LaCroix to head Civic Center group

By BOB FELL
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Mayor Art LaCroix was elected president of the Rapid City Civic Center Plaza Corporation at the annual meeting of the board of directors and election of officers Monday night. LaCroix, who has been in the hotel business for 20 years, resigned from the board Monday night. He was elected to the position in 1975.

Bill Abney, city public works director, was elected secretary and member of the board, and Mike Madden was named as an executive committee.

With the resignation of Abney, which created the opening for the mayor, the board wanted to alternate the bylaws increasing the number of members to eight.

The board approved an amendment to the articles of incorporation providing for the appointment of the three-member executive committee with the primary purpose of acting as change orders for the civic center, up to $2,500 provided there is no time to call a full board meeting.

In other official business, the board approved an amendment to the articles providing that the corporation will carry out any charitable and social welfare activities and authorized hiring a request of a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that contributions to the corporation by private donors would be tax deductible.

The board accepted Wilkes's resignation reluctantly and expressed appreciation for his three years service on the board. Other board members, including LaCroix, were re-elected to the election of officers. Other members are Pat Tracy, Ron Campbell and Dan B. (Milt) Madden.

Earlier, the board recommended that consultants by Lutheran, manager of the Tulsa (Okla.) convention center, represent the city in its search for a manager until the mayor has appointed the management board.

In its first working session, Monday night the 13-member citizen's committee studying the "pornography issue" spent most of the evening talking about what is obscene and what is not.

The committee agreed such definitions are vital to their task outlined by the Rapid City Common Council to gather information and make recommendations that will help the council decide whether to enact a comprehensive anti-obscenity ordinance as favored by the majority of voters in the May 19 municipal election.

The committee decided to open the next two weeks writing about a dozen citizens and states where obscenity ordinances have been enacted and requesting copies of their ordinances for study.

Cities to be contacted will include Dallas, Tex., and Fort Wayne, Ind., whose ordinances have been upheld in the state supreme court, as well as several cities whose "obscenity" ordinances have been declared unconstitutional.

States to be contacted include Arkansas, California, Washington, Wisconsin, New York, Nevada, North Dakota and Utah.

The Rev. Bob Hennig was introduced as a new member of the committee. Alderman Harold Schmidt is serving as chairman.

Municipal band opens summer concert series

There will be music in the park beginning tonight as the Rapid City Municipal Band opens its summer season with a free concert in Sioux Park.

The weekly outdoor concerts are sponsored by the Rapid City Recreation Department. Membership in the 50-piece band includes both profession and amateur musicians and students who are college or high school musicians during the school year. Directors are Mike Winter and Jack Knowles.

Wednesday's opening concert will feature the Municipal Soloists with a selection of music popular with the audience.

The band's next concert will be in the park on Thursday, June 29.

Planners receive heat over denial of plat

By BRYAN DAILY
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The Rapid City Planning Commission has recommended to the city council denial of a plat for construction of a new hotel.

The presentation was informational for the future commission. The presentation was informational, and the city and the hotel are seeking the commission's review and approval for the plat.

M. P. Bates, a consultant for the law firm, presented the information. The city is to be built jointly by the city and the hotel. The corporation is to be involved in the construction of the energy plant.

Construction Commission member Harvey Malon said a斑d it is the Thomas, the corporation's review and approval for the plat that the city has been given approval.

The city has had nothing wrong with the plat since the new committee was formed last year.

Engineer Roy Facility, who had prepared the plat, said he knew the plat was not complete and that work should start to move along smoothly.

Painting planned

QUESTION: Will anything be done to prevent the abominable exterior appearance of the police station where the screens placed over the windows are stained with dirt?

ACTION LINE ANSWER: You, Chief of Police Ross Neal, said he is aware of the screens and they are soon to be