

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
January 13, 2026 (unapproved)

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, January 13, 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, and Holly Tilton Byrne. Absent: Council Member Nick 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 Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, and Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

Open Forum. Craig Jorgensen, Aurora resident, expressed some concerns with the City of Brookings License Plate readers and how the data collected is used and shared with other entities.

Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, 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 December 16, 2025 City Council Minutes.**
- B. Action on Resolution 26-001, a Resolution designating Official Depositories.**

RESOLUTION 26-001 –
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

PURSUANT TO SDCL 9-22-6, the City Council of the City of Brookings, SD, hereby designates the following as depositories for Municipal Funds of the City of Brookings for the ensuing year: Bank Star Financial, Central Bank, Dakotah Bank, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union, First Bank & Trust, First Interstate Bank, SD Public Fund Investment Trust, and Wells Fargo Bank.

- C. Action on Resolution 26-002, a Resolution designating the Official Newspaper.**

RESOLUTION 26-002 - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER

PURSUANT TO SDCL 9-12-6, the City Council of the City of Brookings, SD, hereby designates the Brookings Register as the official newspaper for the City of Brookings, for a period of time, not to be less than 12 months.

- D. Action on Resolution 26-003, a Resolution designating Purchase Authorities.**

RESOLUTION 26-003 - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PURCHASE AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings is required to comply with South Dakota Codified Laws associated with Public Agency Procurement (SDCL 5-18A-1 through 5-18A-53); and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings desires to utilize purchasing authorities and active governmental contracts to make the procurement process more efficient and less costly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings desires to allow local businesses the opportunity to meet or exceed publicly bid and awarded contract pricing and delivery times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Brookings hereby designates the following purchase authorities for use by City of Brookings staff for the ensuing year: Buy Board; Cooperative Purchasing Venture; Cooperative Purchasing Connection; GSA Advantage; H-GAC; Minnesota State Cooperative Purchasing Venture; NASPO ValuePoint; Omnia Partners; Sourcewell; South Dakota State Contracts; South Dakota State Surplus; The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brookings hereby authorizes City staff, as per SDCL 5-18A-22, to piggy-back on any active contract for supplies or services, other than professional services, that has been awarded by any governmental entity by competitive sealed bids or competitive sealed proposals or from any contract that was competitively solicited and awarded within the previous twelve months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Brookings directs staff to solicit local businesses, if such exist, that are in the business of providing the services or supplies being procured off active contracts.

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

Report: City Council Ex-Officio Reports. A Brookings Municipal Utility Board report was given by Council Member Specker. A Brookings Health Systems Board of Trustees report was given by Council Member Hager.

FIRST READING – Ordinance 26-001. Introduction and First Reading was held on Ordinance 26-001, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 - Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings, South Dakota. Public Hearing and Action: January 27, 2026.

FIRST READING – Ordinance 26-002. Introduction and First Reading was held on Ordinance 26-002, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 - Buildings and Building Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings, South Dakota. Public Hearing and Action: January 27, 2026.

Resolution 25-106. A public hearing was held on Resolution 25-106, a Resolution of Intent to Lease Real Property north of the Brookings Regional Landfill. A motion was

made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Resolution 25-106 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 – Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, and Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

RESOLUTION 25-106 - RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings owns 115 acres of tillable farm land in Section 8-T110N – R49W, in the County of Brookings, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings opened bids for the Brookings Regional Landfill Farm Land Lease on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the Brookings City & County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings received the following high bid for the Farm Land Lease: Dave Berndt in the amount of \$326 per acre for 115 acres of farm land; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings Regional Landfill will generate \$195,826.60 of revenue through the duration of the lease.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on this Resolution was held on January 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the chambers at the Brookings City and County Government Center and all persons were given an opportunity to be heard on the intent to lease real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, as follows:

- A. The City of Brookings will enter into a lease agreement with David Berndt as set forth above; and
- B. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute a new lease agreement in accordance with this Resolution.

Ordinance 25-046. A public hearing was held on Ordinance 25-046, an Ordinance Pertaining to a Conditional Use Permit to Establish a Concrete, Asphalt and Rock Crushing Facility in an Industrial I-1 Light District (21625 471st Avenue). A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 25-046 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 – Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, and Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

On-Off Sale Malt License Transfer, with Video Lottery. A public hearing was held on a request to transfer an On-Off Sale Malt License, with Video Lottery Authorization, for Tee'd Off Golf, located at 2508 Wilbert Court, Suite B, from Tee'd Off Golf LLC, to Nicholas Picek. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that the On-Off Sale Malt License, with Video Authorization, transfer be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 – Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, and Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

City Council Member Introduction of Topics for Future Discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Tilton Byrne, to add a discussion on the Dacotah Bank Center to the January 20th Study Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 – Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, and Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Addendum

City of Brookings 2024 Payroll – SDCL 6-1-10

(Addendum to the 1/13/2026 City Council Minutes.)

