

CITY MANAGER

The City of Sturgis, Michigan (population 11,082) is seeking candidates for City Manager. The City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the City, appointed by a 9-member City Commission. The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the City, provides overall direction to and is responsible for the management, staffing, administration and operation of all city departments.

The most populous city of St. Joseph County, Sturgis has a diverse economy boasting a variety of global and regional manufacturers, a vibrant historic downtown and is experiencing continued economic growth. The FY 2022-23 Budget is \$64 million (GF \$12M), supporting 113 full-time employees.

Sturgis' current City Manager served the city successfully for over 17 years. Sturgis has a strong tradition of stability with only 5 managers since 1948. The City Commission is seeking an experienced local government professional to continue advancement of the organization and significant infrastructure projects. Sturgis is a proud provider of public power; one of 40 municipal electric utilities in Michigan.

Sturgis is a progressive, civic/family-oriented community located in southwest Michigan with excellent quality of urban and rural life, including superior schools. The Commission is seeking a stimulated, highly motivated, vision oriented, proven leader with excellent communication and community relation's skills.

Sturgis is a full-service city centrally located between Chicago and Detroit, just off I-80/90, offers a city airport, auditorium and civic center, modern recreation center, many community and outdoor recreational opportunities and a growing Hispanic population.

Candidate must be an outgoing, friendly, and positive individual with sound experience in finance, budgeting, intergovernmental relations, infrastructure management, union negotiations, municipal operations, and economic development. Municipal electric utility experience preferred.

A four-year degree in a relevant field of study (public or business administration, or related); at least seven to ten years of progressively responsible experience in local government, including at least five years as a municipal manager, deputy, assistant, or major department head; or any equivalent combination of education and experience are required. Master's degree preferred (public administration or related). Competitive salary, DOQ/E (\$120K to \$140k) & excellent benefits.

Those interested should submit a cover letter (request confidentiality if desired), resume and professional references to Kenneth D. Rhodes, City Clerk/Treasurer at <u>krhodes@sturgismi.gov</u>.

Application deadline is January 27, 2023. EOE

