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BOARD OF ETHICS

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TO: Mayor Mike Huether
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SUBJECT: Annual Report 2014

The Board of Ethics met six times in 2014. Three advisory opinions were issued dealing with the following subjects:

1. Whether an intended donation by Mayor Huether's family to the Community Indoor Tennis Center triggered any ethical concerns.
2. Whether there would be a conflict of interest for a City Council member to serve as a precinct officer for his/her respective political party or as an elected church elder while also serving as a member of the City Council.
3. Whether there would be a conflict of interest for a City Council member to simultaneously serve on the Board of Directors of the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Board investigated and dismissed four complaints in 2014. Three of which were found to be frivolous and lacking any basis in fact or law. The Board dismissed the fourth complaint finding no evidence of bias, financial gain or impropriety on the part of the accused. The Board's findings were submitted to the City Council in Reports pursuant to City Ordinance Sections 35.010 and 35.058.

Board member Robert Swanhorst's term expired in December, 2014.

Pursuant to Sec. 35.011(b) of the Ordinances of Sioux Falls, it should be noted that the only cost associated with the Board's activities in 2014 was \$70 for a recognition award.

Attachment

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Opinions and Complaints, 2005-2014

