



1040 Harley-Davidson Way
Sturgis, SD 57785



Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

Sturgis Ambulance Service - The Early Years

The first dedicated ambulance to serve the Sturgis community was a result of what some may consider an unusual source - the F. O. Jolley Funeral Home. The F. O. Jolley Funeral Home opened their doors on September 17, 1933. They not only provided the community with a place to hold funerals, they also provided the first professional ambulance (built exclusively for use as an ambulance) in the Black Hills and western South Dakota, with the exception of the ambulance services in Rapid City. The Jolleys provided transfer and emergency services on a daily basis to communities as far away as 110 miles. The Jolley ambulance also provided contract ambulance service to all the missile bases north, west and east of Sturgis during their construction. Mr. Jolley provided trained attendants and equipment to handle extreme accidents.

In 1969, a joint resolution was created that turned the ambulance duties over to Meade County and the City of Sturgis. At that time, the service was staffed primarily by volunteers and the County was named as the 'Contracting Agency' responsible for billing and collections. In 1995, the City and County considered turning the service over to a private organization due to lack of volunteers; however, many felt the costs associated with a private ambulance would be prohibitive. In 2001, the City and County agreed to name the City as the 'Contracting Agency' responsible for staffing, billing and collections.



This 1950 ambulance was used by the F. O. Jolley Funeral Home to provide emergency and invalid service. It was equipped with oxygen, first aid equipment, splints and blood plasma.

City Continues To Evaluate Areas For Annexation

For most cities, annexation is an economic necessity. As many residents know, there are numerous residential properties located just outside the city limits, where city services such as water, sewer, police, ambulance and fire protection are provided. These services are mostly funded from the collection of municipal property taxes.

When property owners receive services without being in the city limits, it creates a situation where Sturgis residents are subsidizing the non-residents. In 2017, the City Council will continue to look at various properties located adjacent to city limits to determine if annexation would be appropriate.

Often, property owners will petition the City Council for Voluntary Annexation in exchange for additional city services. The process of annexation helps the City grow and ensures fair and equitable fees for everyone.

The availability of city services is a key component to residential and commercial development. During the last two years, both Canyon View Estates and Dolan Creek Estates were able to become established after the property was annexed into the City limits. Additionally, two large campgrounds were brought into the City which enabled the owners to receive city water and sewer services.

Annexation doesn't automatically mean that city services are provided. Depending on the location, water and sewer infrastructure may take time to build out. Utility service expansion projects are usually included in the City's long range Capital Improvement Plans. When annexations take place, property owners work closely with the City to determine which services will be made available and when those services would be ready for use.



Upcoming Meetings and Closures

Sturgis City Council: March 6 and 20 at 6:30pm in the Commission Room at the Erskine Building, 1300 Sherman Street.

The following applications have been received by the City Planning Office and are scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on March 7 at 5:30pm at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. Visit the City website to view the full agenda. For more information about a specific application, contact the Planning Office by calling 347-4422. Meeting dates are subject to change.

Applicant Name	Request	Address
Abeln & Associates Architects	Variance to rear setback	1940 Lazelle
Corrina Ross-Chavez	Annual Review - Day Care	1405 Davenport
Discovery Kids University	Annual Review - Day Care	198 Old Stone Road
Mario DeLudos	Annual Review - Firearms Sales & Repair	1309 Pine View Drive
Dana Morris-Dietz	Review - Existing Day Care	1913 Sunset
Iron Horse Saloon	Variance - to rear setback	941 Lazelle

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Rod Bradley 389-3209

Ward Two:

Tony Dargatz 490-3584

David Martinson 720-5299

Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618

Ron Waterland 490-2065

Ward Four:

Steve Keszler 206-1500

Rhea Crane 490-8615

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

New Occupancy Fees For Hotels And Motels

The Sturgis City Council is considering implementing an occupancy fee for hotels and motels within city limits. The ordinance would create a Business Improvement District (BID) that would require lodging establishments to collect \$2.00 per night for each occupied room. The funds would be used to help promote existing events and possibly create new events. Essentially, tourists would be funding more events that would create the need for more rooms. Occupancy fees are in place in nearly every community in the state. The \$2.00 per night would be considered a very inexpensive fee compared to most areas in the country.

