

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



Meetings and Notices

City Council Meetings - September 6 and 19. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way (please use the Sherman Street entrance).

Agendas and other meeting information will be posted on the City website calendar on the Thursday prior to the meeting. If you would like to have City Council agendas e-mailed to you, contact the Finance Office at 347-4422. Meetings are live-streamed on the City Facebook page.

2023 Budget - 2nd Reading of the proposed 2023 budget will be on September 6 during the City Council meeting.

The following application(s) will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 7 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at Sturgis City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. Meetings are streamed live on the City Facebook page.

For more information about an application or review, contact the Planning Office at 347-4422 ext 212. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

Plains Towing	Towing Facility in Highway Service	2879 Vanocker Canyon
Loretta Mason	Dog Grooming in Residential	2109 Meadowlark
Nadine Bueno	In-Home Daycare	309 Sherman Street
Jade McGrane	Variance to Setback for carport	644 Weber Drive

Officials

Mayor

Mark Carstensen

Council Members

Ward One:

Mike Bachand
Angela Wilkerson

Ward Two:

Beka Zerbst
Tony Dargatz

Ward Three:

Aaron Jordan
Preston Williams

Ward Four:

Kevin Forrester
Dean Sigman

City Manager

Daniel Ainslie

For contact information visit the city website at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call City Hall at 605-347-4422

Proposed 2023 Budget Includes Property Tax Reduction

The Sturgis City Council approved the first reading of the proposed 2023 Budget on August 22.

The proposed budget includes a reduction in property tax collections of \$100,000. These reduced collections along with the higher assessment of our community are anticipated to reduce the City mill levy of an owner-occupied property by more than 15%. The City's mill levy has dropped 46% since 2012.

The proposed city tax rate assessed to all other properties, including business, industrial, and rental, will drop as well.

Meade Schools, Meade County, and the City use property tax dollars to provide services that citizens want; a safe place for their family to live, good schools, and high quality of life.

The first step to determine property tax for the school, city, and county is for the Meade County Assessor to assess the value of all property based on comparable sales and other data. Taxes are levied based on the most current value of the property.

The next step is to determine the amount of taxes needed to meet the costs of operating the Schools, the County, and the City. The higher the cost of operating these organizations, the larger the revenues required from property taxes. This is why growth and economic development are so important to the City; the more the City grows, the more our sales tax grows and contributing taxpayer base grows, which in turn reduces our dependency on property taxes.



The 16th Annual Sturgis Mustang Rally will take place August 30 - September 4. Activities will include autocross, drifting, burnouts, drag racing, and more.

On Saturday, the annual Show & Shine will take place on Main Street from 10 AM until 4 PM. Tommy Brandt will also perform at the Motorcycle Museum from 2:30 until 4 PM.

Visit sturgismustangrally.com to view the full schedule.

Locals Honored at Military Appreciation Day

Two local veterans were honored during the City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Military Appreciation Day.

Arvid Meland grew up in Watertown. He was drafted into the United States Army and was deployed to Germany in a Mortar Company. After being discharged, Arvid has continued to be an active member of the community, being a member of Sturgis Honor Guard (participating in 3,300 funerals), lifetime member of the American Legion, member of the Sturgis Kiwanis, the Sturgis Area Arts Council member, member of Grace Lutheran Church and a 17 year Council member.



Cindy Cassidy-Erickson was born in Spearfish. After growing up in Whitewood, she enlisted into the SD National Guard, spending 10 years as a heavy construction mechanic, 9 years as a crane operator and 5 years with the Regional Training Institute's Officer Candidate School in Ft. Meade. She was deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004.

Following her 28 year career with the South Dakota National Guard, Cindy began her new stage of life on a hobby farm and ranch.

The City of Sturgis Rally and Events Department presents the 2022, 5th Annual "Sturgis Off-Road Rally" September 8-11.

This event features a show and shine, poker runs, barrel races, pole bending, socials, and navigational games.

Visit officialsturgisevents.com for a full schedule and registration information.



Councilor's Corner

Councilor Forrester - Way to go Team Sturgis! It is amazing to see how our local businesses, residents and staff welcome hundreds of thousands of people annually to our small community. Beyond the tremendous economic boost that the annual City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally brings to our entire region and state, the event is the state's largest fundraising event. Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised for charities throughout the Black Hills. This year an economic impact analysis is being completed by Texas A&M. With this study we will be able to confidently approach the state to request assistance in promoting and hosting one of the largest economic drivers in our state.



The Monday following the Rally, the City immediately got back to work on several vital initiatives including the 7th Street Crossing, the Boulder Canyon, Vanocker and Moose Drive Bike Paths, reconstruction of East Main and East Sherman and ADA upgrades. Soon, the City will be working on further ordinances reviews and truck route concerns. In addition, continued planning for new high quality subdivisions continues. The City is continuing to work to receive grants to assist in infrastructure improvements. Planning continues regarding the future upgrades to Lazelle and Junction. The Council is also working to finalize its five year capital improvement plan, goals and objectives, the 2023 budget and in coming months a new Comprehensive Plan. The City Council is continuing to strive to solidify Sturgis' promising future.

