sales actually attributed to that point of delivery. (T&R – 2002; 15)

19. The SDML supports allowing broad, local-option authority to municipalities that would enable the return of any potential tax revenue increases to entities or persons deemed appropriate by the municipality. (T&R – 2002; 20)

20. The SDML supports a requirement that all prior debt obligations be covered regardless of any potential initiative, referendum, or legislative action. (T&R – 2002; 22)

21. The SDML is opposed to de minimus exceptions. (The exceptions do not serve to level the playing field and the collection allowance will reimburse sellers for the costs of collecting the taxes.) (T&R – 2002; 23)

22. The SDML opposes any municipal funding of a sales tax collection allowance for all sellers, whether in or out of state. (T&R – 2002; 2004; 2012; 2013)

23. The SDML supports continued local control over local rates and opposes weighted averaging or a state-imposed single rate. (T&R – 2002; 25)

24. The SDML supports retaining the ability of municipalities to impose, adjust, and determine local rates, protect current revenues, prevent loss of revenue, and to account for any future growth. (T&R – 2002; 26)

25. The SDML opposes any moratorium on taxation of Internet services. (T&R – 2002; 2010; 27)

State/Federal Funding

26. The SDML supports federal funding of the “state-side” share of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, on the condition that the state continues its practice of sharing those funds with municipalities. (T&R – 2000; 30)
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27. The SDML supports repeal of state taxation on alternative fuels used by local governments, and supports federal tax incentives for government purchases of alternative fuel vehicles. (T&R – 2007)

28. The SDML supports exempting municipal projects from the contractors excise tax. (T&R – 2004)

29. The SDML supports exempting all municipal projects, facilities, and equipment from sales and use taxes, so long as the municipality retains ownership and control, regardless of who installs or operates the facility or equipment. (T&R – 2011)

30. The SDML supports legislation to require that all aviation funds, grants, revenues, taxes, or monies from any other source collected previously and in the future be dedicated for aviation use only. (T&R – 2000; 2010; CB6) (Moved from Core Beliefs)

31. The SDML opposes removing or reducing tax exemptions for municipal bonds. (T&R – 2013)

Property Tax
32. The SDML supports legislation to allow, at local option, the creation of library districts to allow for the equitable funding for libraries that provide service to municipalities, counties, and other overlapping entities. (T&R – 2000; 31)

33. The SDML opposes any legislation that would shift more of the current property tax levy from ag to non-ag property. (T&R – 2000; 32)

34. The SDML opposes attempts to amend the Constitution to cap the growth of property values and base the value on the acquisition value of property. (T&R – 2005)

35. The SDML supports continuing liens and encumbrances on property purchased through a tax deed. (T&R – 2013)

User Fees
36. The SDML supports the concept of user fees for public service calls, including but not limited to police and fire protection for all tax-exempt properties. (T&R – 2000; 2008; 2010; 33)

37. The SDML opposes discriminatory charges on county taxpayers living within municipal boundaries for services, including but not limited to 911 emergency services. (T&R – 2012)

GOVERNMENT ETHICS AND OPERATIONS
38. The SDML supports legislation that would exempt municipalities from the regulations of the unclaimed property laws. (GG – 2000; 12)

39. The SDML supports amending SDCL 12-1-5 to include municipal election officials on the State Board of Elections. (GG – 2000; 13)

40. The SDML supports establishing a deadline 90 days in advance of the annual municipal election for the submission of initiative or referendum petitions or petitions involving recall elections. (GG – 2011)

41. The SDML supports clarifying the voting requirements for non-ordinance items in the aldermanic form of government. (GG – 2010)

42. The SDML supports amending state law to clarify residence requirements for municipal elected officials. (GG – 2014)

43. The SDML supports amending SDCL 3-4-1 (5) to include an alderman moving out of the ward from which the alderman was elected to the list of events creating a vacancy. (GG – 2014)

44. The SDML supports amending SDCL 9-13-16.1 to clarify that the person in charge of the election may make last-minute, emergency appointments to fill precinct election boards. (GG – 2014)

45. The SDML supports increasing the audit “trigger” to $750,000. (GG – 2014)

46. The SDML supports increasing the Internal Control Review range to between $100,000 and $750,000. (GG – 2014)

47. The SDML supports changing the makeup of the local board of equalization to more appropriately reflect the distribution of property tax revenues. (GG – 2008)

48. The SDML supports allowing municipalities alternative publication options. (GG – 2003)
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49. The SDML supports amending statutes regarding designation of official newspapers to require the newspaper submit the circulation density by local government jurisdiction. (GG – 2011; 2013)

50. The SDML supports legislation to allow a local option for resolutions to be published by title and abbreviated explanation only. (GG – 2006)


52. The SDML supports reviewing open meeting laws in conjunction with any Open Government Task Force so long as the SDML is adequately represented. (GG – 2009; 2012)

53. The SDML opposes state regulation of the Health Pool of South Dakota, the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, or the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund. (GG – 2003)

54. The SDML supports legislation to raise the threshold for requiring a performance bond to $50,000. (GG – 2006)

55. The SDML supports legislation amending SDCL 34A-6-29 to make the collection of delinquent garbage collection fees consistent with the collection of other delinquent municipal utility fees. (GG – 2006)

56. The SDML supports legislation to allow funds to be deposited directly to municipalities from the state, rather than going first through the counties. (GG – 2006)

57. The SDML will not oppose the addition of a penalty for the late submission of an annual report as long as the deadline for submission can be moved back to May 31 of each year and there is a provision for the Department of Legislative Audit to allow for an extension as circumstances merit. (GG – 2006)

58. The SDML supports changing the vote to create a hospital district to a simple majority. (GG – 2007)

59. The SDML supports equal treatment of all government facilities which serve as the official office of elected officials or any buildings where governing bodies officially meet on a regular basis. (GG – 2012)

60. The SDML supports clarifying municipal statutes to provide procedures consistent with state laws on absentee voting, including the absentee voting deadline and when absentee voting begins. (GG – 2013)

61. The SDML supports making special assessments for sidewalks consistent with all other special assessment procedures. (GG – 2013)

62. The SDML supports legislation making non-sufficient fund/returned check fees consistent for all entities. (GG – 2014)

63. The SDML supports clarifying that nuisance assessments may be made by local resolution. (GG – 2013)

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

64. The SDML supports allowing a separate and additional class of on-sale liquor licenses for golf courses. (GG – 2003; 2007; 2008)

65. The SDML opposes any change to the requirement that alcoholic beverage licenses be given only to a single legal description. (GG – 2000; 21)

66. The SDML supports allowing the direct shipment of wine to consumers, so long as local sales taxes are paid, and adequate controls exist to prevent access by minors. (GG – 2014)

67. The SDML supports the valuation of platted land based on use, rather than zoning designation, and
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urges cities and counties to work cooperatively to develop legislation. (GG – 2014)

68. The SDML supports the public financing toolbox for local governments. (GG – 2014)

69. The SDML supports a reduced rate for ballot publications. (GG – 2009)

70. The SDML supports amendments to annexation laws that increase local authority. (PW – 2000; 9)

71. The SDML supports planning and zoning legislation that will encourage continuity between city and county planning and zoning procedures and reduce ambiguities within the adoption process, enabling municipalities to more effectively adopt and administer their comprehensive plan, zoning regulations, and subdivision regulations. (PW – 2000; 10)

72. The SDML would strongly oppose any legislation to overrule local zoning or building codes pertaining to mobile homes, manufactured houses or trailer houses. (PW – 2000; 11)

73. The SDML supports the right and authority of municipalities to have at least an equal voice in platting, zoning, planning, code enforcement, and flood management control in the extraterritorial area. The SDML also supports legislation to enhance municipalities’ ability to gain extraterritorial jurisdiction, and permissive legislation allowing cities and counties to enter into intergovernmental agreements for Urban Growth Areas. (PW – 2000; 12)

74. The SDML supports legislation to amend SDCL 9-4-1 to exclude “registered voters” from the petition process for annexation of contiguous territory. (Transferred from GG – 2000; 13)

75. The SDML supports legislation to ensure that municipalities control planning, zoning, and development issues within the corporate limits. (PW – 2003)

76. The SDML believes municipal governments should be notified of and participate in economic development efforts within their jurisdiction. (PW – 2014)

77. The SDML supports state and federal funding for the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System to complete services to South Dakota communities. (PW – 2014)