At the Library in March

Quilt Show - Stop by the Library and enjoy the large variety of quilts during the months of March and April.

Pi Day - Tuesday, March 14. Celebrate National Pi Day with us from 3:30-4:30. Refreshments will be served.

History at High Noon - Friday, March 17. Dave Super, former newspaper writer and editor, will present a program on the City Auditorium/Armory.

Did You Know?? The Sturgis Library supports patrons who have a difficulty reading standard print as a result of a visual impairment, physical limitation or reading disability by offering large print materials. They also support the NLS Talking Book Program. This service is offered through the South Dakota State Library. The service allows users to check out audio books that are played on a special device that has instructions and operating buttons identified in braille. A collection of books specifically created for use with these machines is available via free subscription. A machine and small selection of books is available at the Library for patrons to try out. To learn more, contact the South Dakota State Library at 1-800-423-6665.



The Sturgis Area Chamber would like to invite your organization to participate in the Sixth Annual Community Showcase & Health Fair on Tuesday, March 14 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Sturgis Community Center. There is no cost to participate in or attend this event. Call 347-2556 to register.

The showcase allows area non-profits to display and distribute information. The health fair allows the public to get medical testing and wellness information. Includes soup supper!



Gardeners interested in securing a garden spot in one of the Community Gardens may apply at City Hall March 1 - 31.

There will be two garden locations this year. The original location contains 10' x 20' beds and is located on Blanche Street near the soccer fields. The fee is \$25 which covers the cost of water and insurance. Those holding a spot in this garden last year will get preference for a spot in the same location.

The second location is at the corner of Ball Park Road and Arizona Avenue. This new garden has 4' x 5' raised beds. The fee for a spot in this garden is \$5.00. The beds at this location will be assigned through a lottery system that will take place in mid-April. Both gardens are fenced and each has a shed for tool storage. Each gardener is given the combination to open the locks on the gates and sheds.

If you would like more information about the Community Gardens, please visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov.



If you have gardening tools or supplies you no longer need and would like to donate to the Community Garden Project, please contact Rich Deaver at 720-6102.

Mark Your Calendar for the 2017 Green Thumb Gala!

The 2017 event will take place May 8-12. Plan to decorate a pot or other garden related item to be donated to the Library. All items will be auctioned off as a fund raiser to help support various Library programs during the year.



The City will not hold a municipal City Council election in 2017. Under the current 3-year terms, the next election will take place in 2018.



City Council Considering Hobby Bee Keeping Ordinance

The Sturgis City Council is considering an ordinance to regulate Hobby Bee Keeping within city limits.

In recent years, there has been an increase in hobby bee keeping within areas considered to be non-agricultural. The City has never had a regulation against bees because the State of South Dakota has regulations in place for bee keeping (Chapter 38-18 and Article 12.41).

In August of 2016, there was an incident that occurred involving a hive of bees being kept within the City. The bees at the residence became agitated resulting in a call to the Police Department requesting assistance. Following that incident, the Council directed the City Attorney and staff to develop an amendment to Title 32 'Animals' to provide guidance for the acceptable manner of keeping bees within the City. If adopted, Article 32.05 will provide an easy reference for bee keepers to learn what city requirements are in place above and beyond the present state regulations. The ordinance will regulate the size, number and location of hives. Those interested in keeping bees will still be required to register with the State.

Area bee keepers, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Legal and Finance Committee have provided comment for the proposed ordinance and the City Council will consider taking action at the March 6 Council meeting. A draft of the proposed ordinance can be viewed on the City website.



Girls Volleyball Registration Now Open

Registration for grades 3 and 4 is open until March 5. The first game will be March 21. The fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Contact the Sturgis Community Center for details and registration.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
All offices 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
Planning & Permitting 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 5:00 Sat.
Noon - 5:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Thur.
8:00 - 5:00 Fri.
8:00 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983
10:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
Noon - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street
Animal Shelter 347-8310
1140 Otter Road

Public Works & Parks 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road
1057 Dudley Street
Shelter Reservations call
347-4422

Water Office 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
1040 Harley-Davidson Way
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