



City Council Meeting  
AGENDA

**DATE:** Monday, June 8, 2026  
**TIME:** Regular Meeting - 6:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers - City Hall, 1040 Harley-Davidson Way, Sturgis SD  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAISE**

**5. NON-AGENDA MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

To address the City Council, please stand behind the front table and state your name clearly into the microphone for the public record. Please keep your comments respectful and complete your comments in three minutes or less. If you are unable to approach the podium due to a physical limitation, a portable microphone will be provided.

5.1. Non-agenda matters that may come before the Council

**6. REPORTS**

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**7. OATH OF OFFICE**

7.1. Oath of Office for:

Rodney J Bradley (Mayor)  
Terry Keszler (Ward 1)

## **8. ELECTION OF COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**

- 8.1. Election of Council President
- 8.2. Election of Council Vice President

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 9.1.
  - a. Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), Personnel:
  - b. Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3), Legal:
  - c. Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (4), Contracts:
  - d. Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (5), Marketing:
  - e. Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (6), Security:

## **10. RESUME OPEN MEETING**

- 10.1. Return to Open Session

## **11. ADJOURN**

## **12. ADA ACCOMMODATION**

If you desire to attend this public meeting and are in need of special accommodations (including participation by telephone), please notify the Finance Office by 10am on the day of the meeting so that appropriate auxiliary aids and services may be coordinated. The Finance Office can be reached at (605) 347-4422, option 1.

**Meeting Date:** Special City Council - Jun 08 2026

**Agenda Item:** Canvassing and Certification of results of June 2nd, 2026 Municipal Election

**Prepared By:** Ann Bertolotto, Finance Officer

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Under South Dakota election law, the governing body of a municipality serves as the Municipal Canvassing Board and is responsible for canvassing and certifying the results of municipal elections. The canvassing process serves as the official review of the election returns submitted by election workers and includes verification of vote totals, review of election documentation, identification of discrepancies, and certification of the election results.

The purpose of the canvass is to determine the official outcome of the election and ensure that the election was conducted substantially in accordance with applicable laws and procedures. If discrepancies are identified, the Canvassing Board is responsible for reviewing and documenting those discrepancies and determining whether they affect the outcome of the election.

The City Council convened as the Municipal Canvassing Board on June 4, 2026, to canvass the results of the June 2, 2026, Municipal Election. During the canvassing process, discrepancies were identified between poll books and tally sheets in several wards. While the discrepancies did not appear to affect the outcome of any race, uncertainty existed regarding the appropriate procedure for addressing the inconsistencies during the canvassing process.

Due to that uncertainty, the City Council approved a motion directing that another recount be conducted and scheduled further canvassing action for June 8, 2026.

Following the June 4 meeting, the City's Election Official, Finance Officer Ann Bertalotto, conducted additional research and consulted with representatives from the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office, Meade County officials, municipal election officials from other South Dakota communities, and legal counsel familiar with election procedures. Based upon that review, it was determined that the circumstances identified during the canvass did not meet the statutory conditions necessary to require or justify a recount.

The research further indicated that the proper action for the Canvassing Board was to identify and document the discrepancies discovered during the canvassing process, determine whether those discrepancies affected the outcome of the election, and, if they did not, certify the election results as submitted by the election workers.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the June 8, 2026, meeting is for the Municipal Canvassing Board to publicly review the discrepancies identified during the canvassing process, validate that those discrepancies do not affect the outcome of the election, and determine whether the official results of the June 2, 2026, Municipal Election should be certified.

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Certification of the election results is the final step in the municipal election process and allows the successful candidates to be sworn into office.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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**Approved By:**

Aaron Jordan, City Administrator

**Status:**

Approved - Jun 05 2026

**Meeting Date:** Special City Council - Jun 04 2026

**Agenda Item:** Canvassing of the vote with consideration to approve the 2026 Special Election

**Prepared By:** Ann Bertolotto, Finance Officer

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The 2026 Special Election was held on June 2, 2026 for the remainder of Mayor Forrester's 3 year term ending in 2028 and the remainder Ward 1 Councilman Nick Jones 3-year term ending in 2027

**DISCUSSION:**

Canvassing has to be completed in no more than 7 days after the election according to SD Codified Law 9-13-24 The official canvassing sheet will be available at the meeting

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Canvassing Instruction Sheet](#)

**Approved By:**

Aaron Jordan, City Administrator

**Status:**

Approved - Jun 03 2026

# BALLOT COUNTING, CANVASSING AND RECOUNTING

## Board of Canvassers

The duties of the official board of canvassers for a local jurisdiction are as follows (ARSD 05:02:17:12):

- ▶ Open the returns from each precinct which are found in each poll book
- ▶ Satisfy itself that the returns are genuine and not forged
- ▶ Tabulate the returns from the precincts and the certification of provisional ballot count
- ▶ Declare the result
- ▶ Make an abstract (ARSD 05:02:17:11) of the results of the votes cast for each of the candidates and each of the issues. The abstract must be signed and certified by the canvassers under the seal of the business manager or finance officer of the local jurisdiction.