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Rapid City Common Council  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

*Re: Roof Repair for the Minneluzahan Senior Center*

Dear Council Member:

After much time and consideration, I have come to the decision that we can no longer wait for the Minneluzahan Senior Center to make the necessary roof repairs that have been an item of discussion over the last several months. The City needs to take action in order to protect our investment and this valuable community asset.

As you are aware, I urged the Minneluzahan Senior Center to make arrangements for the necessary repairs in correspondence to Director Rita Wagner dated November 15, 2016. In this correspondence, I brought to attention that the legal agreement between the City and the Center clearly establishes that building repairs are the responsibility of the Center.

The Center did obtain quotes for repair prior to my correspondence. Therefore, I requested that Ms. Wagner make the arrangements for repairs, or notify me as to why action was not being taken on this matter. To date, I have not received a verbal or written response from the Center.

Since several months have passed without response or action, I am proposing that City proceed in making the necessary arrangements for repair. After the repairs are complete, the City staff will notify the Council of the total repair cost. The bill will then be given to the Center for all costs incurred.

While there have been calls for the City to bear the burden of this financial expense, we simply cannot grant an exception to one organization. We need to uphold the legal agreement we have entered into and respect the other organizations that abide by them.

Sincerely,

Steve Allender, Mayor  
Rapid City, South Dakota

cc: Rapid City Common Council  
Rita Wanger, Executive Director, Minneluzahan Senior Center



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