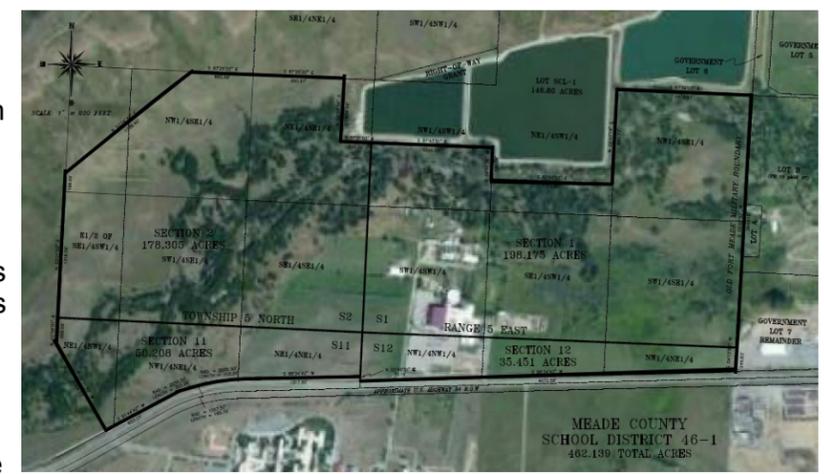


Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

City Completes Annexation of High School, Airport and City Lagoons

On February 12, the Sturgis City Council accepted a voluntary annexation petition from the Meade County School Board. The School Board voted to request annexation in late 2014 and then reaffirmed the request with a second vote in 2015. The petition requested the City annex 461 acres of land currently being used to house the Sturgis Brown High School campus, related facilities and open space. The property is contiguous to the existing City limits.



The City currently provides sewer, street lighting, emergency services, secondary water and snow removal to the area. Garbage and other services will be available upon request by the School Board.

In addition to the school property, the City also annexed property where the City water treatment facilities are located just north of the school property and the municipal airport. Annexation protects these city owned facilities from the possibility of future regulatory restrictions that could have a negative effect on the city.

Downtown Plaza Coming Soon

Upon completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the City of Sturgis in conjunction with the Downtown Steering Committee has worked to develop strategies to enhance the quality of life within Sturgis and to make improvements in the downtown core. Those strategies included the formation of the Downtown Business Improvement District, Downtown Zoning Overlay and the Downtown Façade Improvement Program. In addition, the construction of a community plaza was identified as a major downtown improvement goal.

In August of 2014, the City of Sturgis purchased property identified by the Downtown Steering Committee located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Second Street from First Interstate Bank. Following the purchase, FourFront Engineering was hired to develop the required plans and specifications needed to create a plaza on the property.

In January of 2015, the City announced a partnership with Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. As the official sponsor of the "Harley-Davidson Plaza", the company agreed to fund the construction of a permanent downtown plaza.

The City recently requested bids for the construction of the plaza. The bid was awarded to Ainsworth Benning Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,325,100 which was slightly below the engineer's estimate. Construction plans include owner provided items such as signage, video screens, furniture and landscaping. Several utility lines will also be moved and geotechnical testing will take place. Construction will begin as soon as possible and is scheduled to be completed in time for a 4th of July celebration.

As the project moves forward, progress reports will be posted on the City website under the 'Projects' tab.



At the Library in March

- **History at High Noon** - March 20. Featuring Ernie Miller.
- **Featured Artists** - Stop by and enjoy the annual Quilt Show during the month of March. This exhibit will feature many of our local quilters. A Bed Turning event will take place on Saturday, March 14 at 2:00pm.
- **Pinterest of the Month** - Saturday, March 28, 1:00-2:00pm. Join us for an hour of creativity. This month we will be exploring creative ways to pot and display houseplants. This is a perfect kick off to the Annual Green Thumb Gala event scheduled for May 4-8.
- **Lego Play** March 9 and 23 from 3:30 - 4:30pm.
- **Story Hour** - Every Tuesday at 10:00am.
- **Scrabble** - March 10 and 24 at 5:00pm.
- **Saturday Read** - March 21 at 1:00 - 2:00pm.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Sturgis City Council:** March 2 and 16 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building.
- **Planning and Zoning:** March 3 at 5:30pm at City Hall.
- **Park Board:** March 10 at 7:00pm at the Meade County Extension Office.
- **Community Showcase and Soup Supper:** March 19 at the Community Center 5:00 - 7:30pm. Stop by and learn about our area non-profit organizations.
- **Library Board** - March 25 at 4:00pm in the Library.
- **City Council Candidate Forum:** March 30 at 6:00pm. Hosted by the Sturgis Chamber. Watch for details on the location.

