

**Brookings City Council
November 17, 2020**

The Brookings City Council held a Study Session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center Chambers with the following City Council members present: Mayor Keith Corbett; City Council Members Patty Bacon, Nick Wendell, Joey Collins, Leah Brink, Holly Tilton Byrne, and Ope Niemeyer. City Manager Paul Briseno, City Attorney Steve Britzman and Assistant City Manager Jake Meshke were also present. City Clerk Bonnie Foster was absent.

Action to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Collins, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Corbett, Niemeyer, Brink