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 Darmo building, close to the city auditorium. They were purchased from H. Wells Jones, owner of the defunct Advance, at a cost of $27,000.

The city will pay $5,000 down out of the parking meter funds, and will secure an annual installment basis, also from parking meter revenues.

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

In other action Monday night, the city council:

- Approved a bid of Whittaker and Matson for the purchase of a new furnace for the caretaker's house at Canal Park for $720. Other bidders were Church Sheet Metal, $765, and Aero Sheet Metal, $642.
- Approved city backing to a petition of intervention of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce in protest against efforts to get approval of a direct route from Billings, Mont., to Kansas City, Mo. Freighter service on the application before the Civil Aeronautics Board requesting the direct route.
- Accepted the attendance of several city officials at a meeting in Pierre on March 18 of the South Dakota Commerce Commission. They will explain to the commission needs of the Rapid City Municipal Airport and its jet airline service in September. The delegation hopes to obtain assurance of federal aid and funds to finance the first of three construction phases.
- Announced that the library will hold the sixth annual state conference of water and sewer officials on March 17-18. Several from the city departments will attend.
- Heard a report from Mayor Henry Baker that Caynon Lake had risen one foot since 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 the storm damage was negligible. The purchase of 100 by 100-foot plot of property in Piedmont Heights for the construction of a new 300-car garage is to be supplied to the high level areas of West Rapid City. The land, outside of the police limits, was purchased for $3,000.
- The police commission agreed on a plan for police housing for the department in view of the need experienced, during the police riot. A police department apartment, with jeep wagons, found itself snowbound in the Dakota Avenue area and citizens and the National Guard were called in 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 remove the emaciated strands in all parts of the city.
- Heard a report that because of power outage at the municipal airport during the storm, the planes were delayed in their departure from the airport, and that the police and Fire chief the were called to the airport for the first time in a long time. The council was divided 7 to 2 on the approval. Voting against the plan were W. S. Pfitz, and John Larson. The motion was defeated.
- Approved applications for two new officers for the American Oil Company, Locations will be Omaha and Seventh and East St. Patrick and Highways 79.
- Set for program on March 21 at the First Methodist Church.

JAYCEES LIST PROGRAM
Spruce-Up, Park, Pub
Timberland American

The Jaycees, pushing for the American Legion for Rapid City, have initiated a three-phase program designed to expand the city's chances in the competition sponsored by Look Magazine and the National Municipal League. The first effort will be directed toward construction of a new city park and a clean-up, with the second phase intended to promote a public support.

Program Chairman Chuck Volkman said the goal of the Jaycees for a group of city business men 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 could be a strong contender when an application is submitted to the judges in September.

All steps are judged on the merit of projects resulting from recent community activity. Successful and worthwhile projects in the community are most important to the judges.

Jaycee President Dave Olson pointed out that the cooperation of thousands of people would be needed to achieve the goal.

Following a suggestion from Mayor Henry Baker that the first step should be to clean up the "four own back yard," the Jaycees are planning a city-wide clean-up, pub, clean-up, fix-up campaign for April and May to improve the appearance of commercial areas, private property and public 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 spruce-up and publicizing the need for community participation, according to Larry Wier, Chuck Volkman and Walter Giesler also outlined the Jaycee plan for establishing

Head Start Fund Set For

WASHINGTON — Pennington County has been allotted a minimum of $18,000 by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for a summer Project Head Start program, said George Mc Govern, who was present.

This year $90,000 has been earmarked for South Dakota counties by the OEO, compared to $60,000 last year, McGovern said.

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