

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF
AUGUST 2023**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis was held at 6:00 o'clock on the 1st Day of August 2023 at the Town Hall, the aforesaid being the time and place for the meeting of the officers present: Leah Brown, Mayor; Jerry Bean, Susie McClelland, Lori Ann Carpenter, Aldermen; Laura Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; Mandy Page, Town Clerk; Doug Hamilton, Police Chief; Ricky Vowell, Water Maintenance, Caroline Commer, Attorney.

Absent: Amanda Ware

The meeting was duly opened and called to order by Mayor, Leah Brown.

Opening prayer by Leah Brown.

ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board approved the minutes for July 2023.

Jerry Bean ---Yea

Laura Smith ---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

ORDER – DOCKETT CLAIMS

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Jerry Bean. Unanimously carried. The board approved to pay the listed bills for July 2023.

Jerry Bean --Yea

Laura Smith ---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

*Police & Water Reports were given.

ORDER- REPLACEMENT OF WATER OPERATOR

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to start the process of advertising for the new water/waste operator due to the upcoming retirement of the current operator.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER-FREE WATER RATE STUDY BY RURAL WATER

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to allow the free water rate study by rural water association to be conducted. This will give a rate structure analysis that will take into account the increase in materials and rates.

Jerry Bean ---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland--- Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER-CREDIT CARD RENEWAL

Upon motion made by Susie McClelland and seconded by Jerry Bean. Unanimously carried. The board agreed to allow the removal of former mayor Walter Turner's name and replace with the current mayor Leah Brown's name to the Chase credit card; therefore, allowing the credit card to have the town clerk's name to be present on the new card.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

*Discussion of Community Market & vendors' sales tax.

ORDER- PURCHASE OF STORAGE CABINETS FOR OFFICE

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to allow the town clerk to purchase storage cabinets through Amazon to store office supplies & materials.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER- FASTNET PHONE SERVICE

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Lori Ann Carpenter. Unanimously carried. The board voted for the office to price the cost of FastNet phone service to possibly replace the AT&T services that are presently used.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

*Discussion of upcoming Rally activities & vendors. Also, the addition of more porta pots throughout the town & park will be added. Helicopter rides will be available.

*Discussion of tabled ordinance and its status.

ORDER-ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to adjourn with no further business.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ATTEST:

Mandy Jones Page

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TOWN CLERK**

Leah Brown

**LEAH BROWN
MAYOR**