Coler-Williams winner is Perry

A Rapid City police officer, Tom Perry, became the first winner of the Coler-Williams Award when he graduated atop his class Friday at the Division of Criminal Investigation's training school in Pierre.

The award, which will go to the top graduate of each class, was established as a memorial to FBI agents John K. Coler and Ronald A. Williams, who were killed near Oglala June 26.

"DCI School," as it is called, is a five-weeks training school required for all law enforcement officers in South Dakota.

William Melnick, special agent in charge of the Minneapolis office of the FBI, flew to Pierre to present the award to Perry, who had the highest combined scholastic and field test scores in the class of 31.

In addition to having the highest overall score, Perry also became the first graduate to achieve a 100 percent in the tactical survival course.

Perry and his family moved to Rapid City from Wisconsin in June and joined the Rapid City Police Department June 18.

City to apply for $500,000 EDA grant

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The final vote was unanimous but not before the city council had thoroughly debated alternatives to a grant application issue at Monday's meeting.

The question considered and approved by the council was an application to the Economic Development Act (EDA) for a half million dollar grant to help construct parking facilities around the civic center.

Mike Munden opened discussion, asking where the city would get the match money. Mayor Art LaCroix replied that it is included in the proposed projects under the Community Development Act block grant program.

LaCroix said he has consulted the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and used a concept of over $200,000 from Community Development funds for the parking lot in an eligible project. The mayor stressed that he was consulting with the civic center when it was completed in 1977 and said he would like to see a general area of the projects funded by EDA to match an EDA grant is the only way to get the job done.

Having the civic center complex, including the parking lots, is important not only to city officials, he said, but also to everyone in the city.

James Gillotte, who represents the city in the Community Development Department, argued that the city's project was different from HUD's and that the funds could not be used to match the EDA grant.

The second year program for Community Development projects provided is being reviewed by the Community Development Department and City Council before the recommendations are made to the council.

LaCroix said he hoped the council would act on the application by Dec. 15, but now it would be delayed.

LaCroix also directed the Economic Development Department for the city in making the motion to approve and submit the application to the EDA, but he expected to have the projects funded by EDA to match the EDA money in place by this time, the city might consider submitting an application in the next fiscal year.