Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Bob Renner, Sturgis Missionary Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Deputy Police Chief, DPS Supervisor, Auditorium Director, Facilities Manager, City Engineer, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of topics on Wade Street Construction and the Wiesloch trip.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of January 13, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from December 21, 2015 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the December 21, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,253,500.69 as presented.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Facilities Manager Steve Benkovsky and Auditorium Director Brad Donmyer provided information on replacement kitchen equipment. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the bid from HPS, LLC in the amount of forty-eight thousand, three hundred and thirteen dollars ($48,313.00) and approve a budget amendment of forty-eight thousand, three hundred and fifteen dollars ($48,315.00) to the Auditorium Fund and Capital Reserve Fund as presented.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED
DPS Supervisor Rick Miller provided information on vehicle bids for the Police and Parks Departments. Discussion followed.

The Dodge Charger will be reconsidered at a later meeting to obtain information on all-wheel drive models.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the purchase of a 2016 Dodge RAM 2500 from Bill Snethkamp-Fleet in the amount of twenty-five thousand, four hundred and ninety-six dollars ($25,496.00) as presented.

**Voting yea: Nine**  
**Voting nay: None**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the Wade Street reconstruction project and a possible change to a concrete street. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the bidding of the reconstruction of Wade Street as an asphalt street with an alternative of concrete.

**Voting yea: Nine**  
**Voting nay: None**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Littman to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations

**Voting yea: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Hile, Malone**  
**Voting nay: None**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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*Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer*
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Doug Carr, Four Square Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Huber

Also present: Assistant to the City Attorney, City Manager, Director of Public Safety, Facilities Manager, City Clerk

Cynthia Flores, Director of Centro Vida, provided information on two upcoming events.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of discussion on PA 269.

Voting yea: Eight Voting nay: None Absent: Huber MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of January 27, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the January 13, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $2,087,197.62 as presented.

Voting yea: Eight Voting nay: None Absent: Huber MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing related to the CDBG Downtown Grant Closeout.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that as part of the closeout process for the Wings Etc. CDBG grant, a hearing to allow for public comment on the project is required. The CDBG matching grant of $1,088,337.00 combined with a final private investment of over $2,500,000.00 was used to renovate the downtown buildings at 207, 209, 211, and 213 W. Chicago Road. Work included new front and rear facades, structural improvements, first floor interior renovations, and second and third floor structure and rough interior work. The development resulted in the location of a Wings Etc. franchise and improvements for two previously occupied retail spaces. The work also will allow for the future buildout of the second and third stories for apartments. The City Commission commended the developer Gene Harrison for his investment in the community.

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.
City Manager Michael Hughes provided details on the acquisition and request for proposals related to the property at 209 S. Nottawa that was quick claimed to the City. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the Request for Proposal for the purchase of the property at 209 S. Nottawa St. as presented.

Voting yea: Eight          Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber       MOTION CARRIED

Facilities Manager Steve Benkovsky provided information on bids received related to the City’s welcome signs and a sign at Dresser Park. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the bid from Miller Sign in the amount of thirty-six thousand four hundred eighty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents ($36,489.51) as presented for the construction of the Dresser Park sign and Welcome to the City signs.

Voting yea: Eight          Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber       MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk provided information on changes related to fees at the airport. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the changes to the Kirsch Municipal Airport Fees as presented.

Voting yea: Eight          Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber       MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on a proposed resolution opposing PA 269 of 2015 which limits municipal communication regarding ballot language. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the resolution in Opposition to Public Act 269 as presented.

Voting yea: Eight          Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber       MOTION CARRIED

OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC ACT 269

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder signed into law, with immediate effect, Public Act 269 (Senate Bill 571) despite wide spread calls for a veto of this bill, including from members of his own party; and
WHEREAS, both the Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 571 late into the night of December 16, 2015, just prior to recessing for the year; and
WHEREAS, one of the last minute amendments made to Senate Bill 571, without the knowledge of the Michigan Municipal League or other local government organizations, and approved without any public testimony or awareness, was the new language inserted into Section 57, subsection (3); and
WHEREAS, this new law prohibits a public body, or a person acting for a public body, from using public funds or resources for the purpose of communicating any information to the electorate regarding a local ballot question that is to appear on the ballot, within 60 days of an election, and
WHEREAS, this law places an immediate gag order on entities with ballot questions on the March 8 ballot and every election thereafter; and
WHEREAS, municipal elected and appointed officials have a civic and legal duty to the residents of their communities to fully inform them regarding the issues placed before them, upon which they may exercise their constitutional right to vote; and
WHEREAS, existing laws, including the former language in Section 57, and decades of guidance from the Michigan Secretary of State, already prohibit the use of public funds to advocate for or
against ballot issues; and
WHEREAS, existing laws already provided for an allowance for elected and appointed officials to express their views without fear of violating the act; and
WHEREAS, because the new law bans only communication on local ballot issues, it creates inconsistent treatment of statewide ballot questions versus local initiatives; and
WHEREAS, there are substantial questions regarding the constitutionality and legality of the new law, including a possible ban on freedom of speech;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Sturgis calls for an immediate repeal of the new language in Section 57, subsection (3) of PA 269 of 2016; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the city’s/village’s state representatives in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Sisson, Dvorak, Littman

Also present: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, Doyle and Recreation Director, Facilities Manager, City Clerk

Doyle and Recreation Director Mike Liston provided information on the history of the use of the Doyle facility, current uses, and a potential expansion to meet current and future needs. Discussion followed regarding costs, the condition of the track and other aspects of the facility, a capital campaign, increased revenue, and other issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Dvorak, Littman

Also present: Assistant to the City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, Public Safety Director, Electric Department Superintendent, DPS Supervisor, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Littman  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of February 10, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the January 27, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $762,294.57 as presented.
Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Littman  MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk and Paul Schram, Wightman & Associates, provided details on the plans related to reconstruction of the parking lot north of the Police Station. Discussion followed. City Staff will review the options related to repair of all of the pavement in the lot.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the revised proposal for engineering services for the North Parking Lot project in the amount of one hundred and thirty-one thousand, eleven dollars ($131,011.00) as presented.
Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Littman  MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser and DPS Supervisor Rick Miller provided information on the bids received for vehicles. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the purchase of one 2016 Dodge Charger AWD Police Cruiser from Heritage Automall, Mount Pleasant, MI in the amount of twenty-three thousand, three hundred and sixty-four dollars ($23,364.00), and the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado CK25903, box delete with steps and including the Knapheide Service body from Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, MI in the amount of thirty-four thousand and ninety-two dollars ($34,092.00), and the purchase of a 2016 Dodge RAM 5500 from Bill Snethkamp-Fleet, Lansing, MI in the amount of fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred and forty-six dollars ($57,846.00), and the purchase of a JCB 3CX-15 Backhoe with optional features, Stanley Vibratory Plate Compactor, and Concrete Breaker from AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of one hundred thirty-six thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars ($136,532.00), and the trade of the
current JCB 3CX-15, Serial No. 908427 for the bid price of twenty-four thousand dollars ($24,000.00) to AIS Construction Equipment as presented

Voting yea: Seven      Voting nay: None      Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith explained that as each meter is replaced as part of the DTA project, certain information must be recorded (meter reading, photos of each meter, meter numbers, address, GPS, etc.). Chapman Metering has developed an application that simplifies the process and reduces the chance of errors. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the proposal from Chapman Metering in an amount not-to-exceed twenty one thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars ($21,980.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Seven      Voting nay: None      Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk provided information on the Brownfield Plan that was created in anticipation of the Cherry Moon Grille project which was never started. The BRA Board has recommended the termination of the plan. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the resolution terminating the brownfield redevelopment plan for 172 W. Chicago Road as presented.

Voting yea: Seven      Voting nay: None      Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION TERMINATING BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR 172 W. CHICAGO ROAD
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

Whereas, the Sturgis City Commission adopted a Brownfield Plan for the proposed Cherry Moon Grill project at 172 W. Chicago on January 12, 2011; and

Whereas, the project described in that Plan failed to occur within five years following adoption of the Plan or Plan amendment; and

Whereas, Section 16(8)(b) of Act 381 of 1996 permits the termination of a Brownfield Plan when the project for which eligible activities were identified in the Brownfield Plan fails to occur; and

Whereas, there are no obligations for which tax increment from these properties has been pledged; and

Whereas, on February 2, 2016 at a regularly-noticed public meeting of the Sturgis Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Sturgis Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board unanimously recommended that the Sturgis City Commission resolve to terminate this Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REVOLVED that The City of Sturgis City Commission terminates the Brownfield Plan for 172 W. Chicago Road, Sturgis Michigan.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided an update on the preparations for the upcoming 50th Anniversary with Wiesloch. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.


Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Taulbee

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, Public Safety Director, Deputy Fire Chief, City Engineer, Doyle and Recreation Director, Facilities Manager, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of February 24, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the February 10, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the February 10, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $2,452,516.20 as presented.

8C. 2016 Cross Walk
APPROVE the request for the 2016 Cross Walk as presented.

8D. DDA Board Resignation
ACCEPT the resignation of Brenda Merrill from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

Doyle and Recreation Director Mike Liston provided an update on the capital projects for the Doyle facility and the proposed expansion. Discussion followed.

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the 2016 street repair program and the related task order for design and bidding services. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to approve Task Order #69 with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design, final design, and bidding services on the 2016 Street Improvements Project in the amount of thirty thousand, one hundred dollars ($30,100.00).

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes provided details on the streetscape construction that will be a part of the Moso Village project. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to approve the bid package for the second phase of the Moso Village Streetscape in the amount of nine hundred eighty-five thousand, one hundred and thirty dollars and thirty-seven cents ($985,130.37) and approve a construction contingency for the project of seventy thousand, six hundred and ninety-one dollars ($70,691.00). 

Voting yea: Eight        Voting nay: None        Absent: Taulbee      MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith and Deputy Fire Chief Andy Strudwick provided details on the bids related to a new pumper truck. Discussion followed. City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on the financing bids related to the fire truck. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the purchase of Pierce engine pumper truck from Halt Fire, Inc. in the amount of five hundred and nineteen thousand, three hundred and thirty-four dollars ($519,334.00) as presented and authorize the City Controller to enter into a financing contract with Century Bank and Trust and sign all documents required for the installment lease purchase and approve the sale of the existing fire truck being replaced.

Voting yea: Eight        Voting nay: None        Absent: Taulbee      MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on the Water Financial Protection and Rate Study. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Good to approve a bid waiver and approve the proposals from Utility Financial Services for comprehensive rate designs for the water and wastewater utilities in the total amount of twenty-one thousand, five hundred dollars ($21,500.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Eight        Voting nay: None        Absent: Taulbee      MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the formation of a committee for the possible creation of a dog park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, DPS Director, City Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk

City Engineer Barry Cox and representatives of Fleis & Vandenbrink provided an update on the Asset Management Plan project. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Doug Carr, His House Church gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, DPS Director, City Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk

Mike Mort displayed to the City Commission baskets from each of the seven Native American tribes of Michigan for the future Sturgis Historical Museum. The City Commission commended Mr. Mort for his efforts.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Nine   Voting nay: None   MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of March 9, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the February 24, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,263,760.63 as presented.

8C. S. Nottawa Street Historic Easements
APPROVE the historic preservation easements for S. Nottawa Street Phase 1 and Phase 2 construction projects and AUTHORIZE City Manager Michael Hughes and City Clerk Kenneth Rhodes to sign all necessary documents.

8D. Revolving Loan Fund Subrecipient Agreement Amendment
APPROVE the First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between Cinnaire Lending (Formerly Known as Capital Fund Services) and City of Sturgis for Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program.
Voting yea: Nine   Voting nay: None   MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the bids for development of the lots in the City Subdivisions. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Request for Bid for City Subdivision Phase I and Phase II vacant lots as presented.
Voting yea: Nine   Voting nay: None   MOTION CARRIED
City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the intent to change North Street to two way traffic. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve Traffic Control Order 16-01 and Traffic Control Order 16-02 as presented and to implement the change at an optimal time in consideration of the current construction projects.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the MDOT contract for the reconstruction of Wade Street. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the contract between the City of Sturgis and MDOT (Contract #16-5088) for the completion of the Category A Project on Wade Street and authorize City Manager Michael Hughes and Mayor Kenneth Malone to sign all necessary documents.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

DPS Director Rick Miller provided information on the shared compost grinder and related agreement. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the Clean Michigan Community & Solid Waste Alternatives Programs Agreement with the members of the Southwest Michigan Composting Group as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the ideas on forming a dog park committee and potential names. Discussion followed. The committee will coordinate with the Parks and Cemetery Board to determine the next steps.

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the request for Habitat Day on July 23, 2016 as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith and Officer Matt Boerman provided information on demonstrated the new body cam system. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Chuck Vizthum, Whole Life Christian Fellowship gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone  
Commissioners absent: Huber, Dvorak

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, DPS Director,  
City Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith introduced new police officer Erin Hamilton. She was sworn 
in and welcomed to the community.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voting yea: Seven     Voting nay: None     Absent: Huber, Dvorak     MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of March 
21, 2016 as presented with a move of Item 8E to Item 10I.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings  
APPROVE the minutes from the March 9, 2016 work session as presented.  
APPROVE the minutes from the March 9, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills  
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $3,022,015.52 as presented.

8C. ICMA Retirement Health Savings Plan  
APPROVE the VantageTrust II Participation Agreement and AUTHORIZE City Controller Holly  
Keyser to sign all documents.

8D. Transfer of Property from Sturgis Township  
ADOPT the resolution transferring parcel 075-015-013-022-00 from Sturgis Township into the  
City as presented.

Voting yea: Seven     Voting nay: None     Absent: Huber, Dvorak     MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes explained that only one response to the 209 S. Nottawa redevelopment RFP was submitted. This response proposed demolishing the building and landscaping the parcel, contingent on the results of an asbestos and lead abatement survey. Discussion included the submitted proposal, the goal to remodel the building, owner occupied units, time frame of the redevelopment, and other issues.

Barry Cox, 1421 S. Merribe, explained that he and another had reviewed the RFP and the property and explained that there were significant time constraints in the current RFP and explained that the City had recently attempted to preserve a number of historical properties.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to accept the sole proposed response to the 209 S. Nottawa redevelopment RFP.

Voting yea: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Littman, Good   Voting nay: Hile, Malone
Absent: Huber, Dvorak

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that the two owners of lots in City Subdivision II requested a modification to the Declaration of Restrictions to allow sheds. They need approval from the City for this modification because the City is the majority owner of the lots. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions for City Subdivision Phase II as presented.

Voting yea: Seven   Voting nay: None   Absent: Huber, Dvorak

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing on a Recreation Passport Grant and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the Recreation Passport Grant and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant which would be used for proposed Oaklawn Terrace Park improvements include replacement and addition of playground equipment, barrier free access improvements to the play area and picnic shelters in the park area south of Magnolia Street as well as refurbishing the skating rink. Discussion followed.

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Good to adopt the resolution supporting the Recreation Passport Grant for Oaklawn Park and the resolution for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant as presented.

Voting yea: Seven   Voting nay: None   Absent: Huber, Dvorak

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION FOR GRANT SUBMITTAL FOR OAKLAWN TERRACE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis supports the submission of an application titled, “Oaklawn Terrace Park Renovations” to the Recreation Passport Grant Program for the renovation of the play area south of Magnolia Street and the skating rink at Oaklawn Terrace Park; and,
WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the City of Sturgis’ 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of $23,850 in matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, these and other, similar, cuts and state laws have combined to limit flexibility in revenue generation and make the City of Sturgis and all Michigan taxing units increasingly reliant on personal property tax, a relatively stable source of revenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STURGIS: that the City of Sturgis hereby authorizes submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Program Application for $45,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of $23,850 (35%) of a total project cost of $68,850, during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION FOR GRANT SUBMITTAL FOR OAKLAWN TERRACE PARK IMPROVEMENTS
WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis supports the submission of an application titled, “Oaklawn Terrace Park Renovations” to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the renovation of the play area south of Magnolia Street and the skating rink at Oaklawn Terrace Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the City of Sturgis’ 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of $23,850 in matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, these and other, similar, cuts and state laws have combined to limit flexibility in revenue generation and make the City of Sturgis and all Michigan taxing units increasingly reliant on personal property tax, a relatively stable source of revenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STURGIS: that the City of Sturgis hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for $45,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of $23,850 (35%) of a total project cost of $68,850, during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that the St. Joseph County Commission approved the Recreation Facility Agreement at its regular meeting on March 15th. The Agreement provides $1,626,463 of funding for a new softball complex which will replace the current facility at Spence Field. There was discussion on several topics including transferring the Spence name to the new facility.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the agreement with St. Joseph County as presented.

Voting yea: Seven       Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber, Dvorak       MOTION CARRIED
City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on the bids received for installation of the water meters as part of the DTA project. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the proposal from Vanguard Utility Services in the estimated amount of three hundred forty-nine thousand, three hundred eighty-nine dollars and forty cents ($349,389.40) and authorize City Manager Michael Hughes to sign all documents.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Huber, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith and Lawson Fisher provided information on the FERC requirements at the hydro dam related to a grout mattress and detached spillway. He also explained the new modeling that is available to determine capacity of the spillway. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the proposal from Lawson-Fisher Associates related to a grout mattress and detached spillway as presented.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Huber, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the proposal from Lawson-Fisher Associates related to 2D modeling as presented.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Huber, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk provided information on the requests for Sturgis Fest in June. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve tentative plans for use of US-12 during Sturgis Fest and authorize City staff to submit a request for approval to MDOT as presented.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Huber, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that as part of the Dresser Industrial Park Project along Bogen Road, the City constructed a new access road into the 80 acre park. In 1997, the Sturgis City Commission approved a resolution to name a City street after former Mayor Michael McCarthy in honor of his 24 years of service on the City Commission at the next opportunity. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Sisson to adopt the resolutions to name the access road in the Dresser Industrial Park as “McCarthy Court”, to accept conveyance and dedication of McCarthy Court” as a public right of way, and to accept McCarthy Court into the City Local Street System.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Huber, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, Director of Public Safety, Deputy Police Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, City Clerk

Director of Public Safety Geoff Smith and Tom Wieczorek, CPSM LLC provided information on the study done related to a review of a transition from Police and Fire Departments to a Public Safety Department model.

There was extensive discussion regarding this issue including the level and type of service, the costs, the current and available millage, a vote of the residents, central dispatch, and other topics,

The entire City Commission expressed support of the current Fire and Police Departments and appreciated the potential quality of a Public Safety Department. Commissioner Good expressed support for a transition to a Public Safety model. The Commission and City staff will continue to review the issue to determine the viability for this change.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend George Cleverly, Church of Christ gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, DPS Director, City Engineer, Public Safety Director, Deputy Police Chief, Recreation Director, Facilities Manager, Electric Department Superintendent, Community Development Director, City Clerk

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith introduced new police officer James Ziemiecki. He was sworn in and welcomed to the community.

Mayor Malone presented the Arbor Day Proclamation below:

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;
WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;
WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and;
WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and;
WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and;
WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and;
WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as Mayor of the City of Sturgis I do hereby proclaim April 29th 2016, as

Arbor Day

in the City of Sturgis and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands,
AND FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.
Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of April 13, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the March 21, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,475,569.79 as presented.

8C. Diesel Generator Stack Testing
APPROVE a bid waiver for and the proposal from Grace Consulting for Diesel Generator stack testing in the amount of thirteen thousand, four hundred and seventy dollars ($13,470.00).

8D. General Shutoff Rules Amendment
APPROVE the amendment to the General Shutoff Rules changing the definition of “heating season” to November 1 to April 15.

8E. Thurston Woods Easements
APPROVE the Easement Documents with Thurston Woods Village, Inc. for the Village Homes project as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith provided information on the Police Department’s experience with small retail fraud complaints and the possible addition of a civil infraction as a remedy. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to consider this the first reading of an amendment to Part II, Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-61 of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining to retail fraud as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Community Development Director George Musolff explained that in extreme cases where life- or health-threatening elements or conditions are present, the ability to use a misdemeanor charge, as opposed to just a civil infraction, could provide additional compliance. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Good to consider this the first reading of an amendment to Part II Chapter 14, Article III of the City Code Ordinances pertaining to the property maintenance code as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the proposal for design of the new softball field complex. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the proposal from Viridis Design for design and bid phase services on the new softball complex in the amount of one hundred and fifty-one thousand, four hundred dollars ($151,400.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the proposed Public Sidewalk Policy which would include the appointment of a citizen committee to review new sidewalk priorities. There was discussion on the need for this committee and possibly just allowing the City Commission to review the recommendations of City staff.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Huber approve the amended Public Sidewalk Construction Policy as presented.

**Voting yea: Huber, Good, Mullins, Malone**

**Voting nay: Dvorak, Taulbee, Hile, Sisson, Littman**

MOTION DEFEATED

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith and IT Director Norm Allen provided information on the age and capability of the current GIS server and the costs and use of a replacement. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to approve the bid waiver for and proposal from MapleTronics for a new GIS server in the amount of nineteen thousand, two hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-eight cents ($19,286.78) and monthly managed services in the amount of five hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents ($599.98) per month.

**Voting yea: Nine**

**Voting nay: None**

MOTION CARRIED

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith explained the changes in the agreement for use of the Diesel Plant to provide power to the grid. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Amendment to Curtailment Services Provider Agreement and PJM Addendum for Emergency Capacity Demand Response with CPower as presented.

**Voting yea: Nine**

**Voting nay: None**

MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith provided information on the purchase of firearms for the Police Department. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve a bid waiver for and the purchase of primary and backup handguns from CMP in an amount not-to-exceed seven thousand, nine hundred dollars ($7,900.00) and approve a bid waiver for and the purchase of patrol rifles from Vance’s Outdoors in an amount not-to-exceed twenty-eight thousand dollars ($28,000.00) for sale to officers for on-duty use as presented.

**Voting yea: Eight**

**Voting nay: Good**

MOTION CARRIED
City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the bids and task orders related to the reconstruction of Wade Street. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to award the contract for the Wade Street Improvements to Michigan Paving Materials in the amount of two hundred seventy one thousand, nineteen dollars and forty cents ($271,019.40) contingent upon the bid review and issuance of a notice to proceed by the MDOT and authorize the City Manager to sign contract documents on behalf of the City.

Voting yea: Nine                                      Voting nay: None                          MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve Task Order 70 with Fleis and VandenBrink Engineering, Inc. for construction phase services associated with the MDOT Category A project on Wade Street in the amount of thirty thousand, four hundred dollars ($30,400.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine                                      Voting nay: None                          MOTION CARRIED

Facilities Manager Steve Benkovsky provided information on a key card system that will be used at certain City buildings. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the bid waiver for and proposal from Hi-Tech Electric for card access controls in the amount of twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars ($27,450.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine                                      Voting nay: None                          MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided information on the upcoming millage proposal from the County Road Commission and a related resolution of support. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to adopt the Resolution in Support of the St. Joseph County Road Millage.

Voting yea: Nine                                      Voting nay: None                          MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ROAD MILLAGE
WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis has streets and sidewalks that need reconstruction, repair, and improvements; and
WHEREAS, in 2013, City residents approved a new three (3) mill property tax for a period of ten (10) years for purposes of reconstructing, repairing, and improving streets and sidewalks; and
WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis, in the three years since the millage was approved, has made significant progress in improving its street system that could not have occurred otherwise; and
WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Road Commission is dealing with similar repair needs for the County’s street system and a lack of adequate funding from the State of Michigan; and
WHEREAS, according to the Sturgis 2022 program, streets are a high priority to residents and businesses and the quality of the County Road system is also important to these groups; and
WHEREAS, the Road Commission is requesting a new two and one half (2.5) mill property tax for a period of ten (10) years for purposes of construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of primary roads, major streets, local roads, and bridges at an election held on May 3, 2016; and
WHEREAS, according to State law, all County Road Commission millage funds collected on parcels within the City of Sturgis limits are retained by the City.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sturgis Commission concurs with the St. Joseph County Road Commission on its need for additional funding to repair local roads; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon passage of the County Road millage in May, the City of Sturgis Commission supports the reduction of the levy of the City Streets millage each year the County Road millage is in effect so the sum of the City Streets and new County Road millages total no more than three (3.0) mills.

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that the State House and Senate have been working on bills which would change the Recreational Authorities Act and allow a School District to join with other municipalities in creating or participating in a Recreational Authority. Discussion followed.


Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE RECREATIONAL AUTHORITIES ACT, ACT 321 OF 2000

WHEREAS, the Michigan House and Senate are considering House Bill 4578 and Senate Bill No. 481, which would amend the Recreational Authorities Act, Act 231 of 2000; and
WHEREAS, the amendments provide that school districts can join or form a recreational authority; and
WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis and the Sturgis Public School District provide various recreation programs for the community; and
WHEREAS, the school district boundaries are a logical and equitable geographical boundary for delivery of recreation services.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Sturgis strongly supports the amendments to the Recreational Authorities Act, Act 231 of 2000; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to State Senator John Proos and Representative Aaron Miller.

Commissioner Good provided information on the upcoming renewal of the Sturgis District Library Millage. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to support the millage renewal for the District Library.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Stephen Middleton, Christian Fellowship Center, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Sisson, Huber

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Public Safety Director, Facilities Manager, Electric Department Superintendent, City Clerk

County Commissioner John Dobberteen presented June McCarthy and the family of former Sturgis Mayor Mike McCarthy a street sign for newly designated McCarthy Court in Dresser Industrial Park.

Mayor Malone presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, audiologists in Sturgis, Michigan, and nationwide observe and celebrate Better Hearing Month each year during the month of May; and
WHEREAS, the Sturgis City Commission recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in five families affected by them; and
WHEREAS, more than half of the people with hearing loss are younger than age 65; and
WHEREAS, hearing loss is the third most common health problem in the United States; and
WHEREAS, our citizens who have overcome communication disabilities through the services of Audiologists are now able to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and
WHEREAS, Sturgis is proud and honored to have audiologists offering quality education and health care services to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Malone, Mayor of Sturgis, Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as:
“Better Hearing Month”
And encourage all citizens to recognize the achievements of Audiologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

Melissa Marsh, candidate for County Clerk and Register of Deeds, presented her credentials for the office.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Seven      Voting nay: None      Absent: Sisson, Huber      MOTION CARRIED
Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of April 27, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the April 13, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the April 13, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $2,583,318.64 as presented.

8C. Property Maintenance Code Amendment Second Reading
CONSIDER this the second reading of and APPROVE an amendment to Part II Chapter 14, Article III of the City Code Ordinances pertaining to the property maintenance code effective May 18th, 2016.

8D. 2016 Airport Dawn Patrol Fly-In
APPROVE the requests for the Airport Fly-In as presented and APPROVE the airport fuel discount as presented.

8E. Memorial Day Parade
APPROVE the requests for the Memorial Day Parade and activities as presented.

8F. 2016 Fireworks Requests
AUTHORIZE Deputy Fire Chief Andrew Strudwick or his designated representative to complete all necessary permit reviews and SIGN all necessary documents for a community fireworks display.
APPROVE closure of West Lafayette and temporary no parking on North Centerville as presented.

8G. Sturgis District Library Board Term Expiration
REAPPOINT Marybeth Brenneman to the Sturgis District Library Board through April 30, 2020.

8H. 2016 Sturgis Youth Triathlon & 5K Fun Walk/Run
APPROVE the requests for the Dave Locey Memorial Sturgis Youth Triathlon as presented.

8I. Kermes 2016 Event Request
APPROVE the requests for Kermes 2016 on May 29th including waiver of park fee as presented.

Voting yea: Seven   Voting nay: None   Absent: Sisson, Huber   MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith explained that there are no changes since the last meeting on the retail fraud ordinance amendment.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to consider this the second reading of and approve an amendment to Part II, Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-61 of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining to retail fraud effective May 18th, 2016.

Voting yea: Six   Voting nay: Dvorak   Absent: Sisson, Huber   MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk and developer Jeremy Gump explained the changes to the façade of the Moso Village project. The Planning Commission reviewed the changes and did not deem them significant enough to warrant an amendment to the Planned Development District. The City Commission concurred with this assessment.
City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the bids received related to the Subdivision II lots. Mr. Patel provided information on the bids he submitted. The City Commission discussed the costs and pricing for all of the remaining subdivision lots.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Good to set the price of the available subdivision lots at $5,000.00.

**Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson, Huber  MOTION CARRIED**

Facilities Manager Stephen Benkovsky provided information on the bids related to retaining the services of an Architectural / Engineering firm to develop plans and specifications to meet all codes and regulations on projects that require any structure, mechanical or design alterations for City buildings. Discussion followed.


**Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson, Huber  MOTION CARRIED**

Facilities Manager Stephen Benkovsky provided information on monitoring sensors for the PSUB facility. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve purchase of sensors for replacement of gas monitoring from Carrier in the amount of seventeen thousand five hundred twenty-three dollars ($17,523.00) as presented.

**Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson, Huber  MOTION CARRIED**

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the proposed bids for vacant lots owned by the City. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the bid of seven vacant residential lots as presented.

**Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson, Huber  MOTION CARRIED**

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith explained that the City’s contract with Indiana Michigan Power Company provides the ability to opt out of our current contract and IMMDA is discussing the pros and cons of taking that step as a group. IMMDA is expected to move forward on this issue at an upcoming meeting, and City staff would like the authority from the Commission to provide notice to terminate the contract if IMMDA chooses to take that step. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to authorize City Manager Michael Hughes to provide Notice of Contract Termination to Indiana Michigan Power Company as provided in Section 2.2.b of the contract.

**Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson, Huber  MOTION CARRIED**
Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk and Chamber of Commerce Director Cathi Abbs provided information on Sturgis Fest 2016. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to approve the requests for Sturgis Fest as presented.

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None        Absent: Sisson, Huber        MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations

Voting yea: Mullins, Taulbee, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Hile, Malone
Voting nay: None        Absent: Sisson, Mullins        MOTION CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:52 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

City Manager Michael Hughes provided a summary of the terms of the extension of the Fire Department union contract.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the one year extension to the Sturgis Fire Fighters Association as presented.

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None        Absent: Sisson, Huber        MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Stephen Middleton, Christian Fellowship Center, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Dvorak, Littman

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None     Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of May 11, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the April 27, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $735,786.29 as presented.

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None     Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information of State grant to demolish blighted homes. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the demolition of the houses located at 103 St. Joseph St., 116 S. Orange St. and 303 S. Fourth St. in the amount of thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars ($13,800.00).

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None     Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information the vacating of an alley near West Street and Fourth Street. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the Resolution Approving Vacating of an Alley and schedule a public hearing at the June 29, 2016 Commission meeting.

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None     Absent: Dvorak, Littman      MOTION CARRIED
City Engineer Barry Cox and David Harvey, Fleis and Vandenbrink, provided information on the Market Street lift station. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve Task Order 68a for Design Phase Services from Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering in the amount of thirty-eight thousand and three hundred dollars ($38,300.00) and authorize Michael Hughes to sign on behalf of the City.

Voting yea: Seven    Voting nay: None    Absent: Dvorak, Littman    MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided information on the board and committee appointments and vacancies. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to reappoint all board and committee members requesting reappointment.

Voting yea: Seven    Voting nay: None    Absent: Dvorak, Littman    MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to appoint Ricky Van and Richard Brammer to the Zoning Board of Appeals as alternate members.

Voting yea: Seven    Voting nay: None    Absent: Dvorak, Littman    MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Rhodes provided information on the DDA Board vacancy and explained that the DDA Board reviewed applications and recommended Kurt Inman for appointment.

Moved by Comm. Hile to appoint Kurt Inman to the DDA Board.

MOTION DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT

Comm. Hile nominated Kurt Inman
Comm. Good nominated Rob Falkenstein

Voting for Inman: Hile
Voting for Falkenstein: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Good, Malone

ROB FALKENSTEIN WAS APPOINTED TO THE DDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that he had received a request from a teacher and students in a special needs class at Sturgis Middle School for some bricks for a project. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the donation of some bricks from the Nottawa Street reconstruction to a class at Sturgis Middle School.

Voting yea: Seven    Voting nay: None    Absent: Dvorak, Littman    MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Pastor Cal Kolzow, Trinity Lutheran Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Huber, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Sisson, Taulbee, Dvorak

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Electric Department Superintendent, Facilities Manager, City Clerk

Mike Wilson, Norman & Paulsen, presented the fiscal year 2015 financial audit report. Discussion followed.

County Clerk and Register of Deeds Lindsay Oswald and County Treasurer Judith Ratering provided information on their duties and explained that they are both running for re-election in August.

Aaron Miller, 59th State House Representative, provided an update on legislation pending at the State level. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yea: Six Voting nay: None Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of May 25, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the May 11, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $2,244,091.91 as presented.

8C. Set Public Hearing for Sidewalk Special Assessment
SET a Sidewalk Repair Assessment District Public Hearing for the 2016 Street Program for the June 8th City Commission meeting.

8D. Auto Park Ford Property Transfer
ADOPT the resolution transferring parcel 075-015-013-022-00 from Sturgis Township into the City as presented.

8E. Severance Electric Proposal
APPROVE a bid waiver and the proposal from Severance Electric to run conduit for Monroe Street, E. West St. and North St. in the amount of ten thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars ($10,285.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Six Voting nay: None Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the bids received for purchase of empty lots owned by the City as a result of demolition of blighted properties. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the five vacant lot bids as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the bids received for the 2016 Street Improvement projects. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the contract for the 2016 Street Improvements to Niblock Excavating, Inc. of Bristol Indiana in the amount of seven hundred, fifty three thousand, eight hundred, nineteen dollars and seventy five cents ($753,819.75) and authorize the City Manager to sign contract documents on behalf of the City.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve a contingency budget of thirty seven thousand, seven hundred dollars ($37,700.00) for the 2016 Street Improvements project, which equals five percent (5%) of the construction bid amount.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve Task Order 71 with Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. for construction phase services associated with the 2016 Street Improvements project in the amount of fifty three thousand, eight hundred dollars ($53,800.00) as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

Facilities Manager Steve Benkovsky provided information on the needed repairs of the City’s T-Hangars at the airport. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the bid from Paul Perez Painting out of Hartford, MI, in the amount of five thousand five hundred dollars ($5,500.00) for painting the T-Hangar at Kirsch Municipal Airport as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that as part of the development of the Meijer site, a new municipal easement on the Meijer property is necessary; the City has storm sewer which discharges into the retention pond on the north side of the Meijer site. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the Non-Exclusive Utility Easement Agreement with Meijer, Inc. as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak, Sisson, Taulbee  MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Pastor Cal Kolzow, Trinity Lutheran Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: Assistant to the City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Electric Department Superintendent, Facilities Manager, Public Safety Director, Deputy Police Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, City Clerk

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith introduced Josh Czajkowski who has been hired as the Electric Department Operations Manager. The Commission welcomed Josh to the community.

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith awarded the Police Professional Service Award to Officer Matt Boerman.

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith presented the On-Call Award to Firefighter Patrick Camburn.

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith introduced new Sturgis Police Officer Josh Wiard. He was sworn in by the City Clerk.

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith also explained that Deputy Fire Chief Andy Strudwick recently completed the Police Academy. He was sworn in by the City Clerk as a Police Officer.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of June 8, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the May 25, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,068,255.24 as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED
Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing for the 2016 Sidewalk Repair Special Assessment District.

City Engineer Barry Cox presented details on the planned repairs.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the 2016 Sidewalk Repair Special Assessment District as presented.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Facilities Manager Steve Benkovsky provided information on the current floor scrubber at the Doyle. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Good to approve a bid waiver for and the quote from KSS Enterprises for the Tennant T300 floor scrubber and tile/grout pads in the amount of ten thousand four hundred thirty seven dollars and six cents ($10,437.06).

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the bids related to the Lot 4 Streetscape and Utilities Project. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the contract with Selge Construction Company contingent upon a mutually agreeable change in the scope of the project, award of a grant from the County, and a ten percent contingency.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the 2016 tax foreclosed homes owned by St. Joseph County available for acquisition by the City. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the purchase of the properties located at 305 W. West St., 126 S. Maple St., 604 N. Prospect St., 302 N. Lakeview Ave. and 504 Sturgis Ave. in the amount of twenty-eight thousand five hundred sixty-seven dollars and four cents ($28,567.04).

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Malone appointed Commissioner Good to the Sturgis Neighborhood Program Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Pastor Bob Renner, Sturgis Missionary Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Facilities Manager, Public Safety Director, Deputy Fire Chief, City Clerk

Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce Director Cathi Abbs presented the City with a trophy for the Electric Department float in the Sturgis Fest parade. Mrs. Abbs and Mayor Malone thanked City staff for their work on the float.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of June 29, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the June 8, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $2,758,218.61 as presented.

8C. 2016 United Way Donut Drive
APPROVE the request of the United Way to host its “Donut Drive” at the Nottawa/Chicago Road Intersection on August 12th, 2016.

8D. Children’s Independence Day Parade
APPROVE the request for an Independence Day Children’s Parade in the South Lakeview neighborhood to be held on Saturday, July 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with a route as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED
Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Littman to recess the regular meeting.

**Voting yea:** Nine  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Dir. Good and seconded by Dir. Sisson to convene as the Sturgis Housing Development Corporation.

**Voting yea:** Nine  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Dir. Sisson and seconded by Dir. Hile approve the appointment of Jeff Mullins as a Director of the SHDC.

**Voting yea:** Ten  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that at the March 21st City Commission meeting, a proposal was presented from Nestor Nieves for the purchase of the property at 209 S. Nottawa St. and was approved by the Commission. The Sturgis Housing Development Corporation is the official owner of the property located at 209 S. Nottawa St. and should technically have convened to approve the proposal and sale of the property. The City Attorney advises that the SHDC should convene to approve the proposal from Mr. Nieves.

Sheldon Fieberkorn, 106 Wenzel, explained that he felt that the RFP should be resubmitted for proposals.

Laurie Gotschall, 210 S. Nottawa St, hoped that the City would reconsider the demolition of the house.

Sam Adams, 200 Michigan Ave, explained that once historic structures are gone, they can’t be replaced.

Trish Woods, 307 S. Nottawa St, explained that she has refurbished her home with success and hoped the same could happen at 209 S. Nottawa St.

Monica Smith, Sturgis Neighborhood Program, explained that SNP reviewed the property but never provided a formal estimate of rehabilitation costs.

Evelyn Vantassel, 121 S. Nottawa St, explained that she has individuals interested in rehabbing 209 S. Nottawa St and would consider allowing Mr. Nieves to construct a driveway on the property.

Barry Cox, 1421 S. Merribe, provided a history of 209 S. Nottawa St and explained that the proposal received did not meet the requirements of the RFP.

Kelly Eaton, 211 S. Nottawa St, explained that there is no easement to the property from Rose Ct.

Rick Bir, 208 S. Nottawa St, explained that the property is a historical house on a historical street.

Kathleen Vandenbos, 604 W. Congress St, explained that she was the former owner of the property and her understanding was that the City would ensure the property was rehabbed.

Nestor Nieves, 207 S. Nottawa St, explained that this issue relates to transparency.
Facilities Manager Steve Benkovsky explained that based on his experience, the necessary repairs would be around $150,000.00.

Discussion continued on the historic nature of the house, the desire to preserve the house, the costs for rehabilitation, and other issues. The City Commission appreciated all of these issues but also understood the contractual obligations previously agreed to with Mr. Nieves.

Moved by Dir. Good and seconded by Dir. Dvorak to approve the sale of the property at 209 S. Nottawa St. pursuant to the proposal submitted by Nestor Nieves and authorize Michael L Hughes, its President, to execute all required documents.

**Voting yea:** Sisson, Mullins, Dvorak, Good, Hughes, Hile, Malone  
**Voting nay:** Taulbee, Huber, Littman  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Dir. Hile and seconded by Dir. Mullins to adjourn as the S.H.D.C.

**Voting yea:** Ten  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Mullins to reconvene the regular City Commission meeting.

**Voting yea:** Nine  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that there are upcoming discussions about a grant for the Lot 4 streetscape.


**Voting yea:** Nine  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing for consideration of vacating an alley on East West Street.

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that the City of Sturgis is the owner of an alley located north of E. West St. and between N. Fourth St. and N. Prospect St. The alley dead ends before reaching E. Hatch St. The City currently performs no maintenance of the alley such as grading or snow plowing. Jeff Miller of 406 E. West St. requested the alley be vacated. Mr. Miller provided a history of his involvement with the alley. Mr. Hughes explained that he received a letter from landlord Jaime Crítes with concerns about the vacation. Mr. Hughes told Mr. Crítes that his tenants would still have access to their properties.

There were no other comments from the public.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Sisson vacating the E. West St. alley as presented.

**Voting yea:** Nine  
**Voting nay:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION VACATING ALLEY

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, the same being the legislative body of the said City of Sturgis, deems it in the best interests of the City of Sturgis that the alley located north of East West Street between North Fourth Street and North Prospect Avenue being within the City of Sturgis be vacated, said alley being described as follows,
to-wit:

A parcel of land located in St Joseph County, Michigan, Section 1, Sturgis Township, in the City of Sturgis, in Block 52 of Watson’s Addition to the Village of Sturgis, according to the Plat of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for St. Joseph County, Michigan, in Liber 45 of Deeds on Page 197. More particularly described as:

A 20 foot wide alley running north and south in Block 52 of Watson’s Addition to the Village of Sturgis bounded by the north right of way line of East West Street on the south, the east line of Lots 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 15 of said addition on the west, the west line of Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, & 16 of said addition on the east, and the north line of said addition on the north, which is also the south line of Drake’s Addition to the Village of Sturgis. 0.25 acres;

and

WHEREAS, it being advisable to vacate and abandon the said described property, due notice was published in the Sturgis Journal, a newspaper published and circulated in the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, as required by law, notifying the public and all interested persons that the City Commission would meet and be in session on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wiesloch Raum of Sturgis City Hall to hear and consider objections thereto; and

WHEREAS, no one appeared at said meeting to object to the proposed vacation and abandonment and one objection thereto having been filed with the City Clerk by Jamie Crites:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, subject to the City of Sturgis reserving easements on said property for the purposes of constructing, repairing, substituting, removing enlarging, replacing and maintaining utilities and for pedestrian and vehicular access open to the general public, that the above described alley be hereby vacated, abandoned, and discontinued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within thirty (30) days from this date, the City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Treasurer of the State of Michigan, and also a certified copy of this resolution to the Register of Deeds of the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, for recording, and that a proper record of this vacation and abandonment be entered into the Book of Plats of the City of Sturgis.
Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing for consideration of the millage rate for the fiscal year.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes explained that the City has advertised and a proposed budget has been prepared with the same millage rate as previous years at 10.0285 mills and a Streets/Sidewalk rate of 3.0 mills.

There was discussion about the additional mills that could be levied and possible uses. Mr. Rhodes explained that it is not necessary to approve the tax administration fee annually.

St. Joseph County resident Andrew Brandt encouraged the City Commission to stop doing projects and lower the millage rate.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Hile to set the 2016 operating millage tax rate at 10.0285 mils and set the Streets/Sidewalk Improvement Millage tax rate at 3.0 mils.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Fire Chief Andy Strudwick provided information on the equipment needed on the new fire truck. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the purchase of eight (8) SCBA from Front Line Services in the amount of fifty-six thousand eight hundred dollars ($56,800.00).

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the purchase of one (1) spreader and one (1) cutter from General Quarters Fire, LLC in the amount of sixteen thousand six hundred ninety dollars ($16,690.00).

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the purchase of one Scott ISG Model X380 thermal imaging camera from Argus-Hazco in the amount of ten thousand three hundred ninety-five dollars ($10,395.00).

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes and Virdis Design provided details on the final design and costs for the new softball complex. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to approve the final design of the softball complex as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes explained that Pitsch Company completed the demolition of the house located at 305 S. Maple St. The adjacent neighbors, Sharon Webb of 307 S. Maple St. and Brannon Hahn of 303 S. Maple St., to the now vacant lot were contacted and advised the lot was available for purchase.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the sale of 305 S. Maple St. to Sharon Webb and Brannon Hahn as presented.

Voting yea: Nine   Voting nay: None  

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Pastor Bob Renner, Sturgis Missionary Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Sisson, Dvorak

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None       Absent: Sisson, Dvorak          MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of July 13, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the June 29, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $875,426.65 as presented.

8C. 2016 Toy Run
APPROVE the requests for the 2016 Sturgis Toy Run contingent upon providing adequate insurance, St. Joseph County coordination, and volunteers for the event as presented.
Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None       Absent: Sisson, Dvorak          MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that there are continuing discussions about a grant for the Lot 4 streetscape.

Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None       Absent: Sisson, Dvorak          MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that the City Manager must submit a proposed budget before August 1st of each year and the City Commission must adopt the budget before August 20th.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to set a public hearing for consideration of the City’s 2016-2017 budget at 7:30 p.m. on August 10, 2016 at City Hall, 130 N. Nottawa.
Voting yea: Seven        Voting nay: None       Absent: Sisson, Dvorak          MOTION CARRIED
Wastewater Superintendent Tom Sikorski explained that the 2015-2016 capital budget for the wastewater treatment plant includes the replacement of one of the plunger (piston) pumps. The wastewater facility has three plunger pumps that are used to remove primary sludge from the primary clarifiers to Digester #1. Staff is recommending that Primary Sludge Pump #3 be replaced. The pump was originally purchased in March of 1965 and has 51 years of service. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve a bid waiver for and the purchase of the WasteCorp Plunger Pump from Kerr Pump and Supply in the amount of twenty thousand, eight hundred dollars ($20,800.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Sisson, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on the changes to the City’s Purchasing Policy. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the amended City Purchasing Policy as presented.

Voting yea: Seven Voting nay: None Absent: Sisson, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to go into Closed Session at the employee’s request.

Voting yea: Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Littman, Good, Hile, Malone Voting nay: None Absent: Sisson, Dvorak MOTION CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Doug Carr, His House Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Parks Superintendent, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented with the addition 10F.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of July 27, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the July 13, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $3,235,832.16 as presented.

8C. 2016 Homegrown Music Festival
APPROVE the requests for the 2016 Homegrown Music Festival as presented.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the meetings held on creation of a dog park. The City Commission, members of the Parks and Cemetery Board, and residents discussed the locations considered, features of a park, estimated costs for development, possible fundraising options, and long term costs.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to proceed with the establishment of a dog park at Old Depot Park and direct City Staff to develop an initial plan including estimated expenses.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on a lease for the Depot building. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to approve the lease agreement between the City of Sturgis, Sturgis Housing Development Corp. and the Sturgis Historical Society for the Depot building and property as presented.
Voting yea: Nine  Voting nay: None  MOTION CARRIED
Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Mullins to recess the regular meeting. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Nine} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

Moved by Dir. Hile and seconded by Dir. Mullins to convene as the Sturgis Housing Development Corporation. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Nine} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

Mr. Hughes provided information on a lease for the Depot building. Discussion followed.

Moved by Dir. Sisson and seconded by Dir. Hile approve the lease agreement between the City of Sturgis, Sturgis Housing Development authorize President Michael Hughes to sign all necessary documents. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Ten} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

Moved by Dir. Sisson and seconded by Dir. Mullins to adjourn as the S.H.D.C. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Ten} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Mullins to reconvene the regular City Commission meeting. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Nine} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that a traffic engineering study was conducted in September 2014 on all four legs of the intersection at Congress Street and Nottawa Street and none of the data indicated a need for a traffic signal. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Huber to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order #01-16 as presented. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Nine} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that the last water system reliability study was completed in early 2010. The Michigan Department of Environment Quality requires water systems to update reliability studies every five years. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the Water System Reliability Study proposal from Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. in the amount of eleven thousand, nine hundred and twenty dollars ($11,920.00). 
\textbf{Voting yea: Nine} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that the DSA has requested closure of Pleasant Street to the parking lots for an event on August 19th. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the DSA request as presented. 
\textbf{Voting yea: Nine} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Voting nay: None} \hspace{1cm} \textbf{MOTION CARRIED}

The Commission had consensus to proceed with an auction of bricks from street projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend George Cleverley, The Church of Christ, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Electric Superintendent, DPS Superintendent, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk


Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voting yea: Nine  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of July 27, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the July 27, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $860,706.61 as presented.

8C. MPPA Associate Membership
ADOPT the Michigan Public Power Agency Associate Member Resolution as presented.

8D. Kermes Fall 2016
APPROVE the requests for Kermes Fall 2016 on September 4th including waiver of park fee as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith provided information on the bids for new substation transformers. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the bid for two transformers from Waukesha Transformers in the amount of eight hundred fifty-nine thousand, sixty-six dollars ($859,066.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED
DPS Superintendent Rick Miller provided information on the bids related to the sealing of parking lots. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the bid from Tustin’s Asphalt Sealing of Plainwell, MI, in the amount of sixteen thousand, two hundred and eighty dollars ($16,280.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on the state of the current dishwasher at the Auditorium and the replacement model. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve a budget amendment of fourteen thousand, five hundred and eighty dollars ($14,580.00) to the Auditorium Fund and Capital Reserve Fund as presented.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser provided details on the proposed utility rate changes. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the water and wastewater rates for billings beginning on October 1st 2016, 2017 and 2018 as presented and approve the electric PCAF for billings beginning on October 1st 2016 as presented.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing related to the 2017 fiscal year budget for the City.

City Manager Michael Hughes and City Controller Holly Keyser provided details on the budget.

Cathi Abbs, 615 Cheshire, expressed appreciation for the transparency of the local government.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the 2016-2017 annual City of Sturgis Budget Summary and Appropriation Resolution and approve the City of Sturgis Fee Schedule.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, City Clerk

City Manager Michael Hughes provided details on the North Parking Lot improvements and the related bids. He explained that the County approved a $100,000.00 grant for the project. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the contract with Selge Construction for North Parking Lot Project in the as-bid amount of seven hundred forty-five thousand, one hundred ninety dollars and five cents ($745,190.05) and authorize City Manager Michael Hughes to sign all necessary documents.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the change order with Selge Construction for the North Parking Lot Project for a credit of one hundred thirty-six thousand, eight hundred forty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents (-$136,848.35) and authorize City Manager Michael Hughes to sign all necessary documents.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve a construction contingency for the North Parking Lot Project of sixty-one thousand dollars ($61,000.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

There was consensus to send a letter to the County Commission thanking them for the grant funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend George Cleverley, The Church of Christ, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Sisson

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, City Clerk

Larry Reddler, Habitat for Humanity, provided information on their recent activities and presented a plaque to the Fire Department for their assistance with a fundraiser.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Eight Voting nay: None Absent: Sisson MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of August 24, 2016 as presented with the addition of the Magnolia Street vacation resolution

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the August 10, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

Consent Agenda Motion:
APPROVE the minutes from the August 17, 2016 special meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $2,353,176.58 as presented.

8C. Fawn River Township 425 Transfer – 28101 E. West St.
ADOPT the Transfer of Property from Fawn River Township (Agreement #4) Resolution for 28101 E. West St. as presented.

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis (“City”) and the Township of Fawn River (“Township”) entered into an Agreement for Conditional Transfer of Property (Agreement #4), with an effective date of June 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Agreement #4 provides that initially only limited jurisdiction was transferred to the City for certain parcels as described in the Exhibits to Agreement #4, and full jurisdiction over these parcels would transfer immediately from the Township to the City if any one of several stated events occurs; and

WHEREAS, one of the stated events for the transfer of full jurisdiction over these parcels involves the owner of record of the property within the Transferred Area ceasing to have title to such real property on or after the effective date of Agreement #4 (June 28, 2006); and

WHEREAS, the owner of record on the effective date of Agreement #4 no longer has title to the property listed below and, accordingly, full jurisdiction of the parcel has been transferred from the Township to the City effective immediately.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT full jurisdiction for all purposes of the following
parcel of land identified below and shown on Exhibit B of Agreement #4 is certified to have been transferred from the Township to the City effective immediately;

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<td>James &amp; Susan Grobis</td>
<td>28101 East West Street</td>
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Legal description of parcel: Lot 71 of Arden Park Addition, according to the Plat of Record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for St. Joseph County, Michigan in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56.

Location map of parcel: See attached Exhibit B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with Section 2.1 of Agreement #4, the City Commission hereby certifies that events have occurred transferring full jurisdiction over said parcel to the City, and the filing of this Resolution and either a similar resolution adopted by the Fawn River Township Board or sixty (60) days has passed since this resolution was adopted shall be sufficient to evidence the transfer of full jurisdiction over the above parcel to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager is authorized and directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Township Clerk, the St. Joseph County Clerk and the Office of the Great Seal of the State of Michigan to evidence that the transfer of full jurisdiction to the City of said parcel has occurred for the records of each such office.

8D. Set Public Hearing for Vacation of Magnolia St.

ADOPT the Resolution Approving Vacating of Street and Scheduling of Public Hearing as presented.

RESOLUTION APPROVING VACATING OF STREET
AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, the same being the legislative body of the said City of Sturgis, deems it advisable and in the best interests of the City of Sturgis that the portion of Magnolia Street between Prairie Street and Orange Street now situate and being within the City of Sturgis be vacated, subject to the reservation of an easement for utilities, said street being described as follows, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in St. Joseph County, Michigan, Section 12, Sturgis Township, in the City of Sturgis, in Prairie Heights Addition to the City of Sturgis in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 31 and in the Plat of Frank W. Wait’s Highlands Addition to the City of Sturgis in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 3, according to the plat of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for St. Joseph County, Michigan;

Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 15, Prairie Heights Addition, which is also the point of beginning, thence south 66 feet, to the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 16, Prairie Heights Addition, thence west along the south line of Magnolia Avenue 344.5 feet to the west line of Prairie Heights Addition, which is also the northeast corner of Lot 6, Block 6, Frank W. Wait’s Highland Addition, thence west along the south line of Magnolia Avenue 209.68 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 3, Block 6, Frank W. Wait’s Highland Addition, thence north 66 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 10, Block 4, Frank W. Wait’s Highland Addition, thence east along the north line of Magnolia Avenue 209.68 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 7, Block 4, Frank W. Wait’s Highlands Addition, which is also the west line of Prairie Heights Addition, thence east along the north line of Magnolia Avenue 344.5 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 15, Prairie Heights Addition, which is the point of beginning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing to hear objections thereto shall be held at the scheduled meeting of the Sturgis City Commission on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, commencing at 7:30 P.M. in the Wiesloch Raum of City Hall. Any objection to such action may be filed with the City Clerk in writing, and if any such objection is filed the portion of Magnolia Street between Prairie Street and Orange Street now situate and being within the City of Sturgis shall not be vacated except by a concurring vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the City Commission.

8E. Jim Fearnow DDA Board Resignation
ACCEPT the resignation of Jim Fearnow from the Sturgis Downtown Development Authority.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the bids and quotes received for demolition of the recently purchased tax foreclosed homes that are not able to be redeveloped. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the proposal from Pitsch Companies in the amount of fifty-two thousand six hundred dollars ($52,600.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Seven  Voting nay: Dvorak  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

Doyle and Recreation Director Michael Liston provided information on the state of the current fitness equipment and quotes received for new equipment. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the purchase of Precor Cardiovascular Training units from Direct Fitness Solutions in the total amount of thirty-eight thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars ($38,635.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve a budget amendment for FY 2015-2016 of thirty-eight thousand, six hundred and thirty-five dollars ($38,635.00) for the Doyle Community Center Fund as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox and Dave Harvey, Fleis and Vandenbrink, provided information on the critical work that needs to be done on the Market Street Lift Station. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the contract for the Market Street Lift Station Improvements to Parrish Excavating in the amount of four hundred sixty-two thousand, five hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars ($462,558.00) and authorize the City Manager to sign contract documents on behalf of the City.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve Task Order 68b with Fleis and VandenBrink Engineering, Inc. for construction phase services associated with the Market Street Lift Station Improvements project in the amount of sixty-three thousand, six hundred and twenty dollars ($63,620.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that Sturgis Public Schools has requested a second bus loading zone on North Street.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve Traffic Control Order 16-03 as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Sisson  MOTION CARRIED
City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided information on the applications received for the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors vacancy. Discussion followed.

Comm. Hile nominated Kurt Inman.
Comm. Dvorak nominated Spencer Wickey.

Voting for Inman: Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Littman, Good, Hile, Malone
Voting for Wickey: Dvorak

Kurt Inman was appointed to the DDA Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Taulbee, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, City Clerk

City Engineer Barry Cox and Kris Foondle, Rail Project Manager for MDOT Office of Rail, Local Grade Crossing Program, presented information on MDOT’s railroad crossing closure program and grade crossing closure incentives. As part of the presentation, Mr. Foondle provided information on the Prospective Railroad Grade Crossing Closure of N. Clay Street. Discussion followed on this issue as well as a possible relocation of the entire track.

The City Commission had consensus to refer this issue to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Rodger Moyer, Sturgis Evangelical Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Taulbee, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Public Safety Director,
Deputy Police Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, City Clerk

Public Safety Director Geoff Smith introduced the three new firefighters Patrick Camburn, Jacob
Toth, and Phillip Hopkins. They were sworn in by the City Clerk and welcomed by the City
Commission.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Six      Voting nay: None     Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson      MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of
September 12, 2016 as presented.
8A.  Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the August 24, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B.  Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $998,912.88 as presented.
Voting yea: Six      Voting nay: None     Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson      MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes explained that the City of Sturgis serves as the "responsible entity"
for the Sturgis Housing Commission. In this limited role, the City is required to approve the Housing
Commission's Capital Fund Program 5-year Action Plan in order to be eligible for Federal funding.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Capital Fund Program 5-
Year Action Plan as presented and authorize City Manager Michael Hughes to sign any necessary
documents.
Voting yea: Six      Voting nay: None     Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson      MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes explained that after research by City staff, the recommended funding plan for a dog park would include seeking a $15,000 grant from Sturgis Area Community Foundation, a crowdfunding grant through the Community Spaces program from the MEDC for $10,000 with a community match of $10,000, and have the City of Sturgis establish an endowment of $15,000 for future maintenance and repair. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the dog park funding proposal as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on accepting a street right of way in order to add a street to the City Local Street System. The proposed softball field complex at the intersection Lafayette Road and proposed North Franks Avenue extension prompted this issue.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to adopt the resolution dedicating property deeded to the City in Liber 675, Page 461 for public street right of way.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on a clarification to the Employee Handbook related to sick leave payout.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Good to approve Section 381 to the Employee Handbook as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Malone presented a resolution related to the Sturgis Fest vintage baseball game.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the baseball game resolution as presented.
Voting yea: Six  Voting nay: None  Absent: Huber, Dvorak, Sisson  MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis, along with the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce, celebrate Sturgis Fest during the last week of June each year; and
WHEREAS, as part of the Sturgis Fest activities, the City remembers part of its history by participating in a vintage baseball game, as was played before 1900; and
WHEREAS, the City’s team is known as the “Biscuits” in commemoration of Michigan’s first Governor who was impressed by the biscuits made by the wife of Judge John Sturgis, a founding father of the City; and
WHEREAS, Mayor Kenneth Malone presented to Wiesloch Oberbürgermeister Dirk Elkmann an official Biscuits jersey for his participation in the game scheduled to be held on June 22, 2016; and
WHEREAS, Oberbürgermeister Elkmann and Commissioner Stefan Seewoester agreed to participate in the game; and
WHEREAS, poor weather caused the cancellation of the game; and
WHEREAS, the City and Chamber plan to hold a vintage baseball game once again during Sturgis Fest 2017.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of September, 2016, I, Mayor Kenneth Malone, on behalf of the Sturgis City Commission and the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce formally request the attendance and participation of Oberbürgermeister Dirk Elkmann and Commissioner Stefan Seewoester and any other Wiesloch representatives as deemed appropriate at the Sturgis Biscuits vintage baseball game to be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2016 in Sturgis, Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Electric Department Superintendent, City Clerk

Jennifer Watters, AEP and Lee Rodenbeck, I&M provided information on solar generation and general terms of a draft proposal, the potential financial impacts, and the process should the Commission decide to move forward with the project. Discussion followed.

The Commission had consensus to continue the review process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Pastor George Cleverly, Church of Christ, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Electric Department Superintendent, City Clerk

Mayor Malone presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Martindale was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in 1999; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Martindale served as the Past High Priest at the Sturgis Chapter #26; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Martindale served as a Past Commander of Columbia Commandery #18; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Martindale was the past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Nebuzarradan Council #18; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Martindale is a member of the York Rite Sovereign College #10; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Martindale joined the Sturgis Shrine Club in 2002 and is a Past President; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Martindale joined the Saladin Shrine Divan Line in 2013 as High Priest and Prophet; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Sturgis Commission would like to congratulate Mr. William “Bill” Martindale for being elected and installed as Potentate for the Saladin Shrine Divan Line for 2016.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Nine 					Voting nay: None 						MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of September 28, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the September 12, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the September 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $3,840,392.65 as presented.

8C. Sturgis Homecoming Parade and Fireworks
APPROVE the request of Sturgis High School for the Homecoming Parade for October 7th and AUTHORIZE Deputy Fire Chief Andy Strudwick to approve the fireworks display as presented.

8D. 2017 MML Pool Board of Director’s Election
APPROVE submittal of ballot for the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors as presented and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.
Mayor Malone opened the Public Hearing related to the vacation of Magnolia Street.

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the vacation of Magnolia Street as part of a potential Burr Oak Tool & Gauge expansion.

There was no comment from the public.

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that the one owner adjacent to the property inquired about what type of closure would be utilized. Tony Stewart, Burr Oak Tool explained that the both ends of the street would be gated.

Mayor Malone closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to adopt the resolution vacating a portion of Magnolia Street as presented.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, the same being the legislative body of the said City of Sturgis, deems it advisable and in the best interests of the City of Sturgis that the portion of Magnolia Street between Prairie Street and Orange Street now situate and being within the City of Sturgis be vacated, subject to the reservation of an easement for utilities, said street being described as follows, to-wit:

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WHEREAS, it being advisable to vacate and abandon the said described property, due notice was published in the Sturgis Journal, a newspaper published and circulated in the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, as required by law, notifying the public and all interested persons that the City Commission would meet and be in session on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wiesloch Raum of Sturgis City Hall to hear and consider objections thereto; and

WHEREAS, no one appeared at said meeting to object to the proposed vacation and abandonment and no objections having been filed with the City Clerk:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, subject to the City of Sturgis reserving easements on said property for the purposes of constructing, repairing, substituting, removing enlarging, replacing and
maintaining utilities that the above described street be hereby vacated, abolished, abandoned and discontinued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within thirty (30) days from this date, the City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, and also a certified copy of this resolution to the Register of Deeds of the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, for recording, and that a proper record of this vacation and abandonment be entered into the Book of Plats of the City of Sturgis.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that rental property owners explained that they were concerned that when properties are transferred, the status and points in the performance-based property maintenance program transfer with the property, making them responsible for the previous owner’s maintenance decisions. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the amendment to the Property Maintenance Program Policy as presented.

**Voting yea:** Nine  **Voting nay:** None  **MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve a fee for late payment of a property maintenance registration in the amount of twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

**Voting yea:** Nine  **Voting nay:** None  **MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to consider this the first reading of an amendment to City Code of Ordinances, Appendix B – Fine Schedule for Municipal Civil Infractions pertaining to property maintenance fees.

**Voting yea:** Nine  **Voting nay:** None  **MOTION CARRIED**

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on an opinion from State Attorney General Bill Schuette regarding soliciting on public streets and highways. Discussion followed.

City Controller Holly Keyser provided information on the end of the year budget amendments.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the budget amendments as presented.

**Voting yea:** Nine  **Voting nay:** None  **MOTION CARRIED**

State Representative Aaron Miller provided a legislative update. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to go into Closed Session for discussion related to the potential purchase of property.

**Voting yea:** Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Hile, Malone  **Voting nay:** None  **MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. to list the property at 700 Lancanshire, which is owned by the City, at $69,900.00

**Voting yea:** Eight  **Voting nay:** Sisson  **MOTION CARRIED**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

*Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer*
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Huber

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Eight    Voting nay: None    Absent: Huber    MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of October 12, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the September 28, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the September 28, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZED the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,656,214.79 as presented.

8C. Set Public Hearing for 2015 Sidewalk Assessments
SET public hearing for consideration of the 2015 Sidewalk Assessments at 7:30 p.m. on November 16, 2016 at City Hall, 130 N. Nottawa St.

Voting yea: Eight    Voting nay: None    Absent: Huber    MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that no changes have occurred since the last meeting regarding the property maintenance fee ordinance amendment. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Dvorak to consider this the second reading of and approve an amendment to City Code of Ordinances, Appendix B – Fine Schedule for Municipal Civil Infractions pertaining to property maintenance fees with an effective date of November 1, 2016.

Voting yea: Eight    Voting nay: None    Absent: Huber    MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO THE FINE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS
An Ordinance to amend Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sturgis pertaining to the fine schedule for municipal civil infractions and to provide for an effective date of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to modify the fine schedule for municipal civil infractions with respect to fines for violations of Chapter 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan ordains:
Appendix B, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby modified to provide as follows, effective as
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Electrical outlets .....100.00
Hall and stairway lights .....100.00
Bathroom light .....250.00
Number of exits .....500.00
Blocked exits .....500.00

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the grant agreement related to the final reconstruction of the brick portion of South Nottawa Street. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Hile to adopt the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Resolution as presented.
Voting yea: Eight           Voting nay: None            Absent: Huber                 MOTION CARRIED

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR SOUTH NOTTAWA STREET PROJECT FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT #2016004.
WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program is a federally funded program administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis is applying for funds through MDOT from the Transportation Alternative Program to re-construct South Nottawa Street as a historical brick street in 2017.
WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining these infrastructure projects.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City has authorized City Manager Michael Hughes to request Transportation Alternatives Program funding, to act as the applicant’s agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City attests to the existence of, and commits to, the funds necessary to carry out the project, including engineering for design and construction, permit fees, administration costs, cost overruns, and the required matching funds for the overall project cost.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City commits to owning, operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Alternatives Program funding.

Wastewater Superintendent Tom Sikorski provided information on a submersible pump for the Fawn River Lift Station.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve a bid waiver and the purchase of the Flygt pump from Kennedy Industries in the amount of forty-two thousand two hundred ten dollars ($42,210.00) as presented.
Voting yea: Eight           Voting nay: None            Absent: Huber                 MOTION CARRIED

City Controller Holly Keyser explained that the State’s Health Care resolution is similar to previous versions with updated limits. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Hile to adopt the Resolution to Control Municipal Health Care Costs as presented.
Voting yea: Eight           Voting nay: None            Absent: Huber                 MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION TO CONTROL MUNICIPAL HEALTH CARE COSTS
WHEREAS, Public Act 152 of 2011 (PA 152), an act to limit a public employer’s expenditures for employee medical benefit plans, was approved by the State of Michigan and made effective September 27, 2011 and
WHEREAS, PA 152 mandates hard cap limits on health care expenses for public employers in a total amount equal to $6,344.80 times the number of employees with single person coverage, $13,268.93 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage or individual plus one nonspouse dependent coverage, and $17,304.02 times the number of employees with family coverage, for a medical benefit plan coverage year beginning on or after January 1, 2017; and
WHEREAS, PA 152 allows public employers the option, instead of the hard cap, of electing to pay not more than 80% of the total annual costs of all of the medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees and elected public officials with a majority vote of its governing body; and
WHEREAS, PA 152 allows local units of government, including cities, the option to opt out of all limits set forth in the act with a 2/3rds majority vote of its governing body; and
WHEREAS, these limits would impact all non-union employees beginning January 1st, 2017 and all union employees upon the expiration of their current union contract; and
WHEREAS, the City Commission has approved cost-sharing levels for non-union employees equal to 20% of the rates for traditional health care plans; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STURGIS, that the City will comply with the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the 2017 calendar year by opting out of the requirements of the Act as stipulated in Section 8 of the Act; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will implement cost-sharing levels for employees equal to $200 for a single or $300 for dual and family coverage when enrolled in the high deductible health plan; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will implement health incentives equal to $100 for employees that complete 24 visits to the Doyle Community Center in the calendar year and $100 for each employee and an additional $100 if the employee’s spouse also participates in a health screening which will be discounted from the biweekly employee contribution levels; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will contribute $1,000.00 in 2017 to each Health Savings Account established, with payments distributed during January 2017.

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the bids that were received for the softball complex. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Hile to request an extension of the completion time for the project from the County.
Voting yea: Eight    Voting nay: None    Absent: Huber    MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to rebid the softball complex construction.
Voting yea: Eight    Voting nay: None    Absent: Huber    MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: Sisson

Also present: City Manager, City Controller, Auditorium Director, City Clerk

The City Commission, City Staff, and several members of the Auditorium Board discussed many issues regarding the operation and future of the Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Pastor Calvin Kolzow, Trinity Lutheran Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent, City Clerk

Tim Stoll, Director of the COA, provided information on the activities at the Enrichment Center and other things. The Commission welcomed Mr. Stoll and discussed a number of items.

Carol Higgins, Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives, provided her qualifications.

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yea: Nine
Voting nay: None
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of October 26, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the October 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $3,324,416.08 as presented.

8C. Resolution Recognizing Michigan Municipal Executives
ADOPT the Resolution Recognizing Michigan Local Government Management Association now as Michigan Municipal Executives as presented.

Voting yea: Nine
Voting nay: None
MOTION CARRIED

Doyle and Recreation Director Mike Liston provided an update on fundraising for the Iron Mill Weight Room project. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve a funding match up to $15,000.00 for the Iron Mills Weight Room.

Voting yea: Sisson, Mullins, Dvorak, Good, Hile, Malone
Voting nay: Taulbee, Huber, Littman
MOTION CARRIED
Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that City Staff recently received a request from Amy York on behalf of the Downtown Sturgis Association (DSA) for Harvest Fest, which will be taking place on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Huber to approve the requests of the DSA for Harvest Fest 2016 as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on continued discussion with the Dog Park Committee regarding the fundraising plan.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve the request to modify the amount of the MEDC Community Spaces Program grant from ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) to twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk provided details on a proposed lease between the City and Wings etc behind the facility in the north parking lot. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the Public Space Lease between the City and Wings of Sturgis, LLC as presented.

Voting yea: Nine  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED

The Commission had consensus to approve a study by Virdis Designs for the refurbishment of the planters in front of City Hall.

Moved by Comm. Hile and seconded by Comm. Good to go into Closed Session for discussion related to the potential purchase of property.

Voting yea: Sisson, Mullins, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Good, Hile, Malone  
Voting nay: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
City Clerk Kenneth Rhodes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Huber, Malone, Dvorak, Littman, Hile, Good
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Controller, City Clerk

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided a summary of the November 3rd General Election results.

The City Clerk asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Comm. Malone nominated Comm. Hile

Moved by Comm. Malone and seconded by Comm. Hile to close the nominations for the Office of Mayor and cast a unanimous ballot Comm. Hile.

**Voting Yea : Nine**  **Voting Nay : None**  **MOTION CARRIED**

Comm. Hile was seated as the Mayor of the City of Sturgis.

Mayor Hile asked for nominations for the Office of Vice-Mayor.

Comm. Taulbee nominated Comm. Dvorak
Comm. Huber nominated Comm. Good

**Voting for Comm. Dvorak: Mullins, Bir, Huber, Malone, Littman, Good**
**Voting for Comm. Good: Taulbee, Dvorak, Hile**

Comm. Good was seated as the Vice-Mayor of the City of Sturgis.

Mayor Hile made the Commissioner appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided information on the City Commission Procedural Policy which has no changes, the Resolution of Authorized Depositories, the City’s Investment Policy, and the new Assessment Records Accessibility Policy. There was only discussion on the Assessment Records Accessibility which will be changed and brought for consideration at a future meeting.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to adopt the City Commission Procedural Policy, the Resolution of Authorized Depositories, and the City’s Investment Policy as presented.

**Voting Yea: Eight**  **Voting Nay: None**  **MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES**
WHEREAS, there may now be and may hereafter from time to time come into the hands of Kenneth D. Rhodes, Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Sturgis, Michigan certain monies belonging to or being held by the state, county, or other political units of the state, or otherwise held according to law, and

WHEREAS, under the law of the State of Michigan, this Commission is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all monies including tax monies coming into the hands of said Clerk/Treasurer, in one or more banks, hereinafter called banks, to be designated in such resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth D. Rhodes, is hereby directed to deposit all public monies including tax monies coming into his hands as Clerk/Treasurer, in the following banks:

- Century Bank & Trust - Sturgis, Michigan
- Farmers State Bank – Sturgis, Michigan
- First Merit Bank - Sturgis, Michigan
- Huntington Bank - Sturgis, Michigan
- Key Bank - Sturgis, Michigan
- Sturgis Bank & Trust Co. FSB - Sturgis, Michigan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Controller and the City Accounting Manager be appointed as Deputies to the Clerk/Treasurer for the purposes of managing accounts in the aforementioned banks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Huber, Malone, Dvorak, Littman, Hile, Good, Hughes
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: Assistant City Manager, City Controller, City Clerk

Moved by Dir. Malone and seconded by Dir. Mullins to adopt the Consent Resolution of Shareholders as presented.

Voting Yea: Nine
Voting Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT IN LIEU OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS OF STURGIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP.

All of the shareholders of Sturgis Housing Development Corp., a Michigan non-profit corporation (the "Corporation"), consent to the following actions:

1. The following persons are elected to serve as the directors of the Corporation until the next annual meeting of shareholders (or written consent in lieu of such a meeting), or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their resignation or removal:
   - Richard Bir
   - Mark Dvorak
   - Jon Good
   - Robert Hile
   - Charles Huber
   - Karl Littman
   - Ken Malone
   - Jeff Mullins
   - Ina Taulbee
   - Michael Hughes

2. The shareholders received a report from City Staff on significant developments, major corporate transactions, certain related party transactions, and the operations and financial results of the Corporation for the preceding fiscal year. All actions of the Corporation's officers, directors and agents on behalf of the Corporation since the last annual meeting of shareholders (or written consent in lieu of such a meeting) are ratified.

This consent is given in lieu of a formal annual meeting of the Corporation's shareholders.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Huber, Malone, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: Dvorak

Also present: City Manager, City Controller, Director of Public Safety, Deputy Police Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, City Clerk

City Manager Michael Hughes and Director of Public Safety Geoff Smith provided information on the study that was done and the pros and cons of transitioning to a full Public Safety model. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Stephen Middleton, Christian Fellowship Center, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Huber, Malone, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: Dvorak

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Electric Department Superintendent, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voting yea: Eight  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Dvorak  
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Hile to approve the Consent Agenda of November 16, 2016 as presented.

8A.  Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the October 26, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the October 26, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B.  Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $3,151,378.62 as presented. 
Voting yea: Eight  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Dvorak  
MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on sidewalk damage due to growth of terrace trees and the varied nature of how other municipalities pay for the repair. Discussion followed. City Staff will draft a policy amendment addressing sidewalk damage due to trees.

Mayor Hile opened the Public Hearing related to the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Special Assessments.

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the 2015 Sidewalk Repair program and the associated assessments.

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Hile closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the five (5) 2015 Sidewalk Special Assessment Districts as presented. 
Voting yea: Eight  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Dvorak 
MOTION CARRIED
Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith provided information on the current GIS software license and the proposed contract. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the renewal of the ESRI software license in the total amount of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00) as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak  MOTION CARRIED

Electric Department Superintendent John Griffith provided information on the proposed changes to the Outdoor Lighting Rate and the new light fixtures that will be used. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Huber to approve the change in the City of Sturgis’ Outdoor Lighting Rate as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Dvorak  MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Hile opened the Public Hearing related to an amendment to the Brownfield Plan for 200 E. Chicago Road.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk provided details on the amendment.

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Hile closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the Brownfield Plan for 200 E. Chicago Road as presented.

Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None   Absent: Dvorak  MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the progress of the Moso Village project. Discussion followed related to the engineering costs and payment, the streetscape, and other issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Malone, Dvorak, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: Huber

Also present: City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, City Clerk

Randy Gomez, Nyhart Consulting, provided an explanation on the most recent actuarial valuation related to Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) or retiree health care costs and savings. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
REGULAR MEETING - STURGIS CITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016
WIESLOCH RAUM – CITY HALL

Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Doug Carr, His House Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Malone, Dvorak, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: Huber

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Wastewater Superintendent, Public Safety Director, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Huber  MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the Consent Agenda of November 30, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the November 16, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the November 16, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,063,649.49 as presented.

8C. Sturgis Housing Commission Board Appointment
APPOINT Carolyn Tullos to the Sturgis Housing Commission Board as presented.
Voting yea: Eight  Voting nay: None  Absent: Huber  MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Hile opened the Public Hearing for the Closeout of the Grant to Sturgis Molded Products.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk explained that as part of the closeout process for the Sturgis Molded Products Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) job training grant, this hearing allows for public comment on the project. As required by the grant, Sturgis Molded Products (SMP) created and trained 35 new jobs. The CDBG provided grant funding for on-the-job training in the amount of $309,400.00. SMP provided matching grant funds of $3,377,694.00 in building and equipment investment, along with $88,542.45 in on-the-job training costs.

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Hile closed the Public Hearing.
City Engineer Barry Cox and Wastewater Superintendent Tom Sikorski provided information on the task orders related to the SAW grant for certain pipe replacement and discharge permit requirements. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Malone to approve the request to award Task Orders 52b and 52c to Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. in the total amount of one hundred and sixteen thousand, two hundred dollars ($116,200.00) as presented and authorize Michael Hughes to sign on behalf of the City

Voting yea: Eight         Voting nay: None          Absent: Huber  
MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Barry Cox explained that ninety days have passed for the temporary traffic control order which created a flashing red light at the intersection of Nottawa and Congress Streets. One accident on October 30, 2016 was reported. Observations from residents, Police Officers, and City Staff were noted. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Mullins to approve Traffic Control Order #16-04 as presented.

Absent: Huber

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Good to approve Traffic Control Order #16-04 as presented and direct City Staff to draft and implement a Temporary Traffic Control Order to continue the flashing red lights for an additional ninety days.

Voting yea: Eight         Voting nay: None          Absent: Huber  
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Malone, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: Huber, Dvorak

Also present: City Manager, City Controller, Electric Department Superintendent, City Clerk

Representatives of Secant Technologies provided information on a potential upgrade to the City’s fiber network which would offer more services. Discussion followed. City Staff will review an expansion for business use as well as downtown public wifi.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer
Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Rodger Moyer, Sturgis Evangelical Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Malone, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: Huber, Dvorak

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Doyle and Recreation
Director, Facilities Manager, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Seven       Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber, Dvorak           MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the Consent Agenda of
December 12, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the November 30, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the November 30, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

8B. Pay Bills
AUTHORIZE the payment of the City bills in the amount of $1,839,885.56 as presented.

8C. Accounts Payable Authorization
AUTHORIZE the Finance Committee to authorize the payment of City bills at their next meeting.

8D. Set Public Hearing for 2016 Sidewalk Assessments
SET public hearing for consideration of the 2016 Sidewalk Assessments at 7:30 p.m. on January 11,
2017 at City Hall, 130 N. Nottawa St.

8E. Set Public Hearing for North Clay Street Railroad Closure
SET public hearing for consideration of the North Clay Street Railroad Crossing Closure at 7:30 p.m.
on January 11, 2017 at City Hall, 130 N. Nottawa St.

Doyle and Recreation Director Mike Liston explained that in February 2016, staff approached the
Commission to build the Iron Mill Weight Room at the Doyle Community Center. Following a 10-
month Capital Campaign, $136,946.00 has been raised to complete construction of the Iron Mill
Weight Room which includes the $15,000.00 match the City Commission approved at the October
26th meeting. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the contract with James
Ware Construction in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand four hundred and seventy-
three dollars ($125,473.00) and authorize Michael Hughes to sign all necessary documents.
Voting yea: Seven       Voting nay: None       Absent: Huber, Dvorak           MOTION CARRIED
Moved by Comm. Mullins and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the total project cost not-to-exceed one hundred and thirty-four thousand, two hundred and seventy-three dollars ($134,273.00) as presented.

**Voting yea:** Seven  **Voting nay:** None  **Absent:** Huber, Dvorak  **MOTION CARRIED**

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided information on the proposed policy related to viewing assessing records.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to approve the Assessment Records Accessibility Policy as presented.

**Voting yea:** Seven  **Voting nay:** None  **Absent:** Huber, Dvorak  **MOTION CARRIED**

City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on possible fencing and other security related features at Oak Lawn Cemetery. Discussion followed.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes explained that the Building Authority bonds related to the hospital expansion have been selected for audit by the IRS. The Building Authority Board members need to be reappointed as part this process. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Taulbee and seconded by Comm. Good to reappoint Julie Andrews, Dan Arney, Andy Boyd, Ned Heydlauff, and Mike Wilson to the Sturgis Building Authority Board for a one year term.

**Voting yea:** Seven  **Voting nay:** None  **Absent:** Huber, Dvorak  **MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to go into Closed Session for discussion related to the potential purchase of property.

**Voting yea:** Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Malone, Littman, Good, Hile  **Voting nay:** None  **Absent:** Huber, Dvorak  **MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer*
Mayor Hile called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Reverend Rodger Moyer, Sturgis Evangelical Church, gave the Invocation.

Commissioners present: Mullins, Bir, Taulbee, Huber, Malone, Dvorak, Littman, Vice-Mayor Good, Mayor Hile
Commissioners absent: None

Also present: City Attorney, City Manager, City Controller, City Engineer, Doyle and Recreation Director, Facilities Manager, City Clerk

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Comm. Littman and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the Consent Agenda of December 19, 2016 as presented.

8A. Action of Minutes of Previous Meetings
APPROVE the minutes from the December 12, 2016 work session as presented.
APPROVE the minutes from the December 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes and SNP Director Monica Smith provided information on a possible tax exemption for 330 W. Jerolene St. which is being rehabbed. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Huber to approve the tax exemption request from Sturgis Neighborhood Program for 330 W. Jerolene St.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Assistant City Manager Andrew Kuk and Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce Director Cathi Abbs provided information on upcoming fundraising event for the Chamber. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Bir to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce for use of the Doyle Community Center for “March 2 Madness” as presented.
Voting yea: Nine Voting nay: None MOTION CARRIED
City Manager Michael Hughes provided information on the demolition and rehabilitation of the former NW Welding building now owned by the City. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Huber and seconded by Comm. Good to approve the Cost Proposal for Asbestos Survey and Demolition Bid Specifications for the NW Welding property in the amount of nine thousand five hundred dollars ($9,500.00) as presented and authorize City Manager Michael Hughes to sign all necessary documents.

**Voting yea: Nine**

**Voting nay: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

City Engineer Barry Cox provided information on the reconstruction of West South Street, the reconfiguration of the intersection with White Street, and a new proposed stop sign. Discussion followed.

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Huber to approve Traffic Control Order 16-05 as presented.

**Voting yea: Nine**

**Voting nay: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

City Clerk/Treasurer Kenneth Rhodes provided information on the proposed 2017 meeting calendar.

Moved by Comm. Dvorak and seconded by Comm. Taulbee to approve the proposed 2017 Commission Meeting schedule as presented.

**Voting yea: Nine**

**Voting nay: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Comm. Good and seconded by Comm. Littman to name the new dog park “The Bark Park”.

**Voting yea: Nine**

**Voting nay: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer*