

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF  
OCTOBER 2023**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis was held at 6:00 o'clock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October 2023 at the Town Hall, the aforesaid being the time and place for the meeting of the officers present: Jerry Bean, Amanda Ware, Susie McClelland, Lori Ann Carpenter, Aldermen; Laura Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; Mandy Page, Town Clerk; Doug Hamilton, Police Chief; Ricky Vowell, Water Maintenance.  
Absent: Leah Brown, Mayor; Caroline Commer, Attorney

The meeting was duly opened and called to order by Mayor Pro Tem, Laura Smith.  
Opening prayer by Laura Smith.

**ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion made by Amanda Ware and seconded by Laura Smith. The board approved the minutes for September 2023.

Jerry Bean ---No

Laura Smith ---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

\*Concerns were made about the approval of annual budget. Readdress some of the figures at a future date.

**ORDER – DOCKETT CLAIMS**

Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Susie McClelland.  
Unanimously carried. The board approved to pay the listed bills for September 2023.

Jerry Bean --Yea

Laura Smith ---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

\*Concerns about some of the costs from the Rally paid in September.

\*Police & Water Reports were given.

\*Water issue on Church Street was completed by Water Operator.

\*Discussion on the process of hiring the new water operator and the qualifications needed. Candidate will need to have or obtain a waste water certification and also need to know all the areas of town work will involve. A special meeting will need to be called to discuss the responsibilities & salary for this position before interviews will be conducted. Clerk will contact candidate to inquire about certifications.

### **ORDER- WATER OPERATOR POSITION DISCUSSION**

Discussion on candidates for water operator such as responsibilities and salary were started. Board with Mayor will need to have further discussions about this matter. Motion made to table discussion until special meeting called for second week of October. Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Lori Ann Carpenter. Unanimously carried. The board voted to table discussion until special meeting.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

### **ORDER- WIFI IN PARK**

Upon motion made by Amanda Ware and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to table discussion until next meeting on wifi being supplied to park for camera surveillance.

Jerry Bean ---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware--Yea

Susie McClelland--- Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

## **ORDER- CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK CONFERENCE**

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board approved for town clerk to attend certified clerk conference from October 11-13, 2023 that is held in Ridgeland, MS.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

## **ORDER- CAMP HOST FOR PARK**

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Laura Smith. Unanimously carried. Upon discussions with Daniel & Destiny Fouche concerning being camper host, the board voted to give a discount of \$100 on monthly RV rental fee for services provided at park that were listed in an email. Email was given to each board member by mayor.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

\*Reminders were made for the following:

- Trunk-a-Treat on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00pm at Diane Jackson Memorial Park. Concessions will be open.
- Christmas Parade on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Possibly held @ 3:00pm
- Community Soup & Stew Event on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

## **ORDER-ADJOURN**

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

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

**ATTEST:**

*Mandy Jones Page*

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**TOWN CLERK**

*Laura Smith*

**LAURA SMITH**

**MAYOR PRO TEM**