

**BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 9, 2026**

The Brookings City Council held a meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2026 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 Tilton Byrne. City Manager Paul Briseno, City Attorney J. Vince Jones, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present. Absent: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer.

**Agenda.** A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Tilton Byrne, to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session, pursuant to 1-25-2(1) at the end of the agenda, and to remove Item 10A, Acceptance of the Brookings Area Transportation Plan, and Item 10B, Resolution 26-039, adopting the Brookings Area Safety Plan and 2050 Brookings Vision Zero Safety Goal Commitment from the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Wendell; Absent: 1 - Niemeyer. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, 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 - Tilton Byrne, Specker, Hager, Avery, Doran, and Wendell; Absent: 1 - Niemeyer.

**A. Action to approve the May 26, 2026 City Council Minutes.**

**B. Action on Resolution 26-032, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the 5-year mid-term renewal of an existing 10-year Wine Operating Agreement with CHS, Inc., dba Cenex Zip Trip #63.**

RESOLUTION 26-032 - WINE ON-SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OPERATING  
AGREEMENT - CHS, INC., DBA CENEX ZIP TRIP #63; 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 Wine Alcoholic Beverage Management Agreement between the City of Brookings and the Store Manager for CHS, Inc., dba Cenex Zip Trip #63, for the purpose of a manager to operate the on-sale establishment or business for and on behalf of the City of Brookings at 1005 6th Street.

Legal Description: Lots 1-2, Block 1, Randi Peterson Addition.

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 the remaining 5 years of the 10-year agreement.

**C. Action on an appointment to the Airport Board:** appoint Jed Bloms (term expires 5/1/2031).

**D. Action on Resolution 26-037, a Resolution declaring surplus property for the City of Brookings.**

RESOLUTION 26-037 - DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings is the owner of the following described equipment formerly used at the City of Brookings:

Police Dept.: Glock G17 9mm Pistol – SN CASH698; 2018 Ford Interceptor – VIN 1FAHP2MT4JG112359. Library: 1 (one) 12'x15' alphabet rug; 2 (two) Bulletin Boards; 1 (one) round kitchen table with 9 (nine) wooden chairs; 6 (six) slat wall pieces; 2 (two) refrigerators; 1 (one) molded plastic folding table (broken); 1 (one) exercise ball chair base; 12 flip-top tables: Street Division: 2014 Bobcat S570 Skid Steer VIN: LM412601; 2018 Bobcat S570 Skid Steer VIN: ATDZ13865; Kage Klawns Snow Tires, Bobcat 8 Bolt 225/70/R19.5, set of 4; Kage Klawns Snow Tires, Bobcat 8 Bolt 255/70/R22.5, set of 4; 2014 Bobcat 84" Angle Broom SN: 231420058; 2011 John Deere Hydraulic plow mount for motor grader; 2023 John Deere Hydraulic plow mount for motor grader; 2015 Falcon Asphalt Heater/Recycler Model P4D1XID, VIN: 1F9P41728FM339139; 2016 Crafcoc Mastic Patcher II VIN: 1C9TP1228G1418365; 2014 Crafcoc Crack Sealer Model SS125D VIN: 1C9SY1011E1418398; 2005 Graco Walk Behind Line Striper Model 3900 IV SN: BA0153; 2012 Graco Walk Behind Line Striper Model 3900 IV SN: BA7009; 1988 Hyster Fork Lift Model H40-XL-MIL VIN: A177B18565J; Polaris UTV Tracks, Prospector 2.0, set of 4; 2004 Clarke Grizzly ULV Fogger SN: 101877; 2006 Chevrolet K3500 Pickup VIN: 1GBJK39U66E248422; 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Pickup VIN: 1GBHK23U55F917306; 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup VIN: 1GCEK19057Z598553; AWD Husqvarna Push Mower; Mikasa Multiquip Plate Compactor; Maruyama Backpack Sprayer 1550X; 2014 EZ Liner Line Striper 120 SN: 1G1461PS; 2017 Street Heat Thermoplastic Melter SR-28 SN: 1231

WHEREAS, in the best financial interest, it is the desire of the City of Brookings to dispose of as surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of said surplus property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Brookings, SD, that this property be declared surplus property according to SDCL Chapter 6-13.

**E. 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.

**F. Action on Annual On-Off Sale Malt Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal for JD's @ Trailhead, THR, LLC.**

**Proclamation: Juneteenth.** Deputy Mayor Wendell presented a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth to Mark Aberle, member of the Brookings Human Rights Commission.

## 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; and

WHEREAS, Brookings will be celebrating Juneteenth at Pioneer Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor of the City of Brookings, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth.

**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 not presented, as there was no May meeting.

**Executive Session.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Specker, to enter into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m., pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1), for discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term, employee, does not include any independent contractor that this Executive Session Item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, to exit Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Adjourn.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:33 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

**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 Forna, 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.