

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
March 24, 2026

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center, Chambers, with the following City Council members present: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer, and Council Members Wayne Avery, Brianna Doran, Lisa Hager, Bonny Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell. City Manager Paul Briseno, City Attorney J. Vince Jones, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present.

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

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

A. Action to approve the March 10, March 17, and March 19, 2026 City Council Minutes.

B. Action on appointments to the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee: appoint Jason Hodne (term expires 1/1/2027), appoint Lacey Klingbile (term expires 1/1/2028), and appoint Isabelle Weller as the College Student Representative (term expires 5/1/2026).

C. Action on appointments to the Brookings Human Rights Commission: appoint Shola Aromona and Logan Hoffman (terms expire 1/1/2027).

D. Action on Resolution 26-021, a Resolution declaring surplus property.
RESOLUTION 26-021 - DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings is the owner of the following described equipment formerly used at the City of Brookings:

Police Dept.: 6 - 8-foot tall by 10-foot wide insulated doors, Overhead Door Model 696 ½ HP (door operator, hardware, remote, wall remote).

Brookings City & County Government Building: NVR Security Camera System, DVR Security Camera System, and associated cameras; HVAC and Boiler Project related items: 4 variable speed drives, cooling tower, chiller #1, chiller #2, chiller #3, and 4 fluid pumps.

WHEREAS, in the best financial interest, it is the desire of the City of Brookings to dispose of as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of said surplus property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Brookings, SD, that this property be declared surplus property according to SDCL Chapter 6-13.

E. Action on Temporary Alcohol / Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from existing alcohol license holders: Sodexo Catering (License Holder RB-28249 and RW-28251): SDSU TL26-042, SDSU TL26-043.

Proclamation: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Mayor Niemeyer presented a Proclamation recognizing March as Disabilities Awareness Month. Mark Sternhagen, a representative of the Brookings Disabilities Awareness Commission, accepted the proclamation.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are often present as early as birth in those impacted, and endure across the lifespan of a person; and

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals to enjoy self-determination and experience full inclusion; and

WHEREAS, family, friends, and the community can play an important role in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities, especially when provided with necessary services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the goals of our community include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to achieve full integration in society, in an individualized manner, consistent with unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, and capabilities of each individual; and

WHEREAS, through increased awareness of programs and activities, the public will better understand the potential and needs of individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim March 2026, as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and call upon the people of Brookings to recognize this special observance.

Brookings Annual Free Share & Care Day. Trish Matson Buus shared information with the City Council on the Brookings Annual Free Share & Care Day.

Report: SDSU Student Association. Anna Hundt, SDSU Student's Association Government Affairs Chair, provided an update on SDSU current affairs.

Resolution 26-022. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that Resolution 26-022, a Resolution Authorizing the City

Manager to retain a Construction Manager at Risk for the replacement of the Brookings Police Station. be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

**RESOLUTION 26-022 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
RETAIN A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF THE BROOKINGS POLICE STATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings, pursuant to State law requirements, adopted Resolution 26-017, which amends the existing procedures for Construction Manager at Risk projects established by Resolution 21-113; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest to utilize the services of a Construction Manager at Risk for the replacement of the Brookings Police Station, which is an aging public safety facility which lacks functionality and is requiring costly repairs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 26-017, the City issued requests for proposals from qualified CMAR firms for the project, and received 14 competitive proposals; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications of the 14 proposals were evaluated by the City's CMAR selection committee and shortlisted to the top 3 proposals based on the evaluation criteria of Resolution 26-017; and

WHEREAS, the top 3 proposals were invited to make a presentation to the City's selection committee; and

WHEREAS, the City's selection committee unanimously selected Hausmann Construction, Inc. as the first ranked most qualified firm to provide CMAR services based on selection criteria of Resolution 26-017; and

WHEREAS, the City's selection committee unanimously selected Henry Carlson Construction, LLC, as the second ranked most qualified firm to provide CMAR services based on selection criteria of Resolution 26-017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of Brookings is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Hausmann Construction, Inc. for CMAR services for the replacement of the Brookings Police Station. If an agreement for services cannot be reached with Hausmann Construction, Inc., the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Henry Carlson Construction, LLC.

Resolution 26-023. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Tilton Byrne, that Resolution 26-023, a Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Slurry Seal Project, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-023 - RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT
FOR THE SLURRY SEAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department requests action to award a contract for Slurry Seal, utilizing City of Sioux Falls Bid #26-1019 Surface Treatment Program - Slurry Seal for Sioux Falls and Surrounding Communities; and

WHEREAS, Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation from Saint Joseph, Minnesota was identified by the City of Sioux Falls as the lowest responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings adopted 2026 Budget includes sufficient appropriations in fund 213 (Capital Improvement Plan Infrastructure Maintenance) of \$1,350,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the City of Brookings contract with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp, in the amount of \$1,337,150.62 be accepted.
2. The City Manager is authorized to sign the contract documents for this Project and any further contract documents and change orders which may be required.

FIRST READING – Ordinance 26-011. Introduction and First Reading on Ordinance 26-011, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 - Animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings, South Dakota. Public Hearing and Action: April 14, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, to amend Ordinance 26-011 and keep the existing City Code in regards to chickens in Sections 14-82, 14-88, and 14-90. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell; No: 1 - Avery.

FIRST READING – Ordinance 26-012. Introduction and First Reading on Ordinance 26-012, an Ordinance to Change the Zoning within the City of Brookings (a portion of Bluegill Second Addition, a portion of Bluegill Third Addition and a portion of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 in Section 1, Township 109N, Range 50W from Agriculture A District and Residence R-1D Single-family District to a Residence R-1D Single-family District and Residence R-3 Apartment District.). Public Hearing and Action: April 14, 2026.

Ordinance 26-010.

A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that Ordinance 26-010, an Ordinance to revise Chapter 62 Division 3. Dead, Dying, Diseased or Infested Trees, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, Specker, and Wendell.

2026 Election Agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that the 2026 Election Agreement between the City of Brookings and

Brookings County, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Progress Report. Progress Report. Samantha Beckman, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a progress report highlighting the City's initiatives and projects.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

ATTEST:

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk