

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 2025

The Brookings City Council held a Study Session on Tuesday, October 21, 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, Lisa Hager, Bonny Specker, Holly Tilton Byrne, and Nick Wendell. City Manager Paul Briseno, City Attorney representative Susan Rasmussen, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present.

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

Update: First Impressions Program. Emily Kluin and Kellie Kolb, SDSU Extension Community Vitality Program, presented information on the First Impressions Program. This presentation served as a follow-up to the January 2025 briefing introducing Brookings' participation in the First Impressions community assessment program. The Brookings team partnered with the City of Aberdeen as its comparison city. Kluin and Kolb highlighted assessment results, comparative feedback, key data trends, short- and long-term opportunities for action planning, and provided a recommended for community engagement and next steps.

Presentation: Home Occupations. Mike Struck, Community Development Director, and Bailey Maca, Associate Planner, presented information on the Conditional Use Process pertaining to Home Occupations.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council member Specker, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:18 PM. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk