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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 16, 2024
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: Purchase Black Hills Granite and Marble Works Building – 142 Sherman Street

Deadwood has a significant number of residents who qualify as senior citizens; however, there is currently no public, multi-use facility designated for residents to meet, host events or socialize. This has been identified as an unfulfilled need for our community for many years as outlined in the comprehensive plan.

Beginning in May of 2024, Historic Preservation staff has been in discussion with the Oberlander family regarding the Black Hills Granite & Marble Works building located at 142 Sherman Street. This historic structure was constructed in 1910 by A.L. Duchene and has been used as a cemetery monument company for 114 years and could possibly act as a future senior center.

As related to the National Historic Landmark, this structure is an important part of Deadwood's history. The building's contents, including business receipts, ledgers, and other archival ephemera provide a unique look into one of Deadwood's early businesses as related to Mount Moriah Cemetery and other cemeteries throughout the Black Hills. These records also capture one of the longest family run businesses in Deadwood.

Negotiations have taken place with the Oberlander family regarding the acquisition of the building and its contents. Staff is recommending purchasing the Black Hills Granite & Marble Works building and its contents located at 142 Sherman Street for an amount not to exceed \$91,850.00 and for the Mayor to sign the purchase agreement.

Recommended Motion:

Move to purchase the Black Hills Granite & Marble Works building and its contents located at 142 Sherman Street for an amount not to exceed, \$91,850.00 to be paid out of the acquisitions line item and for the Mayor to sign the purchase agreement.