Officials
Mayor Mark Carstensen 490-1044
Council Members
Ward One: Mike Bachand 490-1054 Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361
Ward Two: David Hersrud 347-5061 Marcia Johnston 347-2483
Ward Three: Jason Anderson 490-1618 Ron Waterland 720-5010
Ward Four: Branden Bestgen 644-6005 Tim Potts 720-4233
City Manager Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

State Makes Changes to Camping Regulations

The State of South Dakota has made changes to camping regulations including those campgrounds located in residential areas. The City, however, has not changed any of the laws regulating camping within city limits.

City Ordinance Title 18 Zoning, Section 18.05.18 addresses temporary camping at a residence within city limits.

- In order to rent out private property in the city for camping, the parcel of land must be occupied by the owner;
- No more than 19 sites are allowed on any residential parcel;
- Private camping may not be advertised to the general public;
- Temporary restroom and shower facilities are not allowed;
- The placement of tents and other camping structures must meet all setbacks as outlined by City Ordinance; and
- The property owner must provide parking for all those using the facility.

All campgrounds, whether temporary or permanent must be licensed by the State of South Dakota. To learn more about the process for getting a license, contact the South Dakota Health Department by calling 394-5288.

New Code Red Emergency Notification System Launched

A new emergency notification system is now operational in the Sturgis area. The free notification system has the ability to send messages via text, voice or e-mail to subscribers free of charge.

To sign up, simply visit  the City website and click on the CODE RED link listed on the top of the menu on the left side of the page. Users can subscribe free of charge and list preferences for which phone number(s) are called and which categories they want to be included in when notifications are made.

There is also a free app available for download so you can manage your information from your mobile device. Code Red notifications are available in many communities within the U.S.

Main Street to Close Early for 2015 Motorcycle Rally

Following lengthy discussions and calls for comment from local businesses and the public, the City Council made the decision to close Main Street to all vehicles other than motorcycles on Wednesday, July 29 at 2:00am., two days earlier than usual. In years past, the street was closed to vehicle traffic on the Friday prior to the official start of the Rally.

With the high volume of visitors expected to attend the 75th anniversary, the expanded time frame will hopefully ease some congestion. Each year, prior to the start of the Rally, Main Street is a flurry of activity; with thousands of people downtown parking and walking among delivery trucks and other vehicles, it can become very dangerous.

Main Street will re-open to all traffic at 2:00am on Sunday, August 9.

The Public Works Department will have photo towers, trash totes and portable restrooms in place prior to the street closure. The additional two days of street closure is estimated to cost \$90,000 in staff overtime, contractor and rental fees and other associated expenses.

During the same Council meeting, the 2015 Rally Traffic Plan was approved. This year, Second Street will be closed to all vehicle travel from the alley north of City Hall to Lazelle. This area will host several vendors. Kinship Street, which is typically closed from Lazelle to the Post Office, will remain open to traffic but will have motorcycle parking on the west side of the street. Other traffic restrictions may come about as the SD DOT is working closely with the City in an attempt to make travel in and around the City as smooth as possible during a record setting event. A map with all traffic signals and signs as well as street restrictions is posted on the City website at Sturgis-sd.gov.

In addition to the 2015 Rally Traffic Plan, the City Council also approved the first reading of amendments to Title 16 Parking & Stopping Prohibited in Certain Places. Namely, prohibiting certain delivery and installation vehicles from parking on Main Street between Middle and Fourth, between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm from July 15 until August 15 each year. The intent of this regulation is to keep large service type vehicles from taking several parking spaces and/or causing obstructions on Main Street during peak times of the day when traffic typically becomes very congested.

City Council Identifies Goals for 2015

Each year, the Sturgis City Council identifies goals they would like to complete in the upcoming year. The 2015 goals are as follows:

1. Proceed with annexation of properties to further our community growth and ensure equity for tax payers.
2. Improve infrastructure within our community to allow for growth.
3. Stimulate and incite development within our local residential and commercial sectors.
4. Continue increasing the City's financial health.
5. Enhance the community's quality of life through safety, recreational development and enhancements.
6. Improve and enhance communications throughout the City and to the public.

More specific information related to each of these goals can be viewed on the City website at sturgis-sd.gov.

Sturgis Ambulance Blood Drive
March 4 from 3:00pm. until 5:30pm.
at the Fire Hall, 1901 Ball Park Road.
Call 347-5801 to schedule an appointment.



Sturgis Alliance of Churches Annual Potato Feed



March 17 4:30 until 6:30pm
Sturgis Community Center
Goodwill donations accepted.



Sturgis Ambulance Service personnel will be offering free CPR Classes on a monthly basis beginning March 11. For registration information, call the Fire Hall at 347-5801.

The City now accepts all major credit cards for utility payments, building permits and zoning fees.



Community Garden registration information is now available on the city website. A 10 x 20 garden space is \$25.00. Returning members can register starting March 2 at City Hall. New members can register starting April 1.



Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

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.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 6:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

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

Water Department 347-4422
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1040 2nd Street

After Hours Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
Payment Drop Box:
City Hall 1040 2nd Street