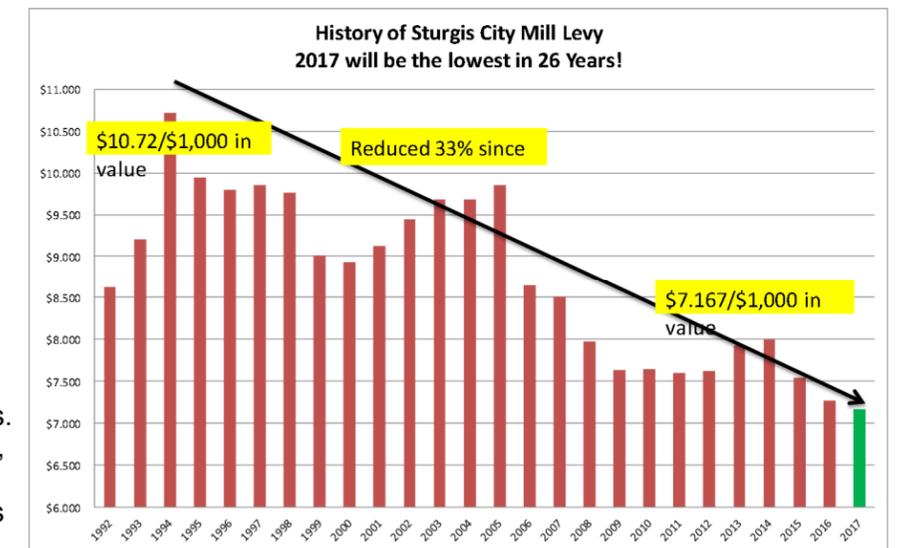


Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

2017 Sturgis City Budget Summary

The 2017 Sturgis City Budget was adopted on September 6. The 2017 budget will now include an additional \$156,378 worth of potential revenue growth from two TIFs that will be complete. TIF #9 for the Palisades and TIF #10 for the Sturgis Industrial Park along with 5-year tax abatements for commercial properties will provide an additional \$21,530,836 in property valuations moving forward. The increase in these revenues was used to reduce the tax levy and to provide revenue for future capital improvement projects.

In 2018, there is an anticipate growth of \$7 million in property valuations as more commercial abatements will expire. This increase does not count new construction or property annexations that are also added each year. We currently receive interest income of \$175,000 per year which is up from \$2,500 per year just a few years ago. Much of this additional revenue is from TIFs. TIFs are an excellent way to grow our sales tax base as well as our property valuations. In the case of an extended emergency, if cash reserves were depleted, we could sell our TIF accounts receivables for cash to cover operating expenses.



The Government Finance Officers Association recommends a city to have a minimum reserve equal to 20% of the General Fund to be held in case of an emergency. The reserve funds should be enough to allow a city to operate for at least 2 months. Most of the city accounts meet this recommendation.

With the increase in funding mentioned above, the City was able to reduce the 2017 mill levy rate. Sturgis property owners currently enjoy the lowest mill levy in over 25 years.

The 2017 budget includes an additional \$76,000 for stormwater utility upgrades as well as funding to employ a new Operator. This new position will ensure that our 2,000 drainage areas are working properly.

This effort will help fix some but not all of our stormwater issues.



Utility rates continue to be competitive across the Black Hills region. Utility rates need to be comparable with other cities in order to qualify for state and federal grants such as those used by the City for major capital improvements. The City will be applying for one such grant to make upgrades at the sewer lagoons. The final cost for lagoon improvements is not available, however, depending on the final costs an additional increase to sewer rates will be required.



November 6
 Fall Back 1-hour

Upcoming Meetings and Closures

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day. Trash will still be picked up on Friday as scheduled.

City offices will also be closed on November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving. Trash normally collected on Thursday will be picked up on Wednesday and the Friday route will be collected the following Monday.

Sturgis City Council: November 7 and 21 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building, 1300 Sherman Street.

Planning & Zoning: November 8 at 5:30pm at Sturgis City Hall.

Sample ballots for the November 8 election are available at the Sturgis Library. Polls will be open at the Community Center 7AM until 7PM on November 8.

Community Center Fall Membership Special

October 31-November 6

Draw out of the Pumpkin for savings on a new or renewal annual membership!

Get a FREE Day Pass when donating a non-perishable food item. All food items will be donated to the Kiwanis Food Pantry.



