

City of Spearfish Regular Meeting Times

*Meetings are held in Council Chambers
2nd Floor City Hall*

- City Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday at 5:30pm
- Public Works Committee - Tuesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Legal & Finance Committee - Wednesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm
- Parks, Recreation, Forestry Advisory Board - 3rd Thursday at 7:00am
- Airport Board - 2nd Thursday at 1:00pm

If a meeting falls on a holiday, it will be scheduled the following day.

Visit the website for meeting times.

DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Spearfish Building & Development office includes Planning & Zoning, Engineering, Floodplain, Building Inspection and Code Enforcement. You can reach them at 605-642-1335

Public Works includes Solid Waste Collection, Restricted Use Site, Streets, Hydro Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Call 605-642-1333 for your public works needs!

The Finance/Utility Billing office handles Utility Billing, Mayor's Office, Rose Hill Cemetery and Water/Sewer Maintenance. Call 605-642-1325 for the Finance/Utility Billing office.

Wipes Clog Pipes!

Place these items in the **TRASH** and **NOT** the toilet:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Towelettes
- Mop refills



City of Spearfish Utilities Department

City Employees Recognized for Exceptional Performance During Fire

911 Telecommunications Dispatcher Laurel Stock and Water/Wastewater Operator II Gaby Wolff were honored during a recent Spearfish City Council meeting for their work in support of first responders during the April 1st structure fire at the intersection of Ames and Oliver streets that tragically took the lives of five children.

Gaby worked with the city water system to ensure water needs to fight the fire were met. She worked remotely with the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system, traveled to different sites, and went to the scene to assess needs and communicate with fire personnel, all the while continuing a dialogue with dispatch and other members of her own department. Gaby successfully ensured that the water demands of the fire department were met and protected the structural integrity of the city's water infrastructure while meeting those demands. Her performance that day directly impacted the performance of the first responders on the front end of this incident.

Laurel was working solo as the initial 911 calls for this fire incident came in. Due to the severity of the fire and the circumstances related to it, some of the callers were extremely emotional and under significant mental duress. Laurel did not waiver in her training and emotional state while taking these calls. She remained calm and directed the incident with a high level of professionalism. Laurel directed first responders to the scene, dispatching 36 firefighters, six police officers, and five emergency medical technicians to the scene. She had an immeasurable impact on dozens of different aspects of the incident. She not only completed all of the tasks necessary from a logistical point of view, but more importantly, gave all of the first responders on this fire a sense of stability and reassurance that there was an anchor point out there for them.



Police Chief Rotert, Wolff, Stock, Fire Chief Sachara
Photo courtesy of BH Pioneer

City Code Spotlight

Weeds and plant growth can constitute a nuisance and even a fire hazard. A nuisance is declared through the International Property Maintenance Code and typically addresses noxious weeds, site line impairments, unsightly non-maintained landscape or encroachment to other properties or public way. Tall grasses, overgrown trees adjacent to dwellings, property lines or dead/dry vegetation can be considered fire hazards through the International Fire Code. The codes are founded on principles intended to establish provisions consistent with the scope of a property maintenance and a fire code that adequately protects public health, safety and welfare. The key to code compliance is owner/occupant maintenance.

When the city receives a service request in regard to weeds or vegetation growth, a code officer will visit the site to determine if a violation exists. If so, a notice will be issued to the responsible party. This notice will provide the date, inspection findings, code section in violation, rights of the responsible party and a request for voluntary compliance. This notice serves as the first notification step in the compliance process and many times serves more as public education. If voluntary compliance is achieved the process ends with a thank you from the city and the service request is closed.

Please contact the Property Maintenance Department at 605-717-1126 or visit the Property Maintenance page at www.cityofspearfish.com for further information or questions. Public education is the first step in our goal to foster partnership with the community for Neighborhood Vitality and Preservation. Please pass along this article if you have a neighbor or know a resident of Spearfish that may benefit from this information.

Community Events

DC Booth Fish Hatchery

June 18th from 9am-noon - Father's Day Brunch

Community Coalition

The Spearfish Community Coalition is currently seeking volunteers for our Downtown Friday Nights ID Tent. The ID tent is a volunteer-driven project that helps reduce underage drinking at our community events. If you, or your organization, would like to volunteer at the tent, please email Melissa at spfccdirector@gmail.com.

Spearfish Post 164 American Legion Baseball

BH Power Stadium game schedule:

May 27 – 5:00 p.m. vs Bowman, ND (DH)

May 31 – 5:30 p.m. vs RC 320 Shooters (DH)

June 3 – 1:00 p.m. vs Scottsbluff, NE (DH)

June 6 – 5:30 p.m. vs RC 22 Bullets (DH)

June 9-11 – Alan Tellinghuisen Memorial Tournament

June 14 – 6:00 p.m. vs Sioux Falls East

June 16-18 Culvers Classic (Teenagers)

June 20 – 5:30 p.m. vs RC 320 Risers (DH)

Neiman Teener Field game schedule:

June 1 – 5:30 p.m. vs RC Sounders

June 7 – 5:00 p.m. vs Lead-Deadwood (DH)

June 12 – 7:00 p.m. vs Gillette (DH)

We hope to see you at the ball parks!

