

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
October 14, 2025 (unapproved)

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center, Chambers, with the following City Council members present: Deputy Mayor Nick Wendell, and Council Members Wayne Avery, Brianna Doran, Lisa Hager, Bonny Specker, and Holly Tilton Byrne. Absent: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer. 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 Doran, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell; Absent: 1 – Niemeyer.

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, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell; Absent: 1 – Niemeyer.

A. Action to approve the September 23, 2025 City Council Minutes.

B. Action on Resolution 25-075, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an On-Sale Liquor Operating Agreement renewal for Gonz Productions, Inc., dba Main Street Pub, Garner Hansen, owner, 408 Main Avenue, Brookings, South Dakota.

RESOLUTION 25-075 - ON-SALE LIQUOR OPERATING AGREEMENT
Gonz Productions, Inc., dba Main Street Pub
5-YEAR MID-TERM RENEWAL

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Brookings, South Dakota, that the City Council hereby approves a Lease Agreement renewal for the On-Sale Liquor Alcoholic Beverage Management Agreement between the City of Brookings and Garner Hansen, owner, of Gonz Productions, Inc., dba Main Street Pub, for the purpose of an alcohol manager to operate the on-sale establishment or business for and on behalf of the City of Brookings at 408 Main Avenue. Legal Description: Block 7, Lot 5, Original Plat Addition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be authorized to execute the Agreement renewal on behalf of the City, which shall be for the remaining 5 years of the 10-year Agreement.

C. Action on appointments to the Brookings Health System Board of Trustees: reappoint Lynn Darnall and Don Greiner (terms expire 1/1/2029).

D. Action on Temporary Alcohol / Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from existing alcohol license holders: Sodexo Catering (License Holder RB-28249 and RW-28251): SDSU TL25-088, SDSU TL25-089, SDSU TL26-010, SDSU TL26-011.

Proclamation. Deputy Mayor Wendell presented a proclamation recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Mark Sternhagen, a member of the Brookings Disability Awareness Committee accepted the proclamation.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is commemorating its 80th anniversary of educating about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's disabled workers; and

WHEREAS, NDEAM is led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, but its true spirit lies in the many observances held at the grassroots level across the nation every year. Employers of all sizes and in all industries are encouraged to participate in NDEAM; and

WHEREAS, Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including disabled people, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and I call upon employers, schools and other community organizations in Brookings to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that disabled people are equal to the task throughout the year.

Introduction of new and promoted City of Brookings employees. Public Works Director introduced Josh McClain, Assistant Street Department Manager. Police Chief Michael Drake introduced Midge Christiansen, Police Dept. Executive Coordinator, and Deputy Police Chief Ryan Baranyos. City Manager Paul Briseno introduced Johnny Mays, Deputy City Manager.

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 Report. A Brookings Municipal Utility Board report was given by Council Member Avery. A Brookings Health Systems Board of Trustees report was given by Council Member Doran.

Ordinance 25-032. A public hearing was held on Ordinance 25-032, an Ordinance to Rezone the West Half of the Northwest Quarter, Excluding Platted Areas in Section 20, Township 110, Range 49 from Agriculture (A) District to an Industrial (I-1) Light District. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Ordinance 25-032 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell; Absent: 1 – Niemeyer.

City Council Member Introduction of Topics for Future Discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Avery, seconded by Council Member Specker, to request for a future Study Session, a discussion on laws, rules, or regulations pertaining to the use of motorized scooters and bicycles on public pathways and streets, including city educational efforts. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell; Absent: 1 – Niemeyer.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk