

# City Purchases Downtown Lots

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The city council Monday night exercised an option agreement for the purchase of three lots intended for the expansion of downtown parking facilities.

The lots are located adjacent to the city parking lot across from the city auditorium. They were purchased from H. Wells Jones, and Wilma Jones, deceased, at a cost of \$27,000.

The city will pay \$6,000 down out of the parking meter funds, and the remaining balance on an annual installment basis, also from parking meter revenues.

The purchase was made so that additional downtown parking area can be extended.

In other action Monday night, the city council:

- Accepted a bid of Whitaker and Mattson for the purchase of a new furnace for the caretaker's house at Canyon Lake Park. The bid was for \$730. Other bidders were Church Sheet Metal, \$763, and Aero Sheet Metal, \$862.

- Approved city backing to a petition of intervention of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce in Frontier Airlines efforts to get approval of a direct route from Billings, Mont., to Kansas City, Mo. Frontier has an application before the Civil Aeronautics Board requesting the direct route.

- Approved the attendance of several city officials at a meeting in Pierre on March 15 of the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission. They will explain to the commission needs of the Rapid City Municipal Airport in view of scheduled jet airline service in September. The delegation hopes to obtain assurance of adequate state and federal funds to finance the first of three construction phases.

- Announced that the School of Mines and Technology will host the sixth annual state conference of water and sewer plant operators on March 17 and 18. Several from the city departments will attend.

- Heard a report from Mayor Henry Baker that Canyon Lake had risen only one inch because of the storm, and there is no danger of Rapid Creek overflowing, even though the city dumped considerable snow into the creek. He assured the council that should flooding occur for any reason, every precaution will be taken.

- Approved the purchase of a 100 by 100-foot piece of property in Pinedale Heights for the construction of a new 300,000 gallon city reservoir to supply water to the high level areas of West Rapid City. The land, outside of the city limits, was purchased for \$3,000.

- The police committee will explore the possibility of acquiring surplus power wagons for the department in view of the storm last week. The police department, without jeeps and wagons, found itself snowbound and depended on many local citizens and the National Guards to supply vehicles which could battle the drifts. The vehicles were used many times to transport doctors, nurses and patients to the hospitals, and to run emergency errands in all parts of the city.

- Heard a report that because of the power outage at the municipal airport during the storm,

Avenue Flame Room Bar. The three places, according to Alderman Ken Kies, chairman of the Police and Fire Committee, have complied with requirements of the state fire marshal. The council was divided 7 to 2 on the approval. Voting against the licenses were Aldermen W. S. Fritts and John Larson.

- Approved applications for two new service stations planned by American Oil Company. Locations will be Omaha and Seventh and East St. Patrick and Highway 79.
- Set for hearing on March 21

a resolution initiating sewer district 22-B on Berry Boulevard.

- Approved on second reading an ordinance establishing a franchise election for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.

- Gave the Navy Mothers Club permission to hold Navy Tag Day on June 18.

- Approved bids of Walter White Clothing to furnish new police uniforms, after Lariat Clothiers withdrew its bids. The bids accepted included \$87.75 for jackets, \$31.50 for trousers and \$7.50 for caps.

## JAYCEES LIST PROGRAM

# Spruce-Up, Park, Pub First In All American

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The Jaycees, pushing for All American City laurels for Rapid City, have initiated a three-phase program designed to enhance the city's chances in competition sponsored by Look Magazine and the National Municipal League. First efforts will be directed toward construction of a new city park and a clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign tied to a promotion designed to encourage public support.

Project Chairman Chuck Lein outlined the goal of the Jaycees for a group of city businessmen and press representatives Tuesday. He pointed out that Rapid City has numerous recent projects and activities which would be of benefit in the competition and with more community effort the city should be a strong contender when an application is submitted to the judges in September.

Cities are judged on achievements resulting from recent community action. Successful efforts by citizens to improve the community are most important to the judges.

Lein and Jaycee President Dave Olsen pointed out that the cooperation of thousands of city residents will be needed to achieve the goal.

Following a suggestion from Mayor Henry Baker that the

first step should be to clean up "our own backyard," the Jaycees are planning a city-wide paint-up, clean-up, fix-up campaign for April and early May to improve the appearance of blighted areas, private property and park areas and the banks of Rapid Creek.

This campaign will be launched with billboard display and other publicity. The program will have the two fold purpose of encouraging a city-wide spruce-up and publicizing the need for community participation, according to Larry Lewis.

Chuck Williams and Conrad Giesler also outlined the Jaycees' plan for establishing

## Head Start Funds Set For

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WASHINGTON — Pennington County has been allotted a minimum of \$18,036 by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for a summer Project Head Start program, Sen. George McGovern has announced.

This year \$360,000 has been earmarked for South Dakota counties by the OEO, compared to \$123,000 last year, McGovern said.

McGovern said counties interested in Head Start programs should submit applications to regional offices of the OEO by March 31 so programs can be approved by May 6.

McGovern said the basic amount of Head Start funds has been set for all counties, but that programs must be ap-