

**BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 10, 2025 (unapproved)**

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, June 10, 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, and Holly Tilton Byrne. Absent: Council Member Nick Wendell and City Manager Paul Briseno. Assistant City Attorney Susan Rasmussen and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present.

**Agenda.** A motion was made by Council Member Specker, seconded by Council Member Doran, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Open Forum.** John Thompson, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Slurry Seal Project. He appreciates the public's patience with this project, which will be completed by the end of next week.

**Consent Agenda.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**A. Action to approve the May 27, 2025 City Council Minutes.**

**B. Action on Temporary Alcohol / Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from existing alcohol license holders:** Sodexo Catering (License Holder RB-28249 and RW-28251): SDSU TL25-046; SDSU TL25-048; TL25-049; TL25-050; TL25-051; TL25-052; SDSU TL25-053; TL25-054; TL25-055; TL25-056; TL25-057; SDSU TL25-058; TL25-059; TL25-060; TL25-061; TL25-062; SDSU TL25-063; TL25-064; TL25-065; TL25-066; and TL25-067.

**Proclamation: LGBTQ2S+ Pride Month.** Mayor Niemeyer presented a proclamation declaring June 2025 as LGBTQ2S+ Month. Erin Lavender-Stott, Human Rights Commission LGBTQ2S+ Liaison, accepted the Proclamation.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S+) Pride Month across the USA; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month celebrates everyone's right to live without fear of prejudice based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ2S+ community includes our neighbors, friends, and family members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings vision is to be a welcoming and inclusive community

where all can bring your dreams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings has received a perfect score of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index, the largest LGBTQ2S+ civil rights organization in the U.S. for seven years in a row; and

WHEREAS, these entities in Brookings have been working tirelessly for LGBTQ2S+ awareness and equality: Human Rights Commission, Brookings PFLAG, Brookings Public Library, Brookings Arts Council, and Brookings Pride; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings community will be celebrating Pride on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Pioneer Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as LGBTQ2S+ Pride Month.

**Proclamation: Juneteenth.** Mayor Niemeyer presented a Proclamation celebrating June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth. Keely Eaglesfield, Human Rights Commission Member, accepted the proclamation.

#### MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, written in 1776, states: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”; and

WHEREAS, in 1863, the contradiction between slavery and the Declaration of Independence was addressed when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which set in motion the end of slavery; and

WHEREAS, slavery ended when the Confederate states surrendered on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, enslavers in Texas were able to hide their Civil War defeat until June 19, 1865, when the United States Military arrived to announce that the more than 250,000 enslaved people in Texas were free.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth.

**Reports: City Council Ex-Officio Reports.** A Brookings Municipal Utility Board report was given by Council Member Avery. A Brookings Health Systems Board of Trustees report was not presented, due to no meeting being held.

**Resolution 25-061.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 25-061, a Resolution Awarding Bids on 2025-02SSI Arrowhead Park Trail and Drainage Improvements Project, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

RESOLUTION 25-061 - RESOLUTION AWARDED BIDS ON PROJECT 2025-02SSI  
ARROWHEAD PARK TRAIL AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings opened bids for 2025-02SSI Arrowhead Park Trail and Drainage Improvements Project on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the Brookings City & County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings received the following total bid for the low base bid plus bid alternate #1 for the 2025-02SSI Arrowhead Park Trail and Drainage Improvements Project from Timmons Construction, in the amount of \$201,253.34.

WHEREAS, the total low bid was approximately 19% lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the total low bid of \$201,253.34 for Timmons Construction Inc., 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.

**Resolution 25-062.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 25-062, a Resolution Awarding Bids on 2025-04STI 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Shared Use Path Project, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

RESOLUTION 25-062 - RESOLUTION AWARDED BIDS ON PROJECT 2025-04STI  
20<sup>th</sup> STREET SOUTH SHARED USE PATH PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings opened bids for 2025-04STI 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Shared Use Path Project on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the Brookings City & County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings received the following low bid for the 2025-04STI 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Shared Use Project from Timmons Construction, in the amount of \$461,336.63.

WHEREAS, the low bid was approximately 23% lower than the Engineer's Estimate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the low bid of \$461,336.63 for Timmons Construction, 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.

**Ordinance 25-016.**

A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Ordinance 25-016, an Ordinance Authorizing Budget Amendment Number 2 to the 2025 Budget, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Ordinance 25-017.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 25-017, an Ordinance Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 3 to the 2025 Budget, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Special Event Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Application.** A public hearing was held on a Special Event Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Application from the Brookings Area Chamber for Downtown at Sundown. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that the Special Event Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Application be approved. Public Comment: Ainsley Bennett, Chamber representative. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Ordinance 25-018.**

A public hearing was held on Ordinance 25-018, an Ordinance to Change the Zoning within the City of Brookings (Lot 1 in Clark Addition and Lot 2 in Clark Second Addition from an Agriculture A District to a Business B-3 Heavy District). A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Ordinance 25-018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Ordinance 25-019.** A public hearing was held on Ordinance 25-019, an Ordinance pertaining to an Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a Major Home Occupation (Gunsmithing Business) in a Residence R-2 Two-Family District (2505 Larkspur Ridge Drive). A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 25-019 be approved. Public Comment: Tyler Brockel. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 4 - Specker, Hager, Doran, and Niemeyer; No: 2 - Tilton Byrne and Avery; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Ordinance 25-020.** A public hearing was held on Ordinance 25-020, an Ordinance Pertaining to an Application for a Conditional Use Permit to Establish a Major Home Occupation (Hair Salon) in a Residence R-1A Single Family District (1214 Western Avenue). A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 25-020 be approved. Public Comment: Andrew

Austreim. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

**Resolution 25-045.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 25-045, a Resolution Transferring Contingency Funds, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Niemeyer; Absent: 1 - Wendell.

#### RESOLUTION 25-045 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CONTINGENCY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings hereby transfers City Manager's contingency funds to fund unplanned operational obligations of the municipality. This resolution is for the purpose of completing a transfer of contingency funds to the following accounts:

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101-403-5-422-07 Contracted Services	\$20,000
Total Transfers	\$20,000

The Financing Source for this transfer is from the following accounts:

101-405-5-856-99 Contingency Fund	\$20,000
Total Source of Funding	\$20,000

WHEREAS, this resolution is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and support of the City, and shall become effective upon publication.

**Introduction of Topics for Future Discussion.** Council Member Doran requested a Study Session on the conditional use process with major home occupations. It was conclusive to hold at a future City Council Study Session.

**Adjourn.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:49 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Foster, City Clerk