High Plains Western Heritage Center

July 22nd - Day of the American Cowboy.

Paul Higbee Reception - Presentation and Book Signing of "Tom Berry". Date and time of Reception TBA.

Spearfish Summer Kick off is June 9th through the 11th!

June 9-11 - City Wide Rummage Sale

June 9 - Downtown Friday Nights

June 10 - Gravel Grinder Bike Race

June 10 - Hike & Kite

Western Hills Humane Society

New summer hours!

Monday 11-5; Thursday 11-6; Friday 11-5; Saturday 11-5; Sunday's 12-4;

Closed Tuesday & Wednesday's

To become a volunteer at WHHS please join us for our volunteer orientations on May 18th & 25th from 6-7pm

Grace Balloch Memorial Library

Summer Reading at the Library!

Stop into the Library starting June 2 to pick up your summer reading materials. There are programs and events for all ages.

Weekly Events:

Toddler Story time (Ages 1-3)

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

Story time (Ages 4-8)

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

STEAM Activity Days are Thursdays!

Ages 3-7 at 10:00 am

Ages 7-10 at 2:00 pm

Special Events (*all events are held at the library unless otherwise noted*)

June 2 - Kick-off Weekend! Grab your materials at the Library.

June 10 - Volunteer Fair at 1-4 PM (ADULT EVENT)

June 16 - Tween/Teen Craft at 12:30-2:00pm (includes lunch)

Minimum age of 10

June 24 - Gallon Jug Planter Craft at 9:00am-noon (FAMILY EVENT)

Good Shepherd Clinic

The Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Good Shepherd Clinic, Inc. offers free quality medical care to the financially eligible Northern Hills residents, ages 19 to 64, who cannot afford medical care, do not have personal health insurance and do not qualify for other medical assistance. The walk-in clinic located in Spearfish is open 6 p.m. Mondays at 1020 State St., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Matthews Opera House & Arts Center

June 23-25 - "High School Musical, Jr." Children's Theater Play

Rec & Aquatics Center

May 27th at Noon - Water park opens! Hours are Memorial weekend through Labor Day, daily Noon-7pm.

May 30th - Water Aerobics Classes start

May 30th - Membership complimentary Lap Swim from 7-9 am Mon-Fri, evening 5-7pm during open swim & Saturdays 8-10 am.

June 9 & 10 - Senior Games

June 5th - Summer Rec programs begin

June 12th - Swim Lessons begin

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in keeping your family safe. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Here's what you need to know!

- * A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- * Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- * Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- * Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- * There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- * When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- * Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

For more about installation and maintenance of home smoke alarms visit NPFPA.org

The Fire Department is looking for volunteers for fire service!
Contact Rob or Mark at
642-1313 or
fire.admin@cityofspearfish.com
for more information!

Promoting Awareness Through Building Safety Month



Building Safety Month (BSM), founded by the International Code Council (ICC), is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May.

Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL The campaign is presented by the ICC and its 57,000 members worldwide along with a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

When are building permits required?

Permits are required for new construction, additions, alterations, remodeling, repairs and demolition.

You do not need a building permit to do the following.

Note: The following items are not exempt if the property is located within a flood hazard area.

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet. Make sure you are aware of your setback requirements from property lines.
2. Fences not over seven (7) feet high. (Engineered design required for fences over seven feet tall.)
3. Retaining walls that are not over four (4) feet in height measured from grade on the exposed side to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge. (Engineered design required for retaining walls over four feet tall.)
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to one 1.
5. Decks, Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below, unless the sidewalk or driveway is in the City Right of Way.
6. Painting, papering, tiling carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Above ground prefabricated swimming pools.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Replacement of siding on single family dwellings.
11. Replacement of like roofing materials on single family dwellings.
12. Gutters, downspouts, and storm windows.
13. Window replacement where the rough opening is not altered.

MECHANICAL

1. Portable Heating appliances
2. Portable ventilation appliances and equipment
3. Portable cooling units
4. Steam, hot water or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment or appliances regulated by this code
5. The replacement of any minor part that does not alter the approval of equipment or an appliance or make such equipment or appliance unsafe. This includes the replacement of similar appliances such as hot water heaters and furnaces that does not change the venting of such appliance
6. Portable evaporative coolers
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems that contain 10 pounds or less of refrigerant, or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less
8. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

PLUMBING (Per SD Plumbing Commission amendment 36-25-19.2.)

Plumbing permit not required in certain situations. No plumbing permit is required if the plumbing repair work or plumbing fixture replacement:

1. Does not involve cutting into or extending existing water and waste systems
2. Is done on buildings that are not connected to a public system of waterworks or sewerage
3. Is conducted by full-time maintenance personnel on the business premises of an employer.

No plumbing permit is required in any political subdivision where a local plumbing permit has been issued, unless a state-conducted inspection is requested in addition to the local inspection. Any person requesting such inspection is responsible for paying any plumbing permit fee for the requested inspection.

Please contact the Spearfish Building Department at 605-642-1335 if you have any questions or if you think you need a building permit.

Who Needs Building Codes?

All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Model building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues. Code officials work day in and day out to keep the public safe. Building Safety Month is a month-long celebration of all aspects of building safety that helps families, employers and leaders understand and appreciate the best practices that keep the places where we live, work and play, safe.

Don't forget!

Per City Ordinance, all houses & other buildings must be numbered.

Please call the Building Department for more information!

Code Officials-Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth.

Mentoring the Next Generation of Building Professionals

Week One - May 1-7

Meeting the Need for Trained Building Professionals

The construction industry is experiencing a mass retirement of skilled professionals; one study indicates that over the next 15 years the industry will experience a loss of 80 percent of the existing skilled workforce. Employers are seeking qualified building trade professionals to fill the positions of retiring employees and will be vying to hire the best of the best to reinforce their decreasing workforce. Trained professionals are needed in the building industry to prevent a major job shortage in the workforce.

In addition to learning about construction, engineering and architecture, the future workforce needs to become knowledgeable about the building codes to ensure the very best, resilient buildings. ICC and industry partners are providing training and mentoring about the latest design, technology and innovations in the codes through high schools, colleges and career training programs.

Building Design Solutions for All Ages

Week Two - May 8-14

Data from the United States Census Bureau show that there are 76.4 million baby boomers. These 76.4 million baby boomers represent close to one-quarter of the estimated U.S. population of 320 million.

Many baby boomers are nearing or entering their retirement years and making decisions about where they will live when they retire. According to a survey conducted by AARP, 89 percent of the 50-and-older population like their current homes and intend to remain in them for as long as possible. But aging in place is not just about the home. The aging of the population will affect every interior environment—private, commercial and public. For example, Hospitality – restaurants, hotels and motels will need to be accessible

Workplace – offices, retail stores and other work spaces will need to provide adequate lighting, seating, technology, task areas and quiet places for older workers

Healthcare – increased need for outpatient and in-home care, accommodation for caretakers and caregivers

Retail – stores will need to be accessible and accommodate individuals using assistive devices

Multihousing/multiuse – growing demand for livable communities and urban complexes with easy access to health care, entertainment, shopping, etc.

Manage the Damage — Preparing for Natural Disasters

Week Three - May 15-21

Prepare Your Family

Making sure your family is prepared for any natural disaster is important. Below are some of the steps you can take to prepare your family and protect your home from natural disasters. Your actions can ensure that no matter what Mother Nature brings, you, your family and your community will be resilient.

Here are a few tips to follow from the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes – (FLASH®) when preparing your family for any emergency.

Develop a family disaster plan that includes a list of food and water supplies needed for each member of your family and supplies for your pets. Make copies of important documents like insurance policies, the deed to your home, and other personal papers, important phone numbers and a home inventory. Create a checklist of important things to do before, during and after a disaster.

Review your evacuation route and emergency shelter locations with your family. Options for evacuation would include staying with friends and relatives, seeking commercial lodging, or staying in a mass care facility operated by disaster relief groups in conjunction with local authorities.

Taking shelter is critical in times of disaster. Sheltering in place is appropriate when conditions require that you seek protection in your home, place of employment, or other location where you are when disaster strikes.

Review your plan regularly. If you make changes that affect the information in your disaster plan, update it immediately.

Visit America's PrepareAthon! to learn more about how to prepare for earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms. Help prepare your family and community by Taking Action to Prepare.

Investing in Technology for Safety, Energy & Water Efficiency

Week Four - May 22-28

Science and Technology Lead the Way

Science and technology are leading the way for designing and constructing safe, efficient, and resilient homes and buildings. Up to date building safety codes and standards enable the technology to be incorporated into the buildings while ensuring safety for lives, properties and investments. So whether you're considering renovating, remodeling, or building from the ground up, look for the latest in technology and make sure it is based on the codes and standards that put safety and efficiency first.

The Codes Protect Your Investment

The biggest investment most people will ever make is when they buy a home. Homes represent security, a place where people will live, raise their families, and share life with others. Whether you own or rent a home, following the building codes during construction or remodeling can help protect your health and safety, and your investment as well.

The building codes include research from experts that help ensure every phase of the construction process is done correctly. In addition to helping make your home safe, the building codes can also help make your home more energy efficient, use less water, and conserve resources.

If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied, or make costly repairs.

A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met—as demonstrated by a code official's carefully maintained records—has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety, and welfare. By following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners, plus you'll benefit from the best energy efficiency construction techniques that will continue to pay you back for the life of your home.

Invest wisely in your home or remodeling project. It's a smart investment to build and remodel your home to the latest codes.