



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.



March 10

Meetings

City Council Meetings - March 4 and 18 at 6:30 in the Erskine Building located at 1300 Sherman Street. View agendas and meeting information on the City website on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. If you would like to have City Council agendas sent to your Email, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422.

The following applications will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on March 5 at 5:30pm at City Hall. Annual reviews are conducted by staff and will not appear on Commission agendas. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. For more information about an application or review, contact the Planning Office at 347-4422. Meeting dates are subject to change.

| Applicant Name | Request | Address |
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| David Erfman | UOR In-Home Business (animal nutrition) | 1923 Arizona Ave. |
| Dana Dietz | Annual Review - Daycare | 1913 Sunset Street |
| King of the Mt. | Annual Review - Residence in Industrial Park | 3572 Mayer Ave. |
| Mario Deludos | Annual Review - In-Home Business (firearm sales) | 1309 Pine View Dr. |

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand 490-1054

Terry Keszler 347-0745

Ward Two:

David Martinson 720-5299

Beka Zerbst 206-1888

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

Campgrounds Asked to Provide Payments for Ambulance Service

On February 19, the City Manager and Council members met with several campground owners and operators with facilities located outside Sturgis City limits. The meeting was to discuss financing for services during the 2019 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Historically, 1/3 of all calls to campgrounds are for individuals refusing service. This means a crew responds but is unable to bill for services. Of the remaining billable calls, only 23% is collected.



As a means to continue service to the campgrounds, the City is requesting the owners pay a fee to help cover the costs for response. The fee is based on the historical average number of calls for service during the two-week Rally period. The amount of the fees range from \$300 to \$5,100.

City Manager Daniel Ainslie stated the fees will ensure the Sturgis City Ambulance will be able to respond to these specific areas outside the City during the 2019 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. If campgrounds choose not to pay, the Sturgis Ambulance Service will need to adjust their service area accordingly.

Council Approves Changes to Animal Ordinance

On February 4, the Sturgis City Council approved changes to City Ordinance Title 32 regulating Animals. The changes include additional regulations for the total number of domestic household pets that can be in one location.

Primarily, the ordinance now states if a person has 7 or more animals, for a period of 18 weeks or more, they must obtain an Excessive Animal Permit. The permit is issued by the Animal Control Officer and is subject to an inspection, notification of neighbors, and a \$10 permit fee.



The change was made at the request of the Sturgis Police Department. According to Police Chief Geody Vandewater, far too many animals have been found at residences where the animal populations were out of control and the living conditions were unsanitary. Once a permit is issued, annual inspections will take place unless a complaint is received, in that case, inspections and further enforcement may take place as needed.

Judge Denies Buffalo Chip Status as City

On February 12, Judge Gordon Swanson of the Fourth Circuit Court, held a motions hearing in the State vs. Buffalo Chip case. In a ruling from the bench, he stated that the requirement for a municipal incorporation election was that both 100 residents and 30 registered voters were required in the proposed area. The State's motion for Summary Judgement was granted, setting aside the purported municipal incorporation of the campground as a town. The lack of residents was just one of the issues surrounding the incorporation of the campground; however, this specific ruling is more than enough to nullify the incorporation as a municipality.

The City of Sturgis would like to thank Governor Noem and Governor Dugaard for their respective roles in challenging the incorporation of the campground. Their leadership has helped maintain electoral integrity state-wide. Judge Swanson's ruling was a common-sense resolution to a complex case and it upheld the law that a city must have residents.

The City of Sturgis looks forward to continuing to work with the Buffalo Chip Campground to enhance the quality of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally experience for the hundreds of thousands of tourists that come to the Black Hills each year.

Sturgis Library News

On February 18, the City Council formally accepted Scull Construction as the low bidder for the Sturgis Library and City Hall Remodeling Project.

The Library project will officially begin March 4. According to Library Director Julie Moore-Peterson, the children's area will be the main focus of the project.



Many regular programs including Lego Play, Story Hour, Story Time, and the Book Club will continue in a different area of the library during construction. Art exhibits, the Quilt Show, and after school activities will be suspended until the project is complete

in mid-July. Library patrons will need to use the main entrance door on Harley-Davidson Way during construction.

March History at High Noon will feature "Sheriffs of Meade County" presented by Dave Super. The program will take place on March 15 at noon in the Meade Room at the Sturgis Community Center.

New Books

I Owe You One by Sophie Kinsella, *The Wedding Guest* by Jonathan Kellerman, *The Black Ascot* by Charles Todd, *Connections in Death* by J.D. Robb, and *The Forgiving Jar* by Wanda E. Brunstetter.

New Movies

First Man, The Grinch, The Old Man & the Gun, and Crazy Rich Asians.



Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Accepting Requests for Funding

The Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis mission is to *improve the world one child and one community at a time.*

Each year, the organization considers requests for donations from groups that have programs that provide services or programs that in some way support similar missions.

Groups meeting this criteria may apply for funding. Download a Donation Request form from the Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis Facebook page. Mail the completed application, prior to March 29, to Sturgis Golden K Kiwanis, P.O. Box 4136, Sturgis, SD 57785. Award notifications will be made via Email by April 15.

9th Street Bridge on Schedule Despite Weather

Work on the Ninth Street Bridge Project remains on schedule and is expected to be ready for an asphalt overlay in late spring.

Contractors began removal of the bridge last November. The bridge structure was showing significant signs of deterioration and wear due to age.



The 9th Street bridge is one of four crossings over the Bear Butte Drainage within the city.

2019 Community Gardens

Gardeners interested in applying for a garden spot in one of the two Community Gardens may apply at City Hall March 1-29.

The Park 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.

The second location is at the corner of Ball Park Road and Arizona Avenue. This garden has 4' x 5' raised beds. The fee for a spot in this garden is \$5.00.

Those gardeners who were assigned a plot last year will get preference for a spot in the same location. Each garden is 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 or would like to download an application, please visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov.



Upcoming Events

Legislative Crackerbarrel - Saturday, March 2 starting at 9:00 AM in the Erskine Building Commission Room.

Leprechaun Hunt - March 9. Register at the Knuckle Brewery 10-4.

Learn CPR - Monday, March 11 at 6:00 PM. Sturgis Fire/Ambulance Hall.

History at High Noon - March 15 at noon in the Meade Room at the Sturgis Community Center.

Sturgis Liquor Open House - Friday, March 15 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

Community Showcase - Thursday, March 21. Learn about our area non-profits and their missions. 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle. Chili contest begins at 5:00 PM.

Love Inc - Second quarter classes begin on March 28. Visit their Facebook page for a class information.



The City-Wide Spring Cleanup will be April 22 - 26.

The Spring City-Wide Garage Sale will be April 27.

Sturgis Leprechaun Hunt - March 9



Register at the Knuckle Brewery from 10am to 4pm on March 9. Pick up your Treasure Map and begin the hunt for great prizes hidden in various locations in Sturgis. The grand prize includes a 2-night stay in Denver along with tickets to see the Rockies play on April 6.

This is a family friendly event.

Visit OfficialSturgisEvents.com for rules.



Voter registration deadline is March 25 if you want to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election on April 9.



Crisis Intervention Shelter Fundraiser - for just \$10 you could win a custom rifle from Dakota Custom Rifles, LLC.

The drawing will take place on April 1, 2019 or as soon as 750 tickets are sold. Purchase tickets at My Cisster's Closet, 1324 Main Street.



Annual Potato Feed & Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 19 4:30 - 6:30
Sturgis Community Center.

Goodwill offering at the door. Donations help the needy in our community with necessities such as utilities, groceries and fuel.

Baked Potatoes & Toppings
Salad & Drinks

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
All offices 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
Rally & Events 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.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

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

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

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
Pay online with XpressBillPay.com

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