

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STURGIS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING —
September 9, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Common Council of the City of Sturgis met in special session on Monday September 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in conference room B. Present: Mayor Mark Carstensen, Council members Jason Anderson, Branden Bestgen, Mike Bachand, David Hersrud, Marcia Johnston, Tim Potts, Kelly Vasknetz and Ron Waterland. City Attorney Greg Barnier was also present. Absent: none

Council President Tim Potts called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Council President Tim Potts led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carstensen and Councilor Hersrud arrived.

Discussion was held on closing Ball Park Road for the Homecoming Parade. A motion was made by Bestgen, second by Bachand with all members voting yes to approve closing Ball Park Road from 1:00 to 4:00 for the safety of the public.

Discussion was held on what expectations the City has for the Chamber of Commerce and SEDC. The City will be entering into contracts with both of these entities in the future.

City Manager Ainslie explained to the Council 3 scenarios on how the City could have a movie theater. The first would be having a theater at the Community Center, second would be building an outdoor theater and the third is building an indoor 2 screen theater. After discussion a motion was made by Potts, second by Bachand with all members voting yes to have staff provide to the Council a schedule of the Community Center events on the weekends and also check on leasing equipment for a theater.

The Council reviewed the upcoming ordinance revision and put them in order of importance. A motion was made by Hersrud, second by Johnston and carried with all members voting yes to approve the list of ordinance priorities.

Meade 46-1 School District would like to form a committee to look at moving the Fairgrounds. The Council was in consensus to have Gene McPherson, Mayor Mark Carstensen and Councilor David Hersrud sit on this board to represent the City.

The Council discussed 2014 goals. The main goal was to broaden economic growth with the following suggestions: annexation, generate new income/revenue, a new sales tax for big events/special event tax, billboards at Exit 32 and developing Marcotte property. The Council discussed looking at the Rally as an industry, staff growth through training and staffing.

Motion by Johnston, second by Waterland and carried with all members voting yes to go into executive session for contracts at 10:50 pm.

Motion by Potts, second by Johnston and carried with all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Fay Bueno, Finance Officer

APPROVED: _____
Mark Carstensen, Mayor