

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
February 11, 2025

The Brookings City Council held a meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center, Chambers, with the following City Council members present: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer, Council Members Wayne Avery, Brianna Doran, Andrew Rasmussen, Bonny Specker, Holly Tilton Byrne, and Nick Wendell. City Manager Paul Briseno, City Attorney Steve Britzman, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present.

Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Niemeyer, Rasmussen, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Niemeyer, Rasmussen, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

A. Action to approve the January 28, 2025 City Council Minutes.

B. Action on Temporary Alcohol / Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from existing alcohol license holders: Sodexo Catering (Licenses RB-28249 and RW-28251); SDSU TL25-021; SDSU TL25-020; SDSU TL25-022; SDSU TL25-023; SDSU TL25-024; SDSU TL25-025.

C. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$615.41 for Parcel #40960-11050-232-15. Address: 1120 Western Avenue, Brookings. Legal description: Outlot 2 in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 23-110-50.

D. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$4,342.89 for Parcel #40473-00300-000-10. Address: 900 20th Street South, Brookings. Legal description: Block 3B, Prairie Hills Addition, except Platted Area.

E. Action on Resolution 25-011, a Resolution Designating Vote Center locations, and the Appointment of Election Superintendents and Deputies for the April 8, 2025 Combined Municipal / School Board Election.

RESOLUTION 25-011 - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS,
AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS FOR THE APRIL 8, 2025
COMBINED MUNICIPAL / SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS, a City of Brookings Combined Municipal / School Board Election will be held on April 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as required by SDCL 9-13-16.1, the governing body must appoint Election Superintendents, Deputies, and other workers, and set their rate of compensation; and

WHEREAS, as required by SDCL 12-14-1, the governing body must designate the Vote Center locations; and

WHEREAS, the following election workers are hereby appointed at the following rates of compensation: Superintendents \$15.50 per hour; Deputies \$15.00 per hour; Election Training \$25.00 flat fee; Resolution Board \$20.00 per hour, or \$50.00 flat fee if less than 2 hours; On-Call Workers \$50.00 flat fee; and Election Night Worker \$50.00 flat fee.

VOTE CENTER 1 – Brookings Activity Center, 320 5th Avenue: Superintendent Norma Linn, and Deputies Mardell Colbeck, Diane Spencer, Barb Crosser, and Barb Meyer.

VOTE CENTER 2 – Bethel Baptist Church, 714 17th Avenue South: Superintendent Sue Knutzen, and Deputies Janet Fergen, Kathy Waddell, David Wells, and Cherie Anderson.

VOTE CENTER 3 – Holy Life Tabernacle Church, 241 Mustang Pass: Superintendent Bobbe Bartley, and Deputies Ellen Herrboldt, and Diane DeGroot.

VOTE CENTER 4 – Impact Church, 201 E. Pine Street, Aurora, SD: Superintendent Cathy Enlow, and Deputies Kari Stevens and Linda Schamp.

EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTE CENTER – City & County Government Center, 520 3rd Street – Superintendents Peggy Whalen and Diane Spencer.

ABSENTEE VOTE CENTER PROCESSING – City & County Government Center, 520 3rd Street, Room 300: Superintendent Sue Sackman, and Deputies Judi Dezeeuw, and Dorothy Bos.

RESOLUTION BOARD – Superintendents David Peterson and Larry Hult.

ON-CALL / ALTERNATES: Deb Waltman and Cheryl Holen

ELECTION NIGHT WORKER – Terry Heidemann.

Report: SDSU Students Association Report. Claire Koenecke, SDSU Students Association Government Affairs Chair, provided an update on SDSU current affairs.

Report: City Council Ex-Officio Report. A Brookings Municipal Utility Board report was given by Council Member and Rasmussen. A Brookings Health Systems Board of Trustees report was given by Council Member Doran.

FIRST READING – Ordinance 25-004. Introduction and first reading was held on Ordinance 25-004, an Ordinance Amending Section 62-86 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, to provide for removal of the Designation of "No Mow May" in the City of Brookings, South Dakota. Second Reading: February 25, 2025.

Ordinance 25-002. A public hearing was held on Ordinance 25-002, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 94, pertaining to the creation of a new zoning district, Civic District,

and associated supplemental regulations. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 25-002, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Niemeyer, Rasmussen, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Resolution 25-013. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Resolution 25-013, a Resolution Authorizing the Naming of Market Street and Prime Place, be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Niemeyer, Rasmussen, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Resolution 25-014. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 25-014, a Resolution designating the City of Brookings as a Bee City USA Affiliate, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Niemeyer, Rasmussen, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 25-014 - A RESOLUTION OF BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA
CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA AS A BEE CITY
USA® AFFILIATE.

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat (A) is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; (B) is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; (C) comprises undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and (D) provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Brookings, South Dakota should be certified a BEE CITY USA community because of the City's commitment to sustainability as showcased through the extensive annual plantings across town that support pollinators, commitment to expanding upon the four pollinator sites currently in existence, and more than forty acres of City owned no-mow areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, Brookings, South Dakota chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, resolving as follows:

1. The City of Brookings Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison.
3. Facilitation of Brookings, South Dakota's BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the City of Brookings Sustainability Council.
4. The City of Brookings Sustainability Council is authorized to and shall:
 - a. Celebration: Host or co-host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase Brookings, South Dakota's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. Publicity & Information: Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the Brookings, South Dakota's website which includes, at minimum a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website; contact information for your BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee; reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and your recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan.
 - c. Habitat: Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to identifying and inventorying Brookings' real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings; creating a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species; and, tracking (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.

- d. Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management: Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
- e. Policy & Plans: Establish an initiative through the City of Brookings's Strategic Plan which acknowledges and commits the City of Brookings to the BEE CITY USA designation and review the Strategic Plan and other relevant documents to consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
- f. Renewal: After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of Brookings, South Dakota's BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee-based Brookings, South Dakota's population.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk