

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis was held at 6:00 o'clock on the 2nd Day of January 2024 at the Town Hall, the aforesaid being the time and place for the meeting of the officers present: Leah Brown, Mayor; Jerry Bean, Lori Ann Carpenter, Aldermen; Laura Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; Caroline Commer, Attorney; Mandy Page, Town Clerk; Doug Hamilton, Police Chief; Cameron Nowacki, Water Maintenance.

Absent: Susie McClelland, Amanda Ware, Aldermen

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 Laura Smith and seconded by Jerry Bean. The board approved the minutes for December 2023.

Jerry Bean ---Yea

Laura Smith ---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

ORDER – DOCKETT CLAIMS

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Jerry Bean. Unanimously carried. The board approved to pay the listed bills for December 2023.

Jerry Bean --Yea

Laura Smith ---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

*Police & Water Reports were given.

*Discussion of improvements to Water System including digital meters, customer cards to be send out to update mailing & service addresses, and possibly reading meters every 3 months. Water Operator Jeff Foster could possibly make a presentation on the water meters becoming digital at next meeting.

ORDER-TOWN HALL FLOORING ESTIMATES

Discussion on bids from two flooring contractors for the flooring throughout Town Hall. Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Lori Ann Carpenter. Unanimously carried. The board voted to proceed with the estimate of Justin Collins from Magnolia Flooring of Starkville. Will be asked to bring samples for board to look over.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER- PROSECUTOR/JUDGE SEPARATION

Discussion held on the job roles of the Town Prosecutor and the Municipal Court Judge. To provide a neutral environment for the Municipal Judge, this position should be separated from the prosecutor position. Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Lori Ann Carpenter. Unanimously carried. The board voted to hire Keeli Pigg as the Town Prosecutor to have court every 4 months for the amount of \$100 for court. This court will be held for the appeals process of traffic court.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER- TRAFFIC COURT SCHEDULE

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Jerry Bean.
Unanimously carried. The board voted move traffic court to every 4 months
instead of monthly.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClellan---

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

*Discussion on the creation of a non-profit organization for the Town. This would be a separate board from the town's board of aldermen but town board would have the final decision-making authority concerning the Church. This will have separate accounts & grants from the town. Agreement will need to be made between Town & Non-profit Organization.

The town attorney passed out handouts stating MS Laws & procedures on ordinances. Ordinances already on the books can be amended. They can also be repealed if never recorded which will make them null & void. More discussions will be held at next regular meeting.

ORDER- 5TH SUNDAY SINGING @ PARK

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Laura Smith.
Unanimously carried. The board voted to allow 5th Sunday Singing to be held @
Park on June 30th, 2024.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

*Comments from Mayor & Board on the untimely passing of Sturgis Volunteer Fire Chief Greg Wall. He will be missed by so many in our community and many thanks for all his contributions to our town & community. Bobby Goff will be the acting Fire Chief.

ORDER-ADJOURN

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

Jerry Bean---Yea

Amanda Ware---

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Susie McClelland---

ATTEST:



MANDY JONES PAGE

TOWN CLERK



LEAH BROWN

MAYOR