Civic center committee presents information sheet on proposal 3-29-72

The following information was made available for use by the Civic Center Promotion Committee in preparation for the public forum Tuesday evening and is being distributed throughout the city. The committee met the following Thursday to discuss the financing of the Civic Center for Rapid City.

TAX REFORM

Your city government has taken on the task of providing tax reform for the people of Rapid City. If the civic center is approved by the voters of Rapid City, the city will provide a tax relief to every family in the city. In addition, no property tax bills will be issued for the city of Rapid City.

Since the state government could not come up with positive tax reform, it was decided to give assistance to all citizens in South Dakota. It was made apparent to the city government of Rapid City that a tax on property was necessary.

Your city government does not owe any authority over the city of state sales tax. But, your city government can make the necessary and overdue changes in the city sales tax.

To improve, if the civic center is approved by the voters of Rapid City, there will be no city sales tax on groceries and no prepayment on city sales in Rapid City.

WHO WILL PAY it?

The basic foundation upon which the entire civic center program is based is the fact that those people benefiting most from the civic center are those people who all utilize the facility—those people will be asked to pay a major portion of the entire cost of the project. This is fair and logical.

The 2% gross sales tax on motels and hotels and car rentals will collect money that will be used to improve the Civic Center.

The same is true on the 2% sales tax on the restaurants and the bars and bistros in Rapid City.

It is the intent of the city council that if people can still afford to pay, it would be a small increase in the city sales tax.

EXPLANATION OF PROPERTY TAXES IN CITY, 1972

The following is a breakdown of how the property tax dollars are spent within Rapid City.

- 74 mills for operation of city government
- 31.66 mills for operation of Rapid City Independent School District
- 13.25 mills for operation of county government
- 8.64 mills total

The following is a breakdown of how the property tax dollars are spent within Rapid City.

- 1.44 for operation of schools
- 1.96 for operation of city government

SOME OBSERVATIONS

1. This is a clear indication that the city government of Rapid City is responsible for educating and spending 90 cents of the total property tax within Rapid City.

2. This is a further indication that the city government within Rapid City is responsible for maintaining all of its public services, if the city could not maintain the property tax, it would lose its property tax base, which would be disastrous for the municipality.

3. The city government would lose the revenue from the property tax, it would be disastrous for the municipality.
Civic center committee presents information sheet on proposal

The following information sheet prepared and paid for by the Civic Center Development Committee was presented to the city council at their formal session on Tuesday evening and is being distributed throughout the city. The committee lists the information and gives the reasons for the construction of the Civic Center for Rapid City.

3-29-72

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LIVIC CENTER COMMITTEE PRESENTS INFORMATION SHEET ON PROPOSAL

The following information sheet prepared and paid for by the Civic Center Foundation was presented to the members of the Rapid City Civic Center committee at its meeting Tuesday evening and is being distributed throughout the city.

**TAX REFORM**

Your city government has taken the lead in providing tax reform for every person in the City. It is proposed to the committee that the city income tax be changed from the present rate of 6% to a new rate of 4%. This change means that every family and every person in Rapid City will be given a tax relief of 20% in property, income, and sales tax. This is an important tax relief for the family in Rapid City.

Since the state government and the city government have no authority over the rate of tax on income, sales, and property, it is necessary for the city government to take the lead.

Your city government does not have any authority over the rate of city income tax. Your city government can make the necessary change in the city income tax.

To explain, if the Civic Center proposal is approved by the voters of Rapid City, there will be no sale taxes on groceries and on prescription medicines in Rapid City.

WHO WILL PAY?

The basic question upon which the civic center proposal is based is that these people benefiting most from the civic center and those people who will utilize the facility most — people who will benefit from the civic center and from those people will benefit from the civic center.

The 6% per cent city sales tax on meals, hotel, and camping at the civic center will collect money from those people who will utilize the civic center. From those people who will benefit from the civic center.

The same is true for the 2% per cent city sales tax on restaurant and race and hotel. If people use the civic center, these people will have the civic center.

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