

Monthly Newsletter

City of Summerset

May 2022

May Events

Commission meetings- 5/5 and 5/19

Planning and Zoning meetings- 5/10 and 5/24

Office Closed- 5/30 Memorial Day

Late fees- 5/21

Bill Pay Options

- Drop boxes located at City Hall and the entrance of Sun Valley
- Online through city website- summerset.us (call City Hall to obtain your location ID.)
- Call for Visa or Mastercard over the phone (605)718-9858
- Mail checks to 7055 Leisure Lane, Summerset SD, 57718
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The Mayor's Corner

I have been reflecting on my past year as Mayor, as it has now been one year from the day I was sworn in as Mayor. There is not a handbook on how to be a Mayor and I have found that it will look different than other communities. In the past year, I believe we have had some significant accomplishments and have some items the city is still working towards completion. Here are some of the highlights of the past year, outside of daily tasks and operations -

- I have built positive relationships with the City of Summerset employees and have participated in the hiring process of several positions, including our new City Administrator and new Public Works Manager.
- I appointed the first Commissioner to reside in Sun Valley Estates in August 2021. A second commissioner, also from Sun Valley Estates, was appointed in April 2022.
- The city applied to DANR for funding for the much needed expansion of the waste water expansion to allow for more growth, both residential and commercial. The city was awarded the full amount requested with approximately 33% in a grant and additional \$995,000 ARPA funding, which is also federal aid that is granted to the city.
- The city has begun the process to design a proposed park project for all ages to include a splash pad, a small building for serving ice cream, food, and coffee, restroom facilities, and upgraded benches and sitting areas, creating a outdoor community center.

The Mayor's Corner

- The city is currently revising and updating our policies and procedures for city employees, committees, and elected officials.
- I have met with many developers, both commercial and residential, to discuss the growth and amenities for the City of Summerset, as well as how to grow in a positive manner.
- I have participated in community events, such as the dunk tank for Piedmont Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mayor night at Black Hills Home Builders, and puck drop at the Rush playoff game with other local Mayors, to name a few. I believe it is important to be present and active in the community I serve.
- I have implemented monthly reports from all Commissioners, Department Heads, and the Mayor to be accountable to the citizens of the work and interactions we each have and complete in our perspective roles in the City of Summerset.
- I started Coffee with a Commissioner to allow for informal, interactive conversations with a highlighted Commissioner and their department with citizens of Summerset.
- I have addressed many different citizen issues and will continue to do so to try to find a resolution to their issue and/or concern.

There is still work to do and we are continuing to move forward in a positive manner for the City of Summerset. I appreciate the opportunity to serve Summerset as your Mayor.

Melanie Torno

Mayor of Summerset

RAPID CITY RUSH MAYOR'S PUCK DROP

Mayor Torno joined other local Mayor's on April 22nd, 2022 for the puck drop at the first play off game of the season. This was the first time the Rush had been in the playoffs in 7 years, and of course won that night! Mayor Torno was absolutely honored to be invited and to represent Summerset. What a blast!





☼ **91.021 RUNNING AT LARGE** (Dogs and Cats)

(A) General. Any person who owns or who has under his or her care a dog or cat shall not allow said dog or cat to run at large in the city, and said dog or cat, when present within the city, shall be on a leash controlled by a person, be properly secured to a leash which has been tied to an immovable object, or be confined within an enclosure sufficient to keep said dog or cat restrained from escaping such enclosure. No dog or cat shall be leashed to an immovable object so as to permit the dog or cat to walk on or over any public sidewalk, street, or property of another person other than that of the owner of said dog or cat. Any dog or cat not confined by leash or enclosure as set forth herein is hereby declared to be running at large and is declared to be public nuisance. When dogs or cats are found running large and their ownership can be discovered by examination of any rabies license, which must be affixed to the dog or cat, or by inquiry of any person residing in the immediate vicinity where the dog or cat was first taken in possession, such dog or cat need not be impounded, but the Animal Control Officer may cite the owner of such dog or cat to appear in court to answer charges of violations of this chapter. Such citation shall state the violation date, time, location, breed, and color of the dog or cat, if known, and the name and address of the owner of said dog or cat. Said notice shall direct the owner to appear before the magistrate court to answer to the charge of such violation.

(B) Public Park and recreation area and cemetery. It shall be unlawful to have any animal in any public park and recreation area or cemetery within the city except under leash control and on designated roads and walkways. This excludes all persons or organizations authorized by the city.

(Ord. 33, passed 7-8-2010) Penalty, see § 91.999

☼ **91.026 DEFECACTION**

(A) Restriction. No owner, keeper, caretaker, or attendant of an animal shall allow animal to defecate on public or private property other than her or his own. If such animal does defecate on said property, the owner must immediately and thoroughly clean the fecal matter from such property.

(B) Fecal clean up requirement. Anyone walking an animal on public or private property other than her or his own must carry with her or him a means of cleaning up any fecal matter left by the animal. Animals used in parades or involves in law enforcement are exempt from this chapter.

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☼ **91.999 PENALTY**

(A) Any violation of the provisions of this chapter is a Class II misdemeanor punishable by the maximum punishment set forth by the laws of the state pursuant to SDCL § 22-6-2. Said punishment may also include payment of any costs and/or restitution authorized by this chapter and/or state law.

(B) (1) In addition to the remedies provided in this chapter, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the general penalty provision as set forth in division (A) above unless otherwise specifically provided, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(2) Any citation for an ordinance issued by the city pursuant to the terms of the city's ordinances may be appealed to the Board of Commissioners in writing and within 15 days of the issuance of the citation. Such written notice of appeal shall be submitted to the city's Finance Office. All appeals shall be heard and decided by the Board of Commissioners.

(C) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of §§ 91.070 through 91.072 shall be guilty of a second-degree misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by confinement not to exceed 30 days in the county jail, or both fine and imprisonment.

(Prior Code, § 93.999) (Ord. 33, passed 7-8-2010; Ord. 33.01B, passed 10-5-2010)

Statutory reference:

Maximum penalty, see SDCL § 9-19-3

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/summerset/latest/summerset_sd/0-0-0-2178#JD_91.021

🐾 As the weather gets nicer, please be respectful and clean up after your pets! Also, please keep your four-legged friends on a leash. Not mentioned in this newsletter are the following ordinances and can be found at the above web address:

- 🐾 -barking
- 🐾 -dog's behavior
- 🐾 -number of pets limited

Thank You,

SRO/SR Patrol Officer Brandy Palmer

A New Face for City of Summerset

Mitch joined the City last month as our new Public Works City Maintenance Worker. We are so excited to have him join the team!



A little about Mitch...

Mitch is from Sturgis. He has a wonderful wife as well and two amazing kiddos and two pups at home. In his free time Mitch likes to fish and hunt. He decided to join Summerset because he likes the small community.

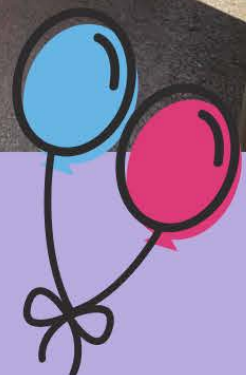
Public Works Department

As a reminder, Simon is still hard at work trying to repair the roads. Please be patient and give the workers room in the construction areas.



Stay tuned for details...

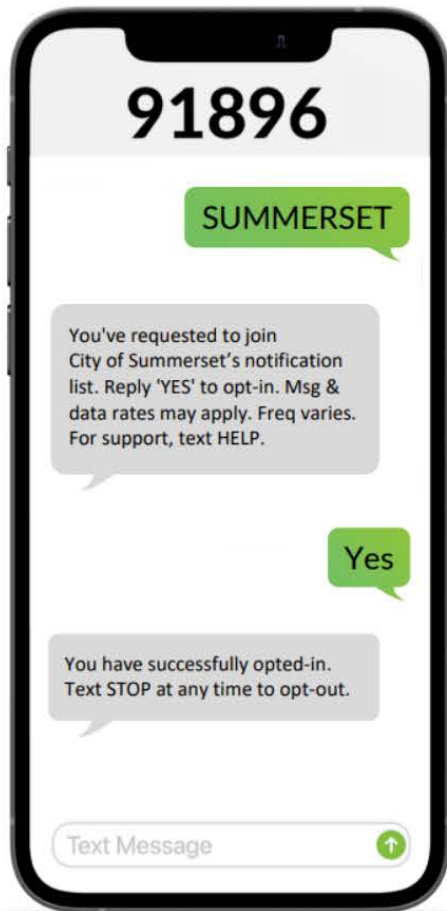
The City of Summerset is hard at work ironing out the details for the 2022 SummerFest! We will let everyone know as soon as everything is finalized so stay tuned!



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