Sturgis - Crisis Intervention Shelter Service (CISS) Annual Santa Exchange Christmas Rummage Sale. November 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sturgis Community Center. All proceeds to benefit CISS.



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 720-5010

Ward Four:
 Steve Keszler 206-1500
 Rhea Crane 490-8615

City Manager
 Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

Tax and Municipal Fee Comparison
Based on a \$150,000 assessed single family residence

Location	City Tax	School Tax	County Tax	Other Tax	Sewer	Water	Garbage	Total
Belle Fourche	947	1,376	653	19	245	207	269	3,717
Spearfish	431	2,015	645	11	425	181	210	3,918
Sturgis (budgeted)	1,089	1,322	632	-	389	358	150	3,940
Deadwood	750	1,885	645	129	276	246	162	4,093
Lead	1,378	1,885	645	243	276	300	162	4,889
Hot Springs	1,067	2,023	775	268	342	209	152	4,834
Rapid City	630	2,046	723	1,158	356	211	202	5,326

Based on 2016 actual comparisons with other Black Hills communities, Sturgis is the third most affordable community in which to live. Additionally, many communities have additional taxing districts such as water, library, sewer, stormwater fire, etc. Also of note - a home assessed at \$150,000 in Spearfish is much smaller than a home with the same valuation in Sturgis.

The Sturgis City Council strives to provide a high quality, affordable community for our residents.



On October 6, Sturgis employees were honored at the South Dakota Municipal League Conference in Rapid City for providing 20+ years of dedicated municipal service. The employees who were recognized included (pictured left to right): Bob Walker (34 yrs), Fay Bueno (20 yrs), Rod Heikes (20 yrs), Bob Looby (21 yrs), Kevin Aga (21 yrs), Drew Grotti (22 yrs) and Mike Plaggemeyer (20 yrs - not pictured).

The City would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Joe Herring. Mr. Herring recently made a visit to Sturgis and while visiting the Bear Butte Cemetery noticed one of the older, tin identification tags marking the grave of Joseph Nesbett, a Civil War Veteran who passed away in 1890. Mr. Herring felt that the veteran deserved something more and a few weeks later, the Sturgis Parks Department received a package from Mr. Herring. Inside was a beautiful marker to be placed at the gravesite.

Just in time for the holidays, Sturgis Shipping, an authorized FedEx ShipCenter, is now open at 2324 Junction in the same building as Sturgis U-Haul. Customers can prepare their packages in advance and drop them off at the Center or they can bring their items in and have them packaged and shipped.



Firefighters Awarded Sturgis Municipal Medal of Honor

The City of Sturgis recently awarded Sturgis Volunteer Firemen Scott Lensegrav and Clint Walker the *Sturgis Municipal Medal of Honor* for their lifesaving actions during a structural fire.

On Sunday, August 7, 2016 the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire at 4th and Sherman Street in downtown Sturgis. Upon arrival, firefighters observed heavy smoke coming from the residence. Firefighters initiated a



Clint Walker

search of the interior main floor then moved to the second story. During the search of an upper level bedroom, firefighters Scott Lensegrav and Clint Walker located and removed an occupant from the home. The occupant was provided emergency medical treatment by ambulance personnel and was transported to the hospital.

The Municipal Medal of Honor is awarded by the Sturgis City Council to municipal employees, volunteers, citizens, residents, elected leaders and

other persons who have;

- Distinguish himself or herself by the performance of an act of gallantry and intrepidity at imminent personal hazard of life, with knowledge of the risk assumed;
- Performed an act of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree concern for the well-being of others;
- Performed an extreme act of humanitarianism and philanthropy.

Congratulations Scott Lensegrav and Clint Walker of the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department.



Scott Lensegrav

WINTER DRIVING

As winter driving conditions worsen, the Street Department will be sanding signalized intersections, collector routes and streets with steep inclines. Residential streets are not typically sanded. Speed limits on these streets are posted as 25 mph and drivers should reduce their speed accordingly when icy conditions are present. Always allow extra room for stopping at intersections when snow and ice are present. If you live on a designated Snow Route, do not park on the street if 4" or more of snow is forecast by the National Weather Service. To view a list of snow routes, visit the Sturgis City website at www.Sturgis-sd.gov.

Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422
All offices 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
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

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 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
8:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
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
We accept credit cards.

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