

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
March 10, 2026

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, March 10, 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, and Bonny Specker. Absent: Council Members Holly Tilton Byrne, and 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 Specker, seconded by Council Member Doran, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Specker, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

A. Action to approve the February 24, 2026 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 TL26-013, SDSU TL26-036, SDSU TL26-037, SDSU TL26-038, SDSU TL26-039, SDSU TL26-040, and SDSU TL26-041.

City of Brookings Employee Service Awards Recognition. Community Development Dept.: Jared Thomas (10 years), Aaron Karl (5 years), and Ryan Miller (5 years); Fire Dept.: Jared Runge (5 years), IT Dept.: Don Goff (5 years), and Kweku Kponyoh (10 years); Finance Dept.: Ashley Rentsch (5 years); Library: Betsy Lenning (30 years), and Nita Gill (15 years); Municipal Liquor Store: Bill Heldt (5 years), and Brian Hanson (10 years); Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept.: Mark Bren (15 years), Greg Redenius (10 years), and Stephen Hartung (10 years); Police Dept.: Drew Garry (15 years), Josh Schneider (15 years), Kyle Johnson (5 years), Luke DeJong (10 years), and Jorrie Hart (10 years); Public Works Dept.: Lana Schwartz (15 years); PW - Solid Waste Division: Brian Klingbile (15 years); PW - Street Division: Eric Hanson (10 years), and Jeremy Janssen (10 years); Fire Dept. – Volunteer Fire Fighters: Curt Teal (35 years), Jeremy Scott (25 years), Daniel Bruna (25 years), Kevin Hilmoe (15 years), Robert Schuneman (10 years), Dalton Holm (10 years), Connor Ringling (5 years), and Shannon Stuefen (5 years).

Report: SDSU Student Association. Dominic Delahoyde, SDSU Student's Association Finance 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.

2026 Outside Agency Funding. A motion was made by Council Member Specker, seconded by Council Member Doran, that that the 2026 Outside Agency Funding Recommendations be approved. Public Comment: Heidi Gullickson, United Way Director. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Amount to allocate in 2026			\$274,254			
Amount to allocate in 2025			\$263,715			
<u>Agency Name / Program</u>	<u>Impact Area</u>	<u>2023 Funding</u>	<u>2024 Funding</u>	<u>2025 Funding</u>	<u>2026 Funding Request</u>	<u>BAUW 2026 Recommendation</u>
BATA	Transportation	\$98,000	\$96,810	\$87,500	\$120,000	\$90,000
Brookings Area Crime Stoppers	Safety	\$600	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Habitat for Humanity	Affordable Housing	\$9,800	\$9,500	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$6,500
Boys & Girls Club of Brookings	Youth Development	\$60,500	\$59,325	\$52,500	\$85,000	\$58,000
Great After School Place	Youth Development	\$3,900	\$3,100	\$8,000	\$20,000	\$12,000
Brookings County Youth Mentoring	Youth Development	\$5,900	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$8,000	\$6,000
Domestic Abuse Shelter	Health	\$13,700	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
East Central CASA	Health	\$1,900	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$3,250
Brookings Backpack Project	Health	\$11,800	\$11,500	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
Food Pantry	Health	\$14,500	\$14,200	\$12,500	NO REQUEST	\$0
Feeding Brookings	Health	\$14,500	\$14,200	\$12,500	\$26,000	\$15,000
Brookings Behavioral Health & Wellness	Health	\$0	\$14,250	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$19,500
Avera Behavioral Health	Health	\$14,680	\$14,250	\$15,000	\$40,000	\$19,500
Lutheran Social Services	Health	\$2,700	\$0	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,004
Harvest Table	Health	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
Salvation Army	Health	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$19,000
TOTAL		\$252,480	\$258,035	\$263,700	\$424,500	\$274,254

FIRST READING – Ordinance 26-010. Introduction and First Reading was held on Ordinance 26-010, an Ordinance to revise Chapter 62 Division 3. Dead, Dying, Diseased or Infested Trees. Second Reading and Action: March 24, 2026.

Ordinance 26-006. A motion was made by Council Member Specker, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Ordinance 26-006, an Ordinance Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 10 to the 2025 Budget, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Ordinance 26-007. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 26-007, an Ordinance Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 1 to the 2026 Budget, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Ordinance 26-009. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Hager, that Ordinance 26-009, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 6-8, and Chapter 74, Section 74-40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Ordinance 26-008. Public Hearing was held on Ordinance 26-008, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 94, Article VI, Division 5, Section 94-473, Related to Projecting Signs in the Business B-1 Central District. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 26-008 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

Resolution 26-016. A motion was made by Council Member Specker, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 26-016, a Resolution Amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, and Specker; Absent: 2 - Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-016 - AMENDING THE CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the adopted Municipal Code and City Policies make references to fees charged; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent that the fees be reviewed for cost effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Brookings hereby adopts the following amendment to the Consolidated Fee Schedule:

City Clerk:	Sidewalk Café Permit Fee	\$100 per year
	Parklet Permit Fee	\$250 per year

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Doran, seconded by Council Member Specker, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

ATTEST:

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk