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STATEMENT FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT HAROLD J. MIRE, JR.
ON RAPIDS CITY VILLAGE SALES TAX ELECTION RESULTS

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself, I want to thank every voter who participated in the April 6, 2021 Rapids City Election. I thank each of you for exercising one of the most precious rights we have as Americans; the right to Vote. The Sales Tax passed with over 86% of the vote and we are humbled by your trust in us. I promise you that Trust is sacred to us and WILL NOT BE BROKEN.

So where do we go from here? Starting tonight at 6pm, we continue budget meetings with final budget adoption set to occur before the end of the month. It is my intention to ask the Board at our next regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2021 at 7:00pm, to start the process for addressing improvements to 17th Street Hill and replacement of the culvert on 13th Street. These processes involve bidding for and selecting engineers, letting construction bids, etc. so it will not be a short process. However, rest assured it is my belief and the Board's, that these projects are critical to the infrastructure of Rapids City. There are other projects in the future that I will propose as well, such as repair and dredging of the boat launch and dock, bathrooms at River Bend Park, replacement of roofs on municipal buildings nearing the end of their life span, etc. However, the two immediate projects that this Sales Tax will fund is the 17th Street Hill and 13th Street Culvert project. Regular Road Maintenance will not suffer as a result of these projects.

What does this mean financially? As you know this Village has been debt free for many years now and we accomplished that while reducing Village Property Taxes in 2015 and keeping them at that level. These two projects are very expensive and we will have to borrow to undertake them and that is why we needed this tax. The monies from this tax, along with other cost saving measures we've recently enacted, will allow us to have the funding to pay back the loan without adversely affecting normal business operations of the Village.

It is a pleasure for the Board and myself to serve this Village and we thank you once again for the confidence you placed in us by approving more financial resources to improve our Village. We will carry out your mandate in a fiscal and responsible manner.

Feel Free to join and participate in our meetings via video feed or in person. Contact Village Hall for further information.

Take Care and Stay Safe.

Harold J. Mire, Jr.
Village President