Department	Employee Name	Position	Wage
Airport	Dahl, Lucas	Airport Manager	\$42.69
Airport	Torgrude, Brett	Airport Operations Maintenance Technician	\$28.73
Animal Control	McMath, Chase	Community Service Officer	\$25.68
Animal Control	Spoonemore, Hudson	Community Service Officer	\$26.50
City Clerk	Foster, Bonnie	City Clerk	\$44.52
City Manager	Beckman, Samantha	Assistant City Manager	\$54.73
City Manager	Briseno, Paul	City Manager	\$107.74
City Manager	Welu-Fawcett, Jessica	Communications Specialist	\$34.29
City Manager	Mays, Johnny	Deputy City Manager	\$71.88
City Manager	Ritter, Angela	Executive Administrative Assistant	\$31.60
City Manager	Fuller Bordewyk, Sherry	Public Information Officer	\$45.64
Community Development	Maca, Bailey	Associate Planner	\$30.80
Community Development	Ammann, Patrick	Building Inspector	\$34.60
Community Development	Thomas, Jared	Chief Building Official	\$50.44
Community Development	Miller, Ryan	City Planner	\$46.19
Community Development	Struck, Michael	Community Development Director	\$67.80
Community Development	Karl, Aaron	Geographic Information System Specialist	\$32.79
Community Development	Keizer, Sarah	Housing Inspector	\$31.06
Community Development	Regnier, Alissa	Office Manager - Community Development-PW	\$28.33
Community Development	Bortnem, Katie Jo	Permit Technician	\$31.68
Council	Avery, Wayne	Council Member	\$768.75
Council	Doran, Brianna	Council Member	\$768.75

Council	Hager, Lisa	Council Member	\$768.75
Council	Specker, Bonny	Council Member	\$768.75
Council	Tilton Byrne, Holly	Council Member	\$768.75
Council	Wendell, Nicholas	Council Member	\$768.75
Council	Niemeyer, Oepke	Mayor	\$1,025.00
Dispatch	Auen, Brittney	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$23.88
Dispatch	Burkhalter-Sweeney, Stacy	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$25.59
Dispatch	Kreutner, Alyssa	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$25.56
Dispatch	Lee, Eric	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$31.67
Dispatch	Odegaard, Brandy	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$25.53
Dispatch	Ollerich, Lorileen	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$26.21
Dispatch	Poppen, Kristen	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$25.58
Dispatch	Williams, Christopher	Communications Operator - Dispatcher	\$24.17
Dispatch	Goff, Donald	IT Manager	\$48.16
Dispatch	Debough, James	Lead E911 Dispatcher	\$29.73
Dispatch	Johnson, Caleb	Lead E911 Dispatcher	\$29.79
Dispatch	Rue, Emily	Lead E911 Dispatcher	\$27.64
Dispatch	Williams, Brittany	Lead E911 Dispatcher	\$27.64
Dispatch	Peterson, Shawn	Sergeant	\$42.83
Edgebrook Golf Course	Redenius, Gregory	Golf Course Superintendent	\$42.61
Edgebrook Golf Course	May, Daniel	Golf Technician	\$23.97
Finance	Wittmeier, Rachel	Accounting Specialist	\$25.69
Finance	Luoma, Tyler	Assistant Finance Director	\$43.58
Finance	Rentsch, Ashley	Finance Director	\$64.02
Finance	Madsen, Gwendlyn	Senior Accounting Specialist	\$33.94
Fire	Scott, Jeremy	Deputy Fire Chief	\$47.27
Fire	Hughes, Troy	Fire Chief	\$73.65
Fire	Runge, Jared	Fire Marshal	\$38.13
Forestry	Burggraff, Ryan	Forestry Supervisor	\$34.95
Forestry	Femrite, Jolie	Forestry Technician I	\$22.29
Forestry	Goldhorn, Gabel	Forestry Technician I	\$22.91
Forestry	Ramlo, Ryker	Forestry Technician II	\$25.81
Forestry	Schaller, Caleb	Forestry Technician II	\$25.81
Human Resources	Bell, Casey	Director of Human Resources	\$57.73
Human Resources	Simet, Maureen	HR - Risk Manager	\$41.98
Human Resources	Olson, Nancy	Human Resources Assistant	\$28.76
Information Technology	Goff, Donald	IT Manager	\$48.16
Information Technology	Kponyoh, Korku	IT Specialist	\$37.04
Library	Gill, Nita	Adult Services Librarian - Operations Super	\$40.22
Library	Eberline, Katherine	Children's Services Coordinator	\$32.00
Library	Lenning, Betsy	Circulation Assistant - Inter Library Loan	\$23.88
Library	Timmerman, Grace	Circulation Assistant - Technology Services	\$23.67
Library	Stuart, Charles	Circulation Manager	\$23.89
Library	Neubauer, Mikaela	Community Service Coordinator	\$24.88
Library	Gustafson, Ashia	Director of Library Services	\$54.52
Library	Andreasen, Shane	Office Manager - Library	\$26.57
Library	Swenson, Nancy	Tech Services Librarian - Programming Super	\$38.51
Library	Kluck, Jennifer	Young Adult Services Coordinator	\$26.06

Liquor	Ekeland, Andrew	Assistant Manager	\$29.55
Liquor	Hanson, Brian	Inventory Control Clerk	\$26.32
Liquor	Heldt, William	Liquor Store Manager	\$44.12
Liquor	Cyphert, Elizabeth	Sales Associate - Clerk	\$19.39
Parks	Bauman, Joshua	Assistant Parks, Rec, and Forestry Director	\$45.84
Parks	Deblonk, William	Park Supervisor	\$35.16
Parks	Olson, Seth	Park Supervisor	\$32.00
Parks	Timm, Daniel	Park Supervisor	\$34.50
Parks	Olson, Paul	Park Technician I	\$23.94
Parks	Santema, Randy	Park Technician I	\$23.92
Parks	Wiles, Matthew	Park Technician I	\$22.74
Parks	Engbrecht, Christopher	Park Technician III	\$29.88
Parks	Hartung, Stephen	Park Technician III	\$29.86
Parks	Julius, Breann	Park Technician III	\$28.73
Parks	Schultz, Payton	Park Technician III	\$27.40
Parks	Zimmerman, Kristin	Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director	\$57.97
Parks	Bren, Mark	Shop Supervisor - Mechanic - Parks	\$35.19
Police	Drake, Michael	Chief of Police	\$72.61
Police	Pollman, Geoffrey	Corporal-Investigations	\$38.10
Police	Rogers, Dana	Corporal-Investigations	\$38.10
Police	Widicker, Rick	Corporal-Investigations	\$34.15
Police	Dejong, Luke	Corporal-Patrol	\$38.10
Police	Kreutner, Austin	Corporal-Patrol	\$36.21
Police	Olson, Cora	Corporal-Patrol	\$34.15
Police	Vukovich, Jacob	Corporal-Patrol	\$37.00
Police	Baranyos, Ryan	Deputy Chief of Police	\$66.53
Police	Radtke, Trevor	Evidence Technician - Clerk	\$26.83
Police	Christianson, Midge	Executive Coordinator	\$31.88
Police	Andersen, Timothy	Patrol Officer	\$36.63
Police	Armstrong, Jarett	Patrol Officer	\$30.02
Police	Bonnema, Seth	Patrol Officer	\$36.63
Police	Bowden, Nathan	Patrol Officer	\$34.64
Police	Bowden, Robert	Patrol Officer	\$32.75
Police	Dodds, Dakota	Patrol Officer	\$32.54
Police	Donbroski, Trevor	Patrol Officer	\$30.74
Police	Hart, Jorrie	Patrol Officer	\$36.63
Police	Isler, Devon	Patrol Officer	\$30.47
Police	Johnson, Kyle	Patrol Officer	\$32.79
Police	Master, Remi'Marcus	Patrol Officer	\$32.64
Police	Page, Zachary	Patrol Officer	\$32.90
Police	Roberts, Scott	Patrol Officer	\$32.83
Police	Schliepsiek, Margaret	Patrol Officer	\$30.47
Police	Schneider, Drayden	Patrol Officer	\$29.95
Police	Schreur, Bryan	Patrol Officer	\$32.88
Police	Thury, Easton	Patrol Officer	\$30.47
Police	Walterman, Lisa	Patrol Officer	\$31.24
Police	Warkenthien, Eric	Patrol Officer	\$35.86
Police	Hovelson, Kayla	Police Accreditation Manager	\$27.64