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

The Library will also be closed on Saturday, September 3.

Trash normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.



Sturgis PD Reserve Officers

The Sturgis Police Department is currently accepting applications for the volunteer position of Reserve Officers.

The Sturgis Police Reserves are a supplement to the Full-time Police Force and receive a minimum of 100 hours of training and 40 hours of ride along time before going out on patrol. They are certified with the State of South Dakota and are qualified to perform law enforcement activities similar to Full-time Officers.

Once certified, Reserve Officers Assist Full-time Officers in their daily functions with patrolling, crime scenes, traffic control and arrests. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable law enforcement experience with a respected department. Reserves are often hired during the annual City of Sturgis Motorcycle Rally to support our law enforcement efforts.



An applicant must be twenty-one (21) years of age.

If interested in applying, please visit our website www.sturgispolice.com to fill out an application or contact Corporal Jameson Tebben at 347-5070 for further details. You can also email him at tebben@sturgispolice.com



1st Annual Sturgis Music Festival

Join us on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24 in Downtown for 5 stages of free music. The annual pub crawl happens all weekend. The Chamber's Annual Fall

Festival Family events occur at Harley-Davidson Rally Point Saturday morning.

Library Happenings

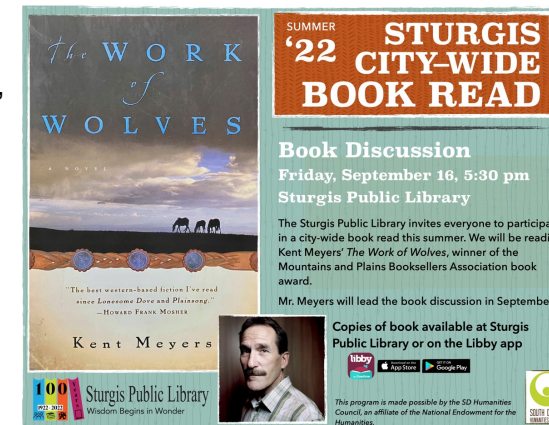
We will be closed September 3–5 for the Labor Day holiday. Storytime starts up again on Tuesday, September 6 with Toddler Tuesdays (ages 0–3) at 10:00 am and PreK Wild Wednesdays (ages 3–6) at 11:00 am. Come join us for stories and activities. We will offer a storytime in Union Center on September 15 at 4:30 pm at Copper Coffee & Goods Co.

The library is offering an Intro to Libby and other online resources on Thurs, September 8th at 5:30 pm (Bring your own device for assistance or set-up). Libby is the gateway to our digital book collection. Bring your kids to our Stuffy Storytime & Sleepover, September 9th at 10:30am. Bring your stuffed animal to storytime and leave them for the evening for a sleepover in the library! You can come and pick up your stuffy on Saturday and find out what they did overnight.

The monthly Teen Tuesdays start on Sept. 13th from 3:30–4:30 (Ages 12–17). Relax at the library with popcorn and games. Mega Mondays start on September 19th from 4:00–5:00 pm. (Ages 6–11) Kids are welcome to join us for popcorn and activities once a month. Our Tot Social is Friday, September 23rd at 10:00am. Bring the littles to the library to play with blocks and books and meet new friends. Cookies, coffee, and juice will be served.

MusicSpeaks returns on Thursday, September 15 at 5:30. Join Library Director Christopher Hahn as we look at music and the brain. Learn how our brains process sound and music, what an "earworm" is, and the connection between music and memory, especially with Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

Friday, September 16 at 5:30 pm, join author Kent Meyers as he discusses his book The Work of Wolves. The book is the Sturgis City-Wide Summer Read for this year. Copies of the book are available to check out at the library and online through the Libby app.



K-6th Girls Basketball

Registration September 12–Oct. 3
\$30 members, \$40 non-members

Fall Swim Lessons

Registration October 24-28
\$25 members, \$40 non-members
\$10 per additional child
Classes Nov 1 –Dec 15 Tues & Thurs



City-Wide Fall Yard sale
October 1.
City-Wide Fall Cleanup
October 3-7.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
Code Enforcement & Planning
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Fri.
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

Finance Office 347-4422
7:00 - 6:00 Mon. - Thur.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

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

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

Public Works 347-3916
6:00 - 3:00 Mon. - Thur.
6:00 - 10:00 AM Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site 347-5605
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat.
20492 Avalanch Road

Rally & Events 720-0800
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Sturgis Liquor 347-5983
9:00 - 7:00 Mon. - Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573

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