

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT – WARD I
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 09, 2024**

To vote use a cross (x) or check mark (√) in the square in front of the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For Ward One Alderman, three-year term, you may vote for one or leave it blank:

- Angela Wilkerson
- Jamie Helms
- Nick Jones

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT – WARD II
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 09, 2024**

To vote use a cross (x) or check mark (√) in the square in front of the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For Ward Two Alderman, three-year term, you may vote for one or leave it blank:

- Ruth Kopp
- Richard Zerbst

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT - WARD III
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 09, 2024**

To vote use a cross (x) or check mark (√) in the square in front of the name. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.

For Ward Three Alderman, three-year term, you may vote for one or leave it blank:

- Richelle Bruch
- Jim Thompson

OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 9, 2024

Petitioners proposed the following ballot question for submission to the voters. The ballot question will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

SHOULD THE ACTION OF THE STURGIS COMMON COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT (HOST AGREEMENT) WITH
AMA-PRO, AFT-E AND ØUTERKIND, PASSED ON
FEBRUARY 20, 2024, BE REJECTED?

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The question posed is whether to approve or reject the City Council's action authorizing the City Council President to sign the Professional Services Contract (Host Agreement) with AMA-Pro, AFT-E and Øuterkind, passed on February 20, 2024.

The City has considered hosting a street race during the Rally since August 2022. The City discussed the idea with five race promoters before its selection. Since then, the promoters visited Sturgis at least ten times, meeting with citizens and business owners and City representatives.

The proposal came before the Council on October 2, 2023. On November 20, 2023, the Council held a public work session on the topic. The Council considered the matter during a regular meeting on December 4, 2023. At that time and after public input, the Council authorized the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent. The promoters next sent a draft agreement to the City for review. The document was revised five times before the Council President signed it.

The City can cancel the five-year agreement at any time by mutual agreement of the parties. The track must be set up and torn down by the promotor. The Sturgis Police Department and Sturgis Ambulance Service approved the track layout. The promotor must provide liability insurance including coverage for the City. The cost for the first year of the contract is \$653,962. The parties anticipate the City's cost of the event will be covered by event revenue; however, there is no guarantee that this will happen.

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of the "YES" or "NO."

- YES A "YES" vote rejects the City Council action.
- NO A "NO" vote approves the City Council action.

OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT

STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA

APRIL 9, 2024

The following ballot question was proposed by petition for submission to the voters. The ballot question will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

SHOULD THE CITY MANAGER POSITION BE ELIMINATED FROM THE CITY OF STURGIS GOVERNMENT?

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The question posed in this ballot is to decide whether the city manager position should be eliminated from the City of Sturgis government.

The current city government operates with a City Council comprised of eight (8) alderpersons elected from four (4) wards, and a Mayor elected at-large; the Mayor has no veto power and cannot break a tie vote. The unelected City Manager is the chief executive officer for the City, enforces the laws and ordinances, and (with a few exceptions) appoints City officers and employees.

If the City Manager position is eliminated, the Mayor would be the chief executive officer for the City, enforce the laws and ordinances, vote to break certain ties, have the executive power of the veto, and appoint and remove certain appointed officers; the City Council then hires and removes employees. Many South Dakota municipalities under this type of government have a full-time "City Administrator" position to assist the Mayor in his duties.

SHOULD THE CITY MANAGER POSITION BE ELIMINATED FROM THE CITY OF STURGIS GOVERNMENT?

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of the "YES" or "NO."

- YES A vote "YES" would eliminate the City Manager position.
- NO A vote "NO" would keep the City Manager position and the current government would not change.