

**BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 26, 2026** (unapproved)

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, May 26, 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 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 Specker, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

**Open Forum.** Al Austreim shared concerns with the City Council on the mobile home park concerns raised at a previous Council Meeting.

**Consent Agenda.** A motion was made by Mayor Niemeyer, seconded by Council Member Wendell, to amend the consent agenda and add Item 5.H. Action to approve a Special Event Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Application from an existing license holder. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Tilton Byrne, that the consent agenda be approved, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

- A. Action to approve the May 12 and May 19, 2026 City Council Minutes.**
- B. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$1,062.69 for Parcel #40071-00100-001-00.**
- C. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$91.17 for Parcel #40490-00100-000-00.**
- D. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$241.20 for Parcel #40490-00100-001-00.**
- E. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$141.74 for Parcel #40490-00100-002-00.**
- F. Action to abate property taxes in the amount of \$142.84 for Parcel #40490-00100-003-00.**
- G. Action to change the Appointment Date for the Deputy Mayor and City Council Ex-Officio Appointments.** Change the Appointment schedule for the Deputy Mayor and City Council Ex-Officio Appointments to be as follows: November – Municipal Election; December – Swearing in of new council / Mayor; January 1 – appointment of Deputy Mayor and City Council Ex-Officio Members. City Council Ex-Officio members serve on the following: Brookings County & City Joint Jurisdictional Committee, Brookings Health System Board of Trustees, Brookings Municipal Utilities Board, Brookings Regional Growth Alliance (BRGA) Board, Brookings Regional Growth Alliance (BRGA) Investment Committee, Brookings City & County Joint Board of Adjustment, and SDSU Students Association.

**H. Action on Temporary Alcohol / Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from existing alcohol license holders:** Sodexo Catering (License Holder RB-28249 and RW-28251): SDSU TL26-067.

**Presentation: Brookings Area Transportation Plan.** Charlie Richter, City Engineer, and Thomas Cook, HDR Inc., presented the updated Brookings Area Transportation Plan. The Plan will serve as a guiding document for future improvements to the City's transportation network. As part of this effort, the Brookings Area Safety Plan was also developed to make the City eligible for the Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. No action was taken.

**Resolution 26-024.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Resolution 26-024, a Resolution to Award Burns & McDonnell Engineering a Sole Source Contract for Permitting of the Future Landfill Site at the Brookings Regional Landfill, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-024 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD BURNS & MCDONNELL A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR PERMITTING FUTURE LANDFILL SITE AT THE BROOKINGS REGIONAL LANDFILL

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings owns approximately 310 acres of land to the northeast of the City, Section 8-T110N-R49W, that is designated as the Brookings Regional Landfill; and

WHEREAS, 210 acres of the 310 acres is currently permitted by the State of South Dakota as a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the current 210-acre landfill boundary is forecasted to be filled to capacity by 2063; and

WHEREAS, to address the region's solid waste disposal needs in the future, the City will be required to permit the remaining 100 acres as an expanded landfill boundary with the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings will enter into a Sole Source Agreement in the amount of \$398,000 with Burns & McDonnell, the City's Engineer of Record, to perform the work required to permit the 100 acres to the north of the existing site.

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 an agreement with Burns & McDonnell for professional services to complete the major permit modification at the Brookings Regional Landfill; and
- B. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute a new lease agreement in accordance with this Resolution.

**Resolution 26-034.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 26-034, a Resolution Awarding Bids for the 2026 Brookings Trails Project, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-034 - RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR THE 2026  
BROOKINGS TRAILS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings opened bids for the 2026 Brookings Trails Project on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 1:30 pm at the Brookings City and County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings has received the following bids: Timmons Construction Inc: \$157,993.12; Brock Contracting: \$261,982.00; Clark Drew Construction Inc: \$168,691.94; BX Civil & Construction Inc: \$260,198.94; and Capital Construction: \$168,430.35; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the total low bid of \$157,993.12 for Timmons Construction Inc., Brookings, SD be accepted.

**Resolution 26-036.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that Resolution 26-036, a Resolution to award the Edgebrook Golf Course Water Sourcing Rebid, be approved. Public Comment: Al Austreim. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-036 - RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR THE  
2026 EDGEBROOK GOLF COURSE WATER SOURCING REBID

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings opened bids for the 2026 Edgebrook Golf Course Water Sourcing (rebid) Project on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 1:30 pm at the Brookings City and County Government Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings has received the following bids: Metro Construction: \$2,125,139.67; LL & Sons Excavating: \$1,804,766.08; First Rate Excavate: \$1,852,683.70; Winter Contracting: \$1,815,936.31; and Prunty Construction: \$1,814,102.74.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the total low bid of \$1,804,766.08 for LL & Sons Construction Inc., Brookings, SD be accepted.

**Ordinance 26-019.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Ordinance 26-019, an Ordinance Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 3 to the 2026 Budget, be approved. The motion carried by the

following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

**Resolution 26-029.** A public hearing was held on Resolution 26-029, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a 10-year On-Sale Wine Operating Agreement with Target Corporation for Target Store T-2952. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that Resolution 26-029 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-029 - ON-SALE WINE OPERATING AGREEMENT – 10-YEAR AGREEMENT: TARGET CORPORATION, TARGET STORE T-2952

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Brookings, South Dakota, that the City Council hereby approves an Operating Alcohol Management Agreement for Wine between the City of Brookings and owners Target Corporation, Target Store T-2952, 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 801 Lefevre Drive. Legal description: South 300 feet of the North 360 feet, excluding the West 60 feet, and excluding the East 60 feet of Lot 1, Block 9, Wiese Addition, City of Brookings, Brookings County, South Dakota.

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

**On-Off Sale Malt License.** A public hearing was held on a request for an On-Off Sale Malt License, from Target Corporation for Target Store T-2952. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that the On-Off Sale Malt License be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

**Resolution 26-033.** A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Resolution 26-033, a Resolution approving a Revised Capital Asset Management Policy, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-033 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings is required to be accountable for all property under its control.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide a standard method of maintaining records for City-owned capital assets that departments must follow.

WHEREAS, the attached Capital Asset Management Policy has been reviewed and proposed revisions have been prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Capital Asset Management Policy attached hereto and referenced in this Resolution are hereby approved.

**Preliminary Plat.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that a Revised Preliminary Plat for Lots 1-8 in Block 1, and Lots 1-3 in Block 2, of Sunset Lake Estates Addition, be approved (formerly: Prairie Sunset Addition). The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

**Resolution 26-035.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, that Resolution 26-035, a Resolution accepting ownership of Detention Basins located at the Arbor Hills Subdivision, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

RESOLUTION 26-035 - RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OWNERSHIP OF DETENTION  
BASINS LOCATED AT THE ARBOR HILLS SUBDIVISION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brookings, South Dakota (the "City"), as follows:

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to acquire real property pursuant to SDCL §§ 9-12-1(2) and 9-51-1; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined accepting ownership of detention basins constructed to City standards, which accept a significant amount of runoff from a City-owned right-of-way, to ensure they operate properly as designed, and it is necessary and desirable to acquire the following real property (the "Property"):

Lot 5 of Block 3 of the Arbor Hills Addition to the City of Brookings, County of Brookings, State of South Dakota and;

Lot 10 of Block 5 of the Arbor Hills Addition to the City of Brookings, County of Brookings, State of South Dakota;

WHEREAS, the Property described herein is being acquired by the City for purposes of ensuring proper future maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Property purchase will not exceed the cash sum of \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to complete the transaction described herein pursuant to terms, agreements, and documents consistent with this Resolution, together with such other documents necessary to effectuate the terms and intent of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the funds necessary for the purchase of the Property are available in the City Council Financial Policy Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The real estate transactions set forth herein are hereby authorized; and
2. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City the documents required to complete the transactions described herein, consistent with the terms of this Resolution in a manner satisfactory to the City Manager.

**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 Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

ATTEST:

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

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Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

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**City of Brookings Volunteer List – as per Resolution 16-025**

(Addendum to the May 26, 2026 City Council Minutes.)

**Brookings City Library Volunteers – Updated May 2026**

Elise Fornia, Emily Gerner – NEW – Effective 05-29-26, Rhiannon Larson – NEW – Effective 05-28-26, Carole Mackey, Cheryl Riley, Sarah Schultz, Diane Smart, and Taryn Yttrie;

**Brookings City Fire Department Volunteers:** Major Anderson, Kurt Athey, Kevin Banken, Alex Berkness, Derek Brown, Dan Bruna, Nick Casstevens, Tom Coughlin, Mandi Cramer, Roger DeBates, Scott Hallan, Bill Hardin, Drew Harding, Marty Hendricks, Troy Herrig, Justin Heyer, Kevin Hilmoie, Dalton Holm, Dave Koch, Jim Kriese, Brett Lawrence, Brandon Long, Garrett Mann, Logan Melberg, Gatlin Miller, Nick Oines, Austin Priest, Steven Rensink, Connor Ringling, Tim Rynearson, Peyton Schaeffer, Rob Schuneman, Jesse Seas, Joseph Sheeley, Lucas Speakman, Curt Teal, Anthony Teesdale, Adam Vaux, Nicholas Voichahoske, and Rainer Westall;

**Brookings City Park & Recreation Volunteers:** Brayden Carlson – NEW – Effective 05-14-26, Matthew Cook – NEW – Effective 05-14-26, Daniel Kneip – NEW – Effective 05-19-26, Connor Landberg, Zachary Lau – NEW – Effective 05-14-26, Spencer Laufmann,

Joshua McCombs – NEW – Effective 05-21-26, Tanner Odegaard – NEW – Effective 05-19-26, Daniel Park – NEW – Effective 05-14-26, Justin Pederson – NEW – Effective 05-22-26, Taylor Kneip – NEW – Effective 05-21-26, Todd Standish – NEW – Effective 05-14-26, Josef Thorne – NEW – Effective 05-20-26, Ayla Young – NEW – Effective 05-12-26, and Heath Vanhill – NEW – Effective 05-22-26.