78. The SDML would support legislation broadening authority of existing municipalities’ control of the incorporation of new municipalities within three miles of existing corporate limits. (PW – 2006)

79. The SDML supports revising the business improvement district statutes to allow municipalities and counties to enter into joint projects and to locally determine all rates. (T&R – 2003)

80. The SDML supports creating incentives within the REDI fund for investment, not just job creation. (T&R – 2003)

81. The SDML supports making REDI funds available for infrastructure and infrastructure master planning. There is plenty of raw land, but it needs infrastructure before it can be sold to prospects or developed in a timely manner. (T&R – 2003)

82. The SDML strongly opposes any changes to Tax Increment Financing Districts which would inhibit the growth and development of South Dakota. (T&R – 2014)

83. The SDML supports legislation allowing a local vote on up to an additional one cent temporary municipal sales tax to be used for infrastructure projects. (T&R – 2014)

LOCAL CONTROL AND HOME RULE

84. The SDML supports legislation that would exclude club licenses (class M licenses) from the limitation on the total number of liquor licenses allowed within a municipality. (GG – 2000; 23)

85. The SDML supports permissive legislation granting municipalities the power to control the number and the fees for on-sale and off-sale liquor, wine, and malt beverage licenses to be granted within the municipality. (GG – 2000; 24)

86. The SDML supports local control of the sale, use, distribution, marketing, and promotion of tobacco products that are more restrictive than those provided by the Legislature. (GG – 2003)
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87. The SDML strongly supports legislation to distance state laws from Dillon’s Rule. (GG – 2005)

88. The SDML supports legislation to allow municipalities under 5,000 the same ability to establish the price of a liquor license as is allowed to those municipalities over 5,000 population. (GG – 2007)

89. The SDML supports the ability to use drones for any local government purpose. (Resolutions – 2014)

90. The SDML encourages standards be developed to provide equal 911 service to all citizens and visitors, and encourages cooperative efforts to improve 911 services and efficiency. The SDML opposes mandated consolidation of 911 service centers. (Adopted at Joint Board Meeting between SDML and SDACC, December, 1999; 8; Amended by SDML Board, December, 2006)

91. The SDML opposes state legislation limiting municipalities from adopting whichever portions of the International Building Code deemed necessary. (PHSW – 2009)

92. The SDML recommends that the Department of Transportation, the Legislature, and any county affected, carefully review the financial impact of the transfer of any roads, bridges or highways to the municipality. The SDML supports legislation to require counties and the state to provide to municipalities all maintenance records and bridge inspections prior to the negotiation of a transfer. (PW – 2000; 2010; 1)

93. The SDML strongly supports legislation affirming the authority of municipal government to control activities and charge for the use by utilities within public rights-of-way within municipal jurisdiction. (PW – 2000; 2)

94. The SDML opposes any regulation by others of any service provided by or regulated by a municipality.
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However, the SDML strongly feels that municipalities should be included in any discussion on restructuring of the energy and telecommunication industries. (PW – 2000; 3)

95. The SDML supports state legislation allowing the municipality to own and operate a cable TV system, when allowed by federal law. (PW – 2000; 5)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

96. The SDML supports the right of local jurisdictions to establish firefighting standards. The SDML does not oppose fire standards such as those issued by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as long as such standards allow municipalities real and substantial flexibility for the way municipalities provide fire and emergency medical services. (PHSW – 2002; 7)

97. The SDML encourages the licensing of building contractors by local units of government to ensure that contractors comply with minimum standards to protect the consumer. (PHSW – 2004)

98. The SDML supports legislation to expand affordable housing opportunities in South Dakota. (PHSW – 2014)

99. The SDML encourages the local units of government to use the funds available from the State of SD to combat West Nile and encourages the State of SD to increase these funds. (PHSW – 2007)

100. The SDML supports making affordable public and private health care coverage available to all South Dakotan’s. (PHSW – 2014)

101. The SDML supports a statewide task force to review access and resources for mental health care, including the treatment of alcoholism, drug addiction, and gambling addiction. The SDML calls for the State of South Dakota to assume increased responsibility for funding of detoxification and alcoholic, drug addiction, and gambling treatment facilities from state alcohol beverage taxes and gaming revenues. (PHSW – 2000; 2014 CB2) (Amended and moved from Core Beliefs)

102. The SDML supports a mechanism to allow blighted, vacant, or nuisance properties to assist in the costs of their own remediation. (PHSW – 2014)

103. The SDML supports legislation to provide stronger penalties and increase requirements for mandatory vehicle insurance. (PHSW – 2007)

104. The SDML supports legislation to remove restrictions which prohibit municipalities from prohibiting the use of phosphates in lawn fertilizers within city limits. (PHSW – 2010)

105. The SDML urges cities to continue weekly testing of pools and public bodies of water as previously required by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. (PHSW – 2011)

106. The SDML supports continued efforts to reduce distracted driving. (PHSW – 2012; 2014)

107. The SDML supports legislation enacting the International Property Maintenance Code on a statewide basis, with the option of local administration. (PHSW – 2013; 2014)

108. The SDML recommends that the State Department of Transportation analyze and make recommendations to the legislature regarding the adverse effects of state load and length limits on municipal streets, bridges, and traffic patterns regarding state load limits, issuing of permits, or truck lengths. (PW – 2000; 2010; 6)

109. The SDML strongly urges the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the South Dakota State Legislature to adopt rules, regulations and appropriate legislation to designate the entire Big Sioux River Basin as a water source protection area and to establish a management plan for the allocation of water in the Big Sioux River Basin (the river and associated aquifers.) (PW – 2000; 7)

110. The SDML supports the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996; however, the SDML opposes federally mandated drinking water standards unless based upon proven human health risks substantiated by scientific data. The SDML continues to support monetary assistance to public water systems based upon flexible and reasonable incentives. (PW – 2000; 2008; 8)

111. The SDML opposes the US Corps of Engineers’ proposal to levy fees on the storage of water in the Missouri River reservoirs to recover costs of constructing the Missouri River dams. The policy
would pose severe economic impacts to municipal and rural water systems in the state. (PW – 2011)

112. The SDML supports the Department of Environment and Natural Resources establishing water quality standards that protect public health and the environment, but opposes EPA mandates that establish national one-size-fits-all standards that do not fit South Dakota because they are overly protective, have negligible environmental benefit, and have a dramatic economic impact to publicly owned wastewater treatment works. (PW – 2011)

113. The SDML supports amending SDCL 34-45-4 to increase the maximum monthly 911 surcharge. (T&R – 2000; 35)

114. The SDML supports expanding the base for the 911 surcharge to include all means of communicating with a 911 system. (T&R – 2005)

115. The SDML supports enhanced revenue from the state and federal governments to implement heightened security standards necessitated by any state or federal Homeland Security requirements. (T&R – 2002; 36)

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

116. The SDML opposes forced transfer or sale of ownership of state or federally owned dams and power marketing administrations. (PW – 2000; 2010; 15) (Deleted portion moved to Core Beliefs)

117. The SDML opposes the practice of the federal government threatening the loss of funding to ensure compliance with federal guidelines. The SDML requests the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to allow flexibility to water systems to meet water certification requirements and urges the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to continue monetary assistance and free training for water certification. (PW – 2000; 2008; 16)

118. The SDML opposes any legislative and regulatory barriers to the creation of municipal electric
utilities and supports the fundamental principle of public power and the right of municipalities to provide any utility service desired by their citizens. (PW – 2004)

119. The SDML supports legislation that empowers municipalities to determine responsibility for service lines between the homeowner and the city. (PW – 2005)

120. The SDML supports the right and authority of municipalities to retain local control over all aspects of placement and use of individual alternative power systems. (PW – 2008)

121. The SDML encourages policymakers in Congress, the FCC, and the USDA to understand the importance of robust broadband deployment in rural America and how the National Broadband Plan needs to be dramatically altered to avoid a digital divide between rural and urban citizens. (PW – 2010)

122. The SDML supports amending annexation laws to ensure non-contiguous municipal utility facilities, specifically wastewater treatment plants and landfills, be considered to be within municipal boundaries. (PW – 2012)

123. The SDML opposes the imposition of any federal or state taxes or fees that would have an effect upon municipally owned enterprises or utilities. (T&R – 2000; 37)

**CORE BELIEFS**

**Municipal Employees**

CB1. The SDML endorses the retention of the existing state constitutional right to work law and opposes any state or federal legislation that interferes with or affects that right. While recognizing the right of employees to organize, it is fundamental that each employee be guaranteed individual freedom of choice in joining or not joining a union or other employee organization. (GG – 2000; CB1)
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CB2. The SDML advocates that the cities continue to review and upgrade job safety and health standards for all municipal employees and require the use of safety equipment by municipal employees while on duty. (GG – 2000; CB2)

CB3. The SDML supports legislation that prohibits violence in the workplace. (GG – 2000; CB3)

CB4. The SDML urges local governing bodies to adopt those portions of the Municipal League Personnel Manual that meet their local needs. (GG – 2000; CB4)

CB5. The SDML encourages member municipalities to allot funding and paid time for employee and officials training and educational opportunities so that municipal service is made more effective and at the same time employees may become qualified for promotion to higher level positions. The SDML encourages municipal employees and officials to join and participate in professional associations, job related organizations, and other continuing education activities and urges cities to allot funding and paid time for such membership and participation. (GG – 2000; CB5)

CB6. The SDML urges municipalities to prepare and adopt Equal Employment Opportunity policies that comply with law. (GG – 2000; CB6; 2013)

CB7. The SDML is opposed to any legislation or administrative rules adopting binding arbitration. (GG – 2000; 2007; CB10)

CB8. The SDML opposes repeal of Article III, Section 26 of the South Dakota Constitution relating to municipal powers denied to private organizations. The SDML opposes any further changes in SDCL 3-18-3 providing for the voting procedure for determination of bargaining unit representation. The SDML supports SDCL 3-18-10 which prohibits strikes by public employees. (GG – 2000; CB11)

CB9. The SDML supports local consideration of “equal pay for equal work” but opposes the development of comparable worth pay systems through DOL rulemaking that advances the notion that government should dictate an organization’s compensation program. (GG – 2000; CB12; 2013)

CB10. The SDML urges cities who do not have a retirement system to join the South Dakota Retirement System after careful fiscal review. (GG – 2000; CB13)

CB11. The SDML recommends that municipalities make available health and life insurance coverage for their employees. (GG – 2000; CB14)

CB12. The SDML urges municipalities and other units of local government to consider joining the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund, the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, the South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust, the Health Pool of South Dakota, and SDML Municipal Government Software; and to review other services available through the SDML. (GG – 2000; CB15)

CB13. The SDML supports legislation amending SDCL 62-1-5 and SDCL 62-1-5.1 by revising the compensation rate for volunteers not to exceed the salary from regular employment, and for
unemployed volunteers not to exceed the minimum compensation rate under law. (GG – 2000; 4)

CB14. The SDML opposes any investment of the assets of the South Dakota Retirement System in “social investing” or “venture capital.” (GG – 2000; 5)

CB15. The SDML opposes any legislative action allowing a participating entity or group of members from being removed from the South Dakota Retirement System. (GG – 2000; 6)

Municipal Finance
CB16. The SDML encourages local governments to install 911 and maintain systems using the Funding Surcharge allowed by SDCL 34-45 (Emergency Reporting Telephone) and encourages legislation to increase this surcharge to fully fund the system. (PHSW – 2000; 2007; 2010; CB3)

State/Federal Funding
CB17. The SDML strongly supports the federal government honoring all of its funding obligations, including but not limited to federal highway funding and airport funding. The SDML also strongly supports the continued assistance of the SD Department of Transportation in assuming the local matching portion of federal highway monies. (T&R – 2000; 2010; 2011; CB1)

CB18. The SDML supports periodic evaluation and increases in state motor vehicle license fees for the funding of streets and highways and supports exploring other revenue to fund the highway transportation needs of the state. (T&R – 2000; CB2)

CB19. The SDML will support legislation to repeal the reduction in license fees for commercial vehicles, based on age of the vehicle. (T&R – 2000; CB3)

CB20. The SDML would oppose any redistribution of the motor fuel taxation that would violate the accord reached by the State and local governments in 1985. (T&R – 2000; CB4)

CB21. The SDML supports funding of the South Dakota Local Technical Assistance Program. (T&R – 2000; CB5)

CB22. The SDML recognizes that the US Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the operation and maintenance of dams on the Missouri River, which due to design deficiencies, have caused stream bank erosion, channel sedimentation, and river bed degradation. Therefore, the cost to operate and maintain the Missouri River system as envisioned in the Flood Control Act of 1944 (Pick-Sloan) should be borne by the Federal Government. (T&R – 2000; CB7)

CB23. The SDML supports legislation for state general funds for training programs at the local level required by the state for firefighters and EMS workers and especially including funds to reimburse volunteers for expenses incurred in training. (T&R – 2000; CB8)

CB24. The SDML requests that the state financially underwrite the full costs of all police training that is required by the state. Funds levied for training should be used only for training. Adequate funding of the law enforcement academy is essential to the provision of law enforcement officer training. (T&R – 2000; CB9)

CB25. The SDML supports the provisions of SDCL 6-15-1 and 6-15-2, relating to unfunded mandates, and believes that any new federal or state program, fee, legislation, rule, or regulation imposed upon municipalities must be federally or state funded. (T&R – 2000; CB10)

CB26. The SDML supports repeal of state taxation on fuels used by local governments. (T&R – 2003; 31)

CB27. The SDML believes that whenever possible and proper, additional local government costs should not be funded through increased real estate taxes, but through appropriate user fees or user tax systems or any other non-ad valorem revenue sources. (T&R – 2000; 33)

CB28. The SDML supports continued state and federal financing at sustained levels to local governments for projects rehabilitating and preserving water quality in South Dakota streams, rivers, lakes and aquifers. (T&R – 2000; 29) (Moved from General Policy)

CB29. The SDML supports developing an open, stronger, more cooperative working relationship with the
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SD Department of Revenue. (T&R – 2010; 2012) (Moved from General Policy)

Community and Economic Development
CB30. The SDML urges all municipalities to adopt a fair housing policy. (GG – 2000; CB16)

CB31. The SDML opposes bills similar to the “Bradley Bill” because of the potential environmental, social and economic impacts on the people and governments of South Dakota. (GG – 2000; 20)

CB32. The SDML encourages the Governor and the Legislature and the Ellsworth Authority to assist in the efforts to retain Ellsworth Air Force Base as a viable military facility. (GG – 2003; 15)

CB33. The SDML supports ensuring K-12 education is at the highest academically competitive levels as well as the teaching of basic life skills and responsibilities. (PHSW – 2003)

CB34. The SDML supports the use of public and private colleges and universities in producing labor studies and other studies on local needs and resources, and in the development of a statewide master plan for economic development. (PHSW – 2003)

CB35. The SDML encourages general education cost forgiveness for South Dakota university and technical school graduates who stay in-state for a specified length of time. (PHSW – 2003; 2010)

CB36. The SDML supports the creation of a long-range technology master plan for South Dakota. (PHSW – 2003)

CB37. The SDML urges investment in research and development and intellectual property using research triangles and incubator programs to promote these endeavors. (PHSW – 2003)

CB38. The SDML recognizes that the mismanagement of the Black Hills National Forest is a health, safety and economic development issue for residents of South Dakota. The SDML supports policies that prioritize quality of life and economic development in the Black Hills National Forest. (PHSW – 2003)

CB39. The SDML urges the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources to recognize that environmental regulations cost municipalities an immense amount of money, which could otherwise be spent on economic development and quality of life improvements. The SDML urges DENR to keep environmental regulation as reasonable and affordable as possible for municipalities in South Dakota. (PHSW – 2003)

CB40. The SDML recognizes the importance of maintaining the National Science Lab, and strongly supports its development at the former Homestake mine. (PHSW – 2005; 14) (Moved from General Policy)

CB41. The SDML encourages the development of a state-wide economic development policy in South Dakota—recognizing that quality of life in communities is a major factor. (PHSW – 2002) (Moved from General Policy)

CB42. The SDML believes that municipal and county governments should formulate and control all
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local planning and zoning programs. (PW – 2000; CB7)

CB43. The SDML supports enhanced state and federal funding for water supply systems. (PW – 2014)

CB44. The SDML encourages the Legislature and the Governor to review all laws as they pertain to economic development, and to work with municipalities to develop opportunities and remove impediments to development of our communities. (T&R – 2002; 1)

**Government Ethics and Operations**

CB45. The SDML endorses the Core Beliefs espoused by the National League of Cities.¹ (GG – 2000; CB18)

CB46. The SDML encourages municipalities to initiate policies to oppose racial profiling in any municipal activity. (GG – 2000; CB19)

CB47. The SDML encourages municipal elections to remain non-partisan. (GG – 2003)

CB48. The SDML supports efforts to review and update state statutes related to municipal government provided the South Dakota Municipal League has appropriate representation in that process. (GG – 2000)

**Local Control and Home Rule**

CB49. The SDML encourages federal, state, and local government leaders to continue to work with American Indian tribes to resolve taxation, regulatory, environmental and infrastructure issues, and law enforcement concerns. Such efforts should address concerns resulting from the federal government placing land into trust on behalf of American Indian tribes without such tribes having entered into a binding agreement with state and local entities on the collection of taxes, law enforcement, infrastructure and environmental concerns, and regulations. (GG – 2000; CB20)

CB50. The SDML encourages consolidation of the Boards of Equalization with the cooperation of all entities of local government in order to relieve taxpayers of unnecessary burdens and encourages legislation to require counties to consolidate Boards of Equalization when requested by a municipality. (GG – 2000; CB21)

CB51. The SDML opposes any legislation expanding the power and authority of special districts, sub-districts, cooperatives, and sanitary districts to render services without allowing municipalities the same options. (GG – 2000; CB22)

CB52. The SDML proactively opposes the mandatory OSHA requirements being applied to municipalities. (GG – 2000; 2)

CB53. The SDML opposes any legislation which would inhibit municipalities from providing services requested by citizens in whatever form the citizens approve. (GG – 2006)

CB54. The SDML opposes any state environmental laws and regulations that are more stringent than existing federal environmental laws, standards and regulations. (PHSW – 2000; CB4)

CB55. The SDML recommends that streets and highways constructed with state/federal funds be based upon consultation and coordination with the local government. (PW – 2000; CB4)

CB56. The SDML urges the Transportation Commission, with input from municipal government, to develop and adhere to an adequate transportation plan and supports the development of an access management model. Further, municipalities must be offered participation in any change affecting their area. (PW – 2000; CB5)

CB57. The SDML opposes any state mandated prohibition against the cities’ right to construct with their own crews. (PW – 2003)

CB58. The SDML opposes any measure that restricts local control over taxation and spending, and urges the defeat of any such measure. Further, the SDML encourages municipalities to work individually and with other local governments to inform citizens of the negative impact of tax and spending limitation measures. (T&R – 2000; CB11)

CB59. The SDML opposes any attempt to impose a tax or regulation on self-insured local government pools or individual self-insured local government entities. (T&R – 2000; CB12)
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Public Health and Safety
CB60. The SDML believes that the main emphasis of environmental protection should be information and assistance to municipalities and education of the general public. The League urges the State and Federal Government to fully fund programs and provide technical assistance for planning and implementing programs and regulations established by state and federal laws. The League urges continued research and pilot studies in the fields of pollution control, flood control, water and conservation, river siltation, forest management and waste management. (PHSW – 2000; CB1)

CB61. The SDML recognizes the costs associated with maintaining and training regional emergency response teams in South Dakota and supports continued funding from the State of South Dakota. (PHSW – 2006; 2007; 2010) (Amended and moved from General Policy)

CB62. The SDML supports legislation that requires that users of private telephone switches or services be provided capabilities of the same level of 911 services as is available to other residents of the jurisdiction. (PHSW – 2000; 1) (Moved from General Policy)

CB63. The SDML supports legislation that continues to maintain compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act of 1974 and supports legislation for funding compliance. (PHSW – 2000; 2007; 3) (Moved from General Policy)

CB64. The SDML urges municipalities to develop ordinances that establish water and energy priorities within the municipality to conserve these resources. Further, the SDML urges municipalities to develop and implement public education programs designated to encourage water and energy conservation methods. (PW – 2000; CB1)

CB65. The SDML endorses the wise use of energy and urges local officials to be able to provide adequate input into any energy management or energy standards plan or regulation that affects local government. (PW – 2000; CB2)

CB66. The SDML feels strongly that a concerted effort should be made by the state, counties, and cities of this state to eliminate traffic hazards and provide uniform traffic control devices and signing for streets and highways. (PW – 2000; CB3)

Municipal Utilities
CB67. The SDML supports the rights of municipalities to establish electric utility systems to provide service within their corporate limits and adjacent urban growth areas. (PW – 2006)

CB68. The SDML opposes any legislation limiting or eliminating a municipal electric utility’s right to serve customers facilitated by annexation and/or condemnation. (PW – 2006)

CB69. The SDML encourages the state and federal government to maintain said dams in a safe and usable condition. (PW – 2010) (Partially moved from General Policy)

CB70. The SDML supports the continued training and certification of landfill operators. (PW – 2000; 2004; 2010; 17) (Moved from General Policy)

CB71. The SDML opposes any changes to the Power Marketing Administrations and specifically the Western Area Power Administration which deviate from the principles of beneficiary pays and cost-based rates. (PW – 2012)

1 Core Beliefs of the National League of Cities

We Believe in...
- Representative, participatory local government
- Local government as the cornerstone of government in the United States
- The value of public service
- The value of diversity throughout our organization and our communities
- Municipal authority over municipal issues
- A commitment to the highest ethical standards among all public officials
- Civility and mutual respect
- Anticipating the needs of communities and developing strategies to meet those needs and improve the quality of life
- Partnerships, coalitions, and collaborations to strengthen cities and our advocacy efforts

This Statement of Policy is also posted on the League’s website, www.sdmunicipalleague.org.
If you put all of South Dakota’s Governor’s Houses in the same place, you’d have a city the size of Hot Springs. Since 1996, South Dakota Housing Development Authority’s popular housing program has built and delivered more than 2,200 new homes to families in every corner of the state.

And recent changes — such as a three-bedroom option and a new energy-efficient design — have made the Governor’s House even more popular for the income-qualified residents, elderly, and persons with disabilities in South Dakota.

For nearly two decades, the program has been providing low-cost, low-maintenance new homes for South Dakotans while giving job skills to inmates at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. Homes are constructed at the prison and then transported by truck to their final destination.

Back in 1996, state officials saw a gap between the cost of new construction and the ability for some residents to afford homes. With high fixed costs for development and construction, contractors and house builders were primarily constructing larger, more expensive homes. The Governor’s House Program was designed to make new homes affordable to more people.

Buyers of Governor’s Houses must purchase the land for their home sites. They also must pay for water and sewer lines, driveways, foundations, floor coverings and other site improvements. Even with those expenses, Governor’s Houses are more affordable than other housing alternatives.

Three Bedrooms
Through much of the program’s history, Governor’s Houses were based on a two-bedroom, 1,008-square-foot floor plan. The design gives buyers the flexibility to place the homes on a basement foundation or add an attached garage.

In 2014, SDHDA added the option of purchasing the 1,200-square-foot model with three bedrooms. The new Governor’s House standard two bedroom layout.
design’s overall footprint is 50 feet by 24 feet, eight feet wider than a two-bedroom Governor’s House. The three-bedroom house is priced at $45,500, about $5,000 more than the two-bedroom Governor’s House.

Mike Harsma, who runs the Governor’s House program for SDHDA, said the three-bedroom design has been very popular. Since the option became available in March, 54 of the 92 Governor’s Houses sold have been three-bedroom units.

Energy Star
In addition, SDHDA has taken steps to improve the home’s energy efficiency. Design and construction changes will give the Governor’s House the ENERGY STAR label from the Environmental Protection Agency.

ENERGY STAR homes typically use 30 percent less energy than traditional homes, and reduce a home’s environmental footprint. The owner of a Governor’s House can expect to pay $300 to $400 less per year in heating and cooling costs.

The improved Governor’s House provides a barrier of high-performance insulated sheathing that breaks the thermal bridge between the comforts of inside the home to the elements outside.

In addition, the Governor’s House is equipped with an energy recovery system that brings fresh air into the home with minimal loss of energy. Because the houses are so tightly sealed, very little fresh air will be naturally circulated through the house, Harsma explained.

The energy recovery system circulates the air through a heat exchanger, giving the residents plenty of fresh air without the heat loss of traditional homes. That fresh air will make the home more comfortable and healthy for families.

To be ENERGY STAR-certified, the Governor’s Houses will be routinely inspected and tested at the construction site, Harsma said. The process includes a blower door test, in which fans are placed in the sealed doorway of the house and the air pressure inside is measured.

For more information on the Governor’s House program contact Mike Harsma, program director, at 605.773.3181 or visit www.sdhda.org.
The Evolution of Recycling in Pierre

By Val Keller, Solid Waste Manager, City of Pierre

Recycling in the City of Pierre started in the late 1980’s with the recycling of scrap metal and appliances. Scrap metal recycling continues to be a beneficial recycling option for the community.

In 1991 the recycling program in Pierre took the next step and developed a yard waste composting operation located at the Solid Waste Baling Facility. As a component of the composting program, roll off bins are available at the Solid Waste Baling Facility for 24 hour drop off of yard waste and trees. The materials collected in the roll off containers are then taken to the compost pile where the materials are allowed to decompose. Composting yard waste has been very successful over the years for the City of Pierre. Initially, sewage sludge was incorporated with the yard waste, but was discontinued after a few years due to numerous restrictions associated with the use of compost that contained sewage sludge. Many residents in the Pierre community use the compost in their gardens, lawns and flower beds. In fact, some years, demand for compost has outpaced supply.

In 2012 the first efforts to screen the compost material were implemented. Screened compost was used in the City Parks for reclamation after the flood. Using screened compost in flood recovery areas has proved to be a very valuable resource in re-establishing vegetation. Residents of the Pierre community have been very receptive to having the screened compost available for their personal use on their lawns and gardens.

An additional component of our Pierre recycling program is asphalt and concrete recovery. Asphalt and concrete material is collected at the Material Recovery Site for recycling purposes and then crushed to various specifications. The crushed material is used for city projects and material that is not needed for city projects is available for sale to the public.

In September 1997, a voluntary recycling program started with three recycling bins which were placed at local grocery stores. Eventually, one of the recycling bins on the east side of Pierre was relocated and can now be found at the Solid Waste Baling Facility.
Recyclable materials accepted in the drop off bins include:
- #1 & #2 plastics
- Tin cans
- Mixed paper including magazines and newsprint
- Aluminum cans

In 2001, a drop off bin for corrugated cardboard was added at the Solid Waste Baling Facility. Given the high level of demand for cardboard recycling, within a couple years, a second cardboard bin was added at the Solid Waste Baling Facility.

Pierre has experienced its fair share of setbacks in regard to recycling facilities. In 2002 a fire destroyed the Solid Waste Baling Facility, a building which also housed space leased to TKS Recycling Facility. TKS quickly found a new location and rebuilt a recycling facility within a few months after the fire. Owner of TKS Recycling, Troy Stulken, was determined to keep recycling going in Pierre. However, despite efforts to relocate TKS Recycling, they experienced another devastating fire which destroyed his new recycling facility the following year. TKS Recycling was then sold to Waste Connections, DBA Envirotech Waste Services, at that time. Envirotech still operates the recycling facility today.

In 1998 a paint swap program was conducted. The paint swap program allowed residents to drop off paint they no longer needed, and the following Saturday, the paint was available for re-distribution. The paint swap program required a great deal of physical storage space. As space became available after the construction of the new Solid Waste Facility, shelves were set up for a year round drop off and pick up of the paint. Since its inception in 1998, the paint swap program has resulted in the collection of over 38,000 cans of paint and the distribution of over 13,000 cans. The number of cans of paint both dropped off and picked up increased once we were able to make the program a year round event. At times during the program, demand for swapped paint has outpaced supply. Lastly, employees inspect every can of paint to be sure only good, usable paint is put on the shelves.

In 2010 recycling of electronics and fluorescent bulbs was implemented to assist the businesses who are required to recycle these items due to federal regulations. Electronic recycling is not a mandatory program for residents but it is an option for those that would like to recycle the items. Fees are implemented for these items to cover the costs recycling the items. The recycling of electronics is handled through the Envirotech Recycling facility. The recycling of fluorescent bulbs is handled through Veolia Environmental Services who specialize in lamps containing mercury.

The City of Pierre has several other aspects of our recycling program including pallet and bicycle recycling. Reusable pallets are accepted and stored and then sold to companies that can reuse/recycle them. Bikes that have been left around town that have not been registered with the police department are put into a lost and found for a period of time. Once the proper amount of time has elapsed, remaining bikes that have not been claimed are registered and sold for $5.

Lastly, the City implements a monthly fee of $1.21 ($14.52 annually) on municipal utility bills to assist with the cost of dumping the recycling bins at the recycling center and hauling the yard waste and trees to the Pierre Material Recovery Site. The City of Ft. Pierre also contributes monetarily to the yard waste portion of this program since this is available to them for no charge. The monthly utility fee generates approximately $85,000 each year.

For more information on recycling in the City of Pierre or Solid Waste operations, contact Val Keller, Solid Waste Manager, at valerie.keller@ci.pierre.sd.us or 605-773-7434. You call also visit us on the web at http://www.cityofpierre.org/207/Solid-Waste. If you will be in the area, we will gladly give you a tour of any or all parts of our operations.
How Local Government Hiring Addresses Growing Wage Gap

By Christiana McFarland, National League of Cities

Public sector employment has consequences for the quality of economic recovery since the majority of local government jobs are mid-wage.

It’s no secret that although national employment is on the upswing, the type of job growth we’re experiencing is troublesome. Low-wage jobs are growing more quickly than high-wage jobs, with mid-wage jobs trailing even further behind. In fact, while lower-wage industries constituted only 22 percent of recession losses, they are responsible for 44 percent of recovery growth.

As I first alluded to back in 2012, employment in the public sector has consequences for the quality of anticipated economic recovery since the majority of local government jobs are mid-wage. Throughout the recession, many cities implemented some combination of personnel and workforce-related cuts, including hiring freezes and layoffs, in an effort to reduce costs. This resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of mid-wage jobs in public safety, public works, parks and recreation, public health, social services, transportation, and administration, among other municipal services.

As budgets stabilize, though, local government hiring is picking up. In fact, cities are adding jobs at a faster clip than their counterparts in state and federal government, with the majority of recent gains in overall government employment at the local level. Healthier municipal budgets and a stronger workforce means not only more mid-wage city workers, but also better prospects for mid-wage employment in the private sector.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, increased government spending supports private sector jobs—either through contracting or due to increased demand for job-specific supplies (privately-produced automobiles to supply police officers, for example). Local government investment in transportation, water, sewers and communications infrastructure also promotes private sector growth by reducing costs and creating opportunities for additional private sector investments, such as those in workforce.

Getting Back to Business

Strengthening municipal operations through restoring services and the workforce is proving to be a priority for cities. Our research on mayors’ annual State of the City speeches found that 83 percent of speeches touched on Budget/Finance related issues and 35 percent devoted “significant coverage” to the topic. These speeches illustrate that mayors across the country recognize their employees as valuable assets and worthwhile investments for the positive development of their communities.

In San Jose, for example, Mayor Chuck Reed said,

“Times have been tough, but we have turned the corner and are slowly beginning to restore services. We are training new police recruits and hiring community service officers. We were able to keep 49 fire fighters who had been paid for with federal grants that expired. We opened four new neighborhood libraries that sat vacant for years. We turned streetlights back on.

We’ve also begun to restore pay to our police officers and other city employees. We know that we’ve lost a lot of good people because of the pay cuts — often to cities that are wealthier or haven’t yet felt the impact of their unfunded pension liabilities. It will take time to restore pay to the levels we want (and our employees deserve), but this is an important step in keeping a quality workforce.”

Mayor Steve Williams, Huntington, WV noted,

“Our employees, our single greatest resource, have not had a raise since 2008. In many years, it was an easy decision to say we could not afford a pay raise. This is not one of those years. The budget is tight, but we cannot afford to not provide our employees a pay raise. Therefore, I am recommending a 3 percent across-the-board pay raise for all bargaining unit employees and administrative personnel.”

The words of mayors Reed and Williams are indicative of others, and signal the value of our municipal workforce not only to quality services, but to addressing the critical issue of closing the middle-wage gap.

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Supreme Court Police Cases 2014

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The State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) files Supreme Court amicus briefs on behalf of the Big Seven national organizations representing state and local governments.

The Supreme Court decided numerous Fourth Amendment and qualified immunity cases involving police officers during its 2013-2014 term.

The Fourth Amendment prohibits unreasonable government searches and seizures.

State and local government officials can be sued for money damages in their individual capacity if they violate a person’s constitutional or federal statutory rights. Qualified immunity protects government officials from such lawsuits where the law they violated isn’t “clearly established.”

Fourth Amendment Cases

In Riley v. California the Court held unanimously that generally police must first obtain a warrant before searching an arrested person’s cellphone. The Fourth Amendment requires police to obtain a warrant before they conduct a search unless an exception applies. The exception at issue in this case is a search incident to a lawful arrest. In Chimel v. California the Court identified two factors that justify an officer searching an arrested person: officer safety and preventing the destruction of evidence. Four years later in United States v. Robinson the Court held that police could search a cigarette pack found on Robinson’s person despite the absence of these two factors. The Court declined to extend Robinson to searches of data on cell phones. Applying the first Chimel factor the Court observed that “[d]igital data stored on a cell phone cannot itself be used as a weapon to harm an arresting officer or to effectuate the arrestee’s escape.” The Court also was not convinced that destruction of data through remote wiping (third party deletion of all data) or data encryption (an unbreakable password) were prevalent problems. The Court readily admitted that its decision will impact law enforcement’s ability to combat crime. But privacy comes at a cost and warrants are faster and easier to obtain now than ever before.

In Fernandez v. California the Court held that if a defendant objects to the search of his or her home that objection may be overridden by a co-tenant after the defendant is no longer present. Walter Fernandez told police they could not search his home. But after he was arrested and removed from the premises for suspected domestic violence, the woman he was living with consented to a search. In Georgia v. Randolph the Court held that if a defendant is physically present and objects to a warrantless search, a co-tenant cannot override that objection. The Court refused to extend Georgia v. Randolph when the objecting defendant is no longer present. While the defendant pointed out the police were responsible for his absence, the Court noted that his removal was objectively reasonable. The Court also rejected Fernandez’s argument that his objection should remain effective until he changed his mind. Georgia v. Randolph was based on the “widely shared social expectation” that if you call on someone and one of the tenants says you are not welcome, you would not enter. The “calculus of this hypothetical caller would likely be quite different if the objecting tenant was not standing at the door.” Police have been waiting since 2006 to find out if the Court would extend Georgia v. Randolph.

In Navarette v. California an anonymous 911 caller reported that a vehicle had run her off the road. The Court held 5-4 that a police stop complied with the Fourth Amendment because, under the totality of the circumstances, the officer had reasonable suspicion that the driver was intoxicated. The tip of dangerous driving was sufficiently reliable because by identifying specific details about the vehicle the caller necessarily claimed eyewitness knowledge of what happened, police located the vehicle where the caller indicated it would be, and the caller used the 911 system, which readily identifies callers and therefore discourages them from lying. Driving someone off the road creates reasonable suspicion of drunk driving because “[t]hat conduct bears too great a resemblance to paradigmatic manifestations of drunk driving to be dismissed as an isolated example of recklessness.” While the officer didn’t observe additional suspicious conduct after spotting the vehicle and watching it for five minutes, police do not have to give suspected drunk drivers a “second chance for dangerous conduct [that] could have disastrous consequences.” This case is noteworthy because the Court departed from the normal Fourth Amendment requirement that anonymous tips be corroborated.

In Plumhoff v. Rickard the Court held 7-2 that police officers didn’t violate the Fourth Amendment when they shot and killed the driver of a fleeing vehicle to end a dangerous car chase. Alternatively, the Court unanimously held the officers were entitled to qualified immunity. Donald Rickard was pulled over because his vehicle had only one operating headlight. He drove away and was pursued by police. He drove over 100 miles an hour and passed more than two dozen vehicles before exiting the highway where he made contact with three police cars. Rickard’s tires were spinning and his car was rocking back
and forth when Officer Plumhoff fired three shots into his car. Rickard then reversed his car, nearly hitting an officer on foot, and again fled. Officers fired 12 shots more killing Rickard and his passenger. Rickard’s surviving daughter argued that the Fourth Amendment did not allow the police to use deadly force to end the chase and that even if police were permitted to fire their weapons, they fired too many shots. The Court disagreed concluding the use of deadly force was reasonable because “[u]nder the circumstances at the moment when the shots were fired, all that a reasonable police officer could have concluded was that Rickard was intent on resuming his flight and that, if he was allowed to do so, he would once again pose a deadly threat for others on the road.” The number of shots wasn’t unreasonable because “if police officers are justified in firing at a suspect in order to end a severe threat to public safety, the officers need not stop shooting until the threat has ended.” Finally, the Court concluded that even if the use of deadly force violated the Fourth Amendment the officers would be entitled to qualified immunity. The most on point Supreme Court case at the time of this case granted qualified immunity where the facts were less favorable to the officer than the facts in this case. So it was not clearly established the force in this case was unreasonable.

Qualified Immunity Cases

In Wood v. Moss the Court unanimously granted qualified immunity to two Secret Service agents who moved anti-Bush protesters a block further from the President than pro-Bush supporters. Pro- and anti-President Bush demonstrators had assembled in Jacksonville, Oregon on opposite sides of the street on which President Bush’s motorcade was supposed to travel. After the President made a last-minute decision to have dinner at the outdoor patio dining area of the Jacksonville Inn, the protesters moved down the street in front of the Inn. Secret Service agents moved them two blocks down the street, about a block further away from the Inn than the supporters. The anti-Bush protesters sued claiming the agents violated their First Amendment right to be free from viewpoint discrimination. The Court had little trouble concluding the agents were entitled to qualified immunity: “No decision of this Court so much as hinted that their on-the-spot action was unlawful because they failed to keep the protesters and supporters, throughout the episode, equidistant from the President.” The agents acknowledged that they could not disadvantage one group of speakers without an objective security rationale. Here, pro-Bush demonstrators had no direct access to the Inn because the side of the Inn they faced was totally blocked by another building. But the anti-Bush protesters would have been in weapons range of the President had they not been moved two blocks because only a parking lot separated them from the patio.

In an unauthored opinion in Stanton v. Sims the Court reversed the Ninth Circuit’s refusal to grant qualified immunity to a police officer who kicked open a gate hitting the homeowner while in “hot pursuit” of someone the officer thought committed a misdemeanor. The Ninth Circuit concluded that it was clearly established that a police officer may not enter someone’s property without a warrant while in “hot pursuit” of someone suspected only of a misdemeanor. The Supreme Court disagreed “summariz[ing] the law at the time [the officer] made his split-second decision to enter [the homeowner’s] yard: Two opinions of this Court were equivocal on the lawfulness of his entry; two opinions of the State Court of Appeals affirmatively authorized that entry; the most relevant opinion of the Ninth Circuit was readily distinguishable; two Federal District Courts in the Ninth Circuit had granted qualified immunity in the wake of that opinion; and the federal and state courts of last resort around the Nation were sharply divided.” It seems likely that the Court will decide the underlying Fourth Amendment issue in this case soon.

In Tolan v. Cotton the Court sent a qualified immunity claim back to the Fifth Circuit concluding that it failed to view the evidence most favorably to the non-moving party, here, a person shot by police. A police officer ordered Robert Tolan to the ground after mistakenly accusing him of having a stolen car. After his mother, who repeatedly explained the car wasn’t stolen, protested to standing against her garage door, a police officer, according to Tolan, slammed her against the garage door causing her to fall. Officer Cotton shot Tolan three times after he then rose to his knees and exclaimed “[G]et your f****** hands off my mom.” The Fifth Circuit granted Officer Cotton qualified immunity concluding that it wasn’t clearly established that he used excessive force. In an unauthored opinion the Court concluded that the Fifth Circuit “failed to view the evidence at summary judgment in the light most favorable to Tolan with respect to the central facts of this case,” and should have credited Tolan with regards to “lighting, his mother’s demeanor, whether he shouted words that were an overt threat, and his positioning during the shooting.”
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City Fiscal Conditions in 2014

What is the City Fiscal Conditions Survey?
The City Fiscal Conditions Survey is a national mail and online survey of finance officers in U.S. cities conducted in the spring and summer of each year. This is the 29th annual edition of the NLC survey, which began in 1986.

In 2014, the nation’s city finance officers report that fiscal conditions are improving as the Great Recession recedes. However, local fiscal health has not yet fully returned to pre-recession levels as economic activity clambers back from the downturn. While tax revenues continue to improve, increases in service costs, long-term infrastructure needs, employee wages, and pension and healthcare obligations, along with decreased levels of state and federal aid, continue to constrain the fiscal outlook.

The National League of Cities’ latest annual survey of city finance officers finds that:

1. More city finance officers report improved conditions this year than in the 29-year history of the survey, with 80 percent reporting that their cities are better able to meet fiscal needs than in 2013.
2. For the first time since 2008, more cities are increasing rather than decreasing the size of municipal workforces.
3. As finance officers look to the close of 2014, general fund revenues are projected to stagnate and expenditures are projected to slightly increase.

- Property tax revenue is anticipated to increase in 2014 at a rate of 1.6 percent; the first positive growth in five years.
- Sales tax and income tax revenues continue to show positive rates of increase in 2013, but are projected to slow in 2014.
- Ending balances are nearing pre-recession highs, but are still below 2006 levels; 2014 ending balances are projected to be 22.4 percent of expenditures.

Cities operate under an annual balanced-budget requirement, which requires that they actively consider adjustments to their fiscal powers—both revenues and expenditures—over the course of the fiscal year. Overall, increases in ending balances and tax collections, along with gradual economic recovery and the centrality of cities in our nation’s economy, bode well for future fiscal growth although full recovery remains to be seen.

Full report can be downloaded from http://www.nlc.org/.
SDPAA Announces Rate Decreases

The South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance Board of Directors is pleased to announce a reduction in most liability and property coverage rates for its Members in 2015.

At its October meeting in Spearfish, the Board approved the 2015 SDPAA budget which included the following rate actions:
- General Liability – 7% Decrease
- Auto Liability – 5% Decrease
- Auto Physical Damage – 5% Decrease
- Public Officials Liability – 15% Increase
- Police Professional Liability – 0%
- Property – 7% Decrease

According to SDPAA Finance Committee Chairman, Tracy Turbak, the ability to reduce rates stems primarily from the Board’s decision to bring some services in-house in 2015. In making the announcement at the SDPAA Annual Members’ Meeting, Turbak stated, “As expected, the decision to bring administration and marketing services in-house resulted in significant savings in the SDPAA’s operating budget, and a healthy portion of those savings are being passed on to you, the Members.”

Turbak explained that the increase in Public Officials liability rates is a continuation of incrementally raising those rates over the past several years to address actuarial recommendations due to loss history in that category.

“Overall, a total 4.71% rate reduction for 2015 resulted in our returning $440,000 to Members,” said Turbak.

Turbak reported that the SDPAA is in sound, stable financial position and hoping to be able to pass more savings on to its Members in the future.

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By Senator Tim Johnson

The congressional gridlock in Washington has become unparalleled in modern times. There seems to be no ability to compromise on the major issues or even the minor ones facing our country. A major source of the problem is the gerrymandering of congressional districts. Drawing safe congressional districts to protect a political party encourages Members of Congress to resist compromise and focus on the far right or left wings of their party, leaving many middle-of-the-road Americans underrepresented. When Members of Congress are sure of reelection, no matter how extreme their views, governing takes a back seat to ideology. Before Congress adjourned this fall for the campaign trail, I introduced a bill that would take politics and partisanship out of the congressional redistricting process. It’s long past time to put an end to the gridlock.

Gerrymandering has been a problem since our early days as a nation. In fact, the term was coined in the early 1800s after Governor Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts approved a redistricting plan that gave his party an electoral advantage. The long, skinny district somewhat resembled the shape of a salamander, and critics began calling it the “Gerrymander.” The term has remained in our political lexicon, and unfortunately, so too has the practice of drawing district lines to give one party or the other a distinct advantage in elections.

Partisanship should not have a role in redistricting, but it’s all too common for politicians to use the redistricting process as a tool to unfairly win elections. State legislatures, working with their governor, are responsible for drawing the boundaries of federal congressional districts in most states. Because there are no national guidelines in place outlining how these boundaries should be drawn, the process often falls victim to gerrymandering. This reduces competition and protects incumbents, resulting in elected officials catering to the extremes of their parties, instead of reaching across the aisle to find common ground.

The Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act I introduced would prevent politicians from using the redistricting process to score political points. The bill would require each state to establish an independent, bipartisan redistricting commission tasked with redrawing federal congressional district lines. The FAIR Act would also improve transparency by requiring commissions to hold public meetings on congressional district boundaries and advertise any plans that are approved.

We must loosen the grip of congressional gridlock that currently holds Washington. Instead of leaping from one manufactured crisis to the next, we need to address the root causes of congressional gridlock. The FAIR Act represents a path forward. It’s time to rewrite the rules of the game by rooting out partisanship from the congressional redistricting process so we can move forward with the business of the nation.
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Municipal Summits on After School Programs  
Draw 100 Participants

The South Dakota Municipal League, together with the South Dakota Afterschool Partnership, hosted a series of municipal summits on afterschool programming in September. The summits in Pierre, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls drew over 100 participants including mayors, city council members, the Governor’s office, libraries, recreation departments, law enforcement, and youth serving agencies. Malcolm Chapman of Rapid City facilitated the discussion on how communities can better work together to address the needs of children and youth during the time when school is not in session and parents are at work.

The information and ideas shared at the summits is being compiled by Mr. Chapman. In the weeks ahead, this report will be released.

Funding for the summits came from the National League of Cities and the South Dakota Community Foundation.
December Community Events

December 1 - March 15, 2015
East River snowmobile trails season
Pierre

December 4
19th Annual Festival of Lights Parade
Brookings

December 4 - December 7
Miracle on 34th Street
Yankton

December 5
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

December 5 - December 6
Parade of Lights & Santa Land
Mobridge

December 5 - December 7
Winter Wonderland
Watertown

December 6
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

December 6 - December 7
Herman’s Hermits Christmas Show
Deadwood

December 12
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

December 12 - December 13
11th Annual Fezziwig Festival at
Prairie Berry Winery
Hill City

December 12 - December 14
Sharpshooter Classic
Winner

December 12 - December 14
Winter Wonderland
Watertown

December 13
James Valley Model Railroad Open
House
Aberdeen

December 11 - December 14
A Homespun Holiday Celebration
Aberdeen

December 12 - December 13
SHCT Presents “It’s A Wonderful Life”
Hot Springs

December 13
1880 Train Holiday Express
Hill City

December 11 - December 14
USD vs. UNLV Men’s Basketball Game
Sioux Falls

December 12 - December 14
Breakfast With Santa
Watertown

December 11 - December 14
Winter Market/Santa in the Square
Rapid City

December 11 - December 14
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

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December 14
Christmas Tour of Lights
Wessington Springs

December 15 - March 31, 2015
Black Hills snowmobile trails season
Lead

December 18
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

December 19
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

December 19 - December 21
Winter Wonderland
Watertown

December 20
Strawbale Winery Twilight Flight
Renner

December 21
1880 Train Holiday Express
Hill City

December 23
1880 Train Holiday Express
Hill City

December 26 - December 28
Winter Wonderland
Watertown

December 31
New Year’s Eve Ball Drop
Deadwood

Aberdeen Wings Hockey Game
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STREET SUPERINTENDENT: City of Brookings, SD (pop. 22,056). Responsibilities include management of street maintenance operations and services, hiring, supervising staff, delegating work, managing snow removal and coordinating public work projects. Will supervise maintenance of storm sewer system, weed management and mosquito control programs, prepare annual budget, and assist with developing priorities for future street and traffic capital improvement projects. Bachelor’s degree in construction management, civil engineering or related field preferred. Two years of post-secondary training that includes engineering or a related field required. Five (5) or more years of relevant progressively responsible experience in street maintenance or highway/heavy construction field required, including three (3) years of experience in an administrative, managerial or supervisory capacity. Possession of or
ability to obtain a valid South Dakota Commercial Driver’s License with acceptable driving record is required for position. Candidates must have ability to maintain courteous and positive relationships with public, city employees, construction crews and personnel from other agencies. Visit www.cityofbrookings.org for detailed position description. Salary range is $53,098 to $71,684 depending upon background and qualifications. Excellent benefit package. Position is open until filled. To Apply: Submit completed application with resume to: City of Brookings, Human Resources Department, PO Box 270, Brookings, SD 57006, Phone: 605.697.8668 Fax: 605.697.8661, dlangle@cityofbrookings.org. AA/EOE.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT: The City of Pierre is accepting qualified applications for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent position. Under direct supervision of the Operations Manager, the Superintendent is responsible for directing and supervising the operation, maintenance and repair of the wastewater treatment facilities and lift stations. Individual should have knowledge of plumbing, electrical, electronics, pumps and pump and motor controls and must have knowledge in the operation of Aerobic Digestion and SCADA systems. The Superintendent will: assist in developing the department budget; work with management in overseeing projects and personnel; and must possess strong administrative, oral and written communication skills. The Superintendent is responsible for the plant meeting South Dakota DENR and EPA rules and regulations and for compliance monitoring. It is very important that this person have a demonstrated record of success at bringing diverse individuals, groups and organizations together to accomplish projects. Must possess a valid Wastewater Treatment Class IV Certificate issued by South Dakota DENR or obtain certification within one year. Prefer candidates have a four year degree at a college or vocational school majoring in environmental engineering, environmental sciences, or related fields and four years of experience including at least two years of experience in a Municipal Class III or higher facility. Salary range: $49,000 - $62,000 and is FLSA Exempt. The capital city of Pierre is a premier destination for outdoor recreation and was recently highlighted as the Nation’s Second Best Capital City to live in and the best place to live in South Dakota. Job description and application available at: City of Pierre, Attn: Human Resources, 222 East Dakota, PO Box 1253, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501. E-mail: laurie.gronlund@ci.pierre.sd.us. Application and job description available online at www.pierre.sd.gov. Open until filled.
**WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOREMAN:** Watertown Municipal Utilities has a full-time opening for a Water Treatment Plant Foreman. Reporting to the Water Superintendent, this position is responsible for the technical and supervisory work in the direction of the municipal water treatment plant and related facilities. South Dakota Water Treatment Class III Certification and two years supervisory experience required. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Wage range of $26.94 - $30.72. Excellent benefits package, including pension, health insurance, life insurance, 457 plan, paid sick leave and vacation. A completed application and resume, including salary history, references and a cover letter, are required. Job description and application are available at: Watertown Municipal Utilities, Attn: Human Resources, 901 – 4th Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201, E-mail: hr@watertownmu.com. Application and job description also available online at www.watertownmu.com. Position open until filled. EOE.


**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** 2006 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab (white in color) with 81,000 miles, flatbed, receiver hitch, warning light, base cab package and tires have 35% thread. Sealed bids for the 2006 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab Pickup that was declared surplus property will be received by the City of Eureka, McPherson County, South Dakota, at the finance office until 7:05 p.m., November 10, 2014. Bids will be opened, read aloud and the top two bidders will have the opportunity to raise their bids at that time, so bidders must be present or be available by phone to be able to raise their bids. Office hours are 9:00-5:00, Monday through Friday. Bid envelope must be plainly marked with the appropriate “Bid for the 2006 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab Pickup.” Each bid must contain a certified check, cashier’s check or draft issued by a solvent state or national bank in the amount of at least 5% of the bid amount payable without condition to the City of Eureka. The City of Eureka reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities by the virtue of statutory authority. Any additional information on the 2006 Pickup can be obtained at the Finance Office of Eureka, PO Box 655, Eureka, SD 57437-0655, 605-284-2441.

**FOR SALE:** The Town of Keystone, is accepting sealed bids on a Pedestrian Trail Bridge, 7' - 8' wide and 70' long. Sealed bids will be opened at the November 19th meeting. Contact City Hall in Keystone, if you need more information, 605-666-4827. Can send a picture upon request.

**FOR SALE:** City of Canton, SD is accepting sealed bids on a 1986 Ford L9000 Luverne Fire Truck. SN # 1FDYK90R1GV A04308. Detroit Diesel with an automatic transmission, top controls, command cab, 1500 GPM pump rebuilt in 2008, 500 gallon water tank, new tires, and foam induction system. Approximately 16,500 Miles. Appraised value is $ 12,400.00. Sealed bids will be opened on November 26 at 3 pm. Contact Brian Severson at 605-359-6727 with any questions.

**FOR SALE:** City of Canton, SD is accepting sealed bids on a 1987 GMC V3500 Rescue Truck. SN # 1GTHV33K1HS525524. 350 CI engine with a 4-speed transmission and 4 wheel drive, 4 door, 4500 LBS front axle, 6084 LBS dually real axle, front winch, utility box with generator and scene lights. Approximately 83,500 Miles. Appraised value is $ 4,200.00. Sealed bids will be opened on November 26 at 3 pm. Contact Brian Severson at 605-359-6727 with any questions.

**FOR LEASE:** The Board of Trustees of the Town of Buffalo, Buffalo, SD, are offering the Buffalo Municipal Bar & Liquor Store up for lease. All terms of leasing have not been decided at this time. If interested, please contact Diane Haivala, Finance Officer, at 605-375-3130 or townofbuffalo@sdplains.com for more information.

**FOR SALE:** Sensus RadioRead Water Meter Equipment - The City of Piedmont, SD has seventy-eight (78) new “Sensus RadioReaders” Model # M510P-F1-3W-X-P for sale. Asking price is $75.00 each. Sensus Radioread features the most robust, high-powered radio frequency transmitter available for use with walk-by or drive-by automatic meter reading systems. A handheld unit can be used for reading RadioRead equipped meters. If interested contact the City of Piedmont at 605-716-5495.

**FOR SALE:** Elgin White Wing Street Sweeper 345 ci International truck engine, self-propelled with curb brush, $2,500. Rosco pull-behind 7 1/2’ Street Sweeper new brushes in 2013, newer 4 cyl., air-cooled Wisconsin type motor (50 hrs), $2,000. Both are as is, where is. Contact the City of Wilmot at 605-938-4811.
November 1 – All property subject to taxation shall be listed and assessed annually, but the value of such property is to be determined according to its value on the first day of November preceding the assessment. (SDCL 10-6-2; See Hdbk., sec. 12.105)

First Tuesday after the first Monday in November – The general election is held each even numbered year. (SDCL 12-2-2)

November 11 – Veterans’ Day – State holiday (SDCL 1-5-1)

No later than second Tuesday in November – Governing boards wishing to consolidate boards of equalization must approve a resolution outlining consolidated board membership. (SDCL 10-11-66; See Hdbk., sec. 12.120)

Fourth Thursday of November – Thanksgiving Day – State holiday (SDCL 1-5-1)

Boundary changes – Municipalities must notify the Department of Revenue of any resolution or amendment enacted which changes the boundaries of the municipality. Notification shall be in written form, shall contain a copy of the resolution or amendment, and may be sent by
electronic means or registered mail. Municipalities shall also provide any changes and additions to streets and addresses. (SDCL 10-52-13; See Hdbk., sec. 14.172)

**December**

**December 25** – Christmas Day – State holiday (SDCL 1-5-1)

**December 31** – Liquor licenses are valid from twelve o’clock midnight on the thirty-first day of December until twelve o’clock midnight on the thirty-first day of the following December. (SDCL 35-4-41; See Hdbk., sec. 11.465)

**By January 14** – If the governing body chooses an election day other than the second Tuesday of April, as provided in SDCL 9-13, that Election Day must be established by January 14 of the election year. (SDCL 9-13-1; See Hdbk., sec. 7.050)

**First meeting of the year** – A complete list of all the salaries for all officers and employees of the municipal corporation shall be published with the minutes of the first meeting following the beginning of the fiscal year or within 30 days thereafter. Added salaries of new employees and increased salaries of the old employees should be shown in the month in which they occur. A total of payroll by department shall be published monthly in the minutes. (SDCL 6-1-10; See Hdbk., sec. 5.095)

**Newspaper designation** – The official newspaper must be designated annually or for a period of time specified by the governing body, but not to be less than twelve months. (SDCL 9-12-6)

**Boundary changes** – Municipalities must notify the Department of Revenue of any resolution or amendment enacted which changes the boundaries of the municipality. Notification shall be in written form, shall contain a copy of the resolution or amendment, and may be sent by electronic means or registered mail. Municipalities shall also provide any changes and additions to streets and addresses. (SDCL 10-52-13; See Hdbk., sec. 14.172)

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