Police	Garry, Drew	Police Lieutenant - Administrative	\$50.75
Police	Coon, Terry	Police Lieutenant - Patrol	\$51.02
Police	Schneider, Joshua	School Resource Officer	\$36.63
Police	Engstrom, Dustyn	Sergeant	\$37.66
Police	Franklin, Brian	Sergeant	\$41.43
Police	Larsen, Rhett	Sergeant	\$39.82
Police	Peterson, Shawn	Sergeant	\$42.83
Police	Weinrich, Jonathan	Sergeant	\$39.99
Public Works	Drietz, Thad	Assistant City Engineer	\$51.96
Public Works	Richter, Charles	City Engineer	\$60.78
Public Works	Regnier, Alissa	Office Manager - Community Development-PW	\$28.33
Public Works	Thompson, John	Public Works Director	\$77.00
Public Works	Schwartz, Lana	Staff Analyst I	\$32.30
Recreation	Marler, Elizabeth	Office Manager - Parks, Rec, and Forestry	\$26.39
Recreation	Claussen, Stacy	Recreation Manager	\$43.76
Recreation	Hoff, Darren	Recreation Manager	\$41.26
Recreation	Strohfus, Angela	Senior Services Supervisor	\$31.61
Solid Waste Collection	Stiegelmeier, Katie	Business Operations and Logistics Manager	\$34.70
Solid Waste Collection	Norwood, Jeremiah	Heavy Equipment Operator - Solid Waste	\$26.30
Solid Waste Collection	Hartley, Paul	Lead Sanitation - Solid Waste Collector	\$29.02
Solid Waste Collection	Keizer, Jason	Sanitation - Solid Waste Collector	\$22.49
Solid Waste Collection	Klingbile, Brian	Sanitation - Solid Waste Collector	\$27.64
Solid Waste Collection	Mumby, Aaron	Sanitation - Solid Waste Collector	\$27.64
Solid Waste Collection	Myhre, Zachary	Sanitation - Solid Waste Collector	\$21.82
Solid Waste Collection	Kuhn, Charles	Solid Waste Manager	\$46.25
Solid Waste Disposal	Stiegelmeier, Katie	Business Operations and Logistics Manager	\$34.70
Solid Waste Disposal	Wiles, Tammy	Disposal Site Attendant	\$21.24
Solid Waste Disposal	Cook, Calvin	Heavy Equipment Operator - Solid Waste	\$31.99
Solid Waste Disposal	Johnson, Larry	Heavy Equipment Operator - Solid Waste	\$27.85
Solid Waste Disposal	Norwood, Jeremiah	Heavy Equipment Operator - Solid Waste	\$26.30
Solid Waste Disposal	Smidt, Todd	Heavy Equipment Operator - Solid Waste	\$32.61
Solid Waste Disposal	Vostad, Justin	Landfill Supervisor	\$32.94
Solid Waste Disposal	Thompson, John	Public Works Director	\$77.00
Solid Waste Disposal	Kuhn, Charles	Solid Waste Manager	\$46.25
Solid Waste Disposal	Schwartz, Lana	Staff Analyst I	\$32.30
Streets	Athey, Kurt	Advanced Equipment Operator - Streets	\$28.74
Streets	Boland, Kegan	Advanced Equipment Operator - Streets	\$24.70
Streets	Dorow, Preston	Advanced Equipment Operator - Streets	\$23.52
Streets	Janssen, Jeremy	Advanced Equipment Operator - Streets	\$28.73
Streets	Thelen, Zachoriah	Advanced Equipment Operator - Streets	\$26.62
Streets	McClain, Josh	Assistant Street Manager	\$47.06
Streets	Hanson, Eric	Heavy Equipment Operator - Streets	\$29.85
Streets	Holmgren, Bevan	Heavy Equipment Operator - Streets	\$27.61
Streets	Johnson, Keith	Heavy Equipment Operator - Streets	\$30.15
Streets	Wagner, Martin	Master Mechanic	\$35.19
Streets	Berkness, Alexander	Street Foreman	\$33.22
Streets	Hartenhoff, Derk	Street Foreman	\$33.22
Streets	Johnson, Todd	Street Foreman	\$36.14

Streets	Linstad, Jeremy	Street Manager	\$49.93
Streets	Hornseth, Chase	Street Mechanic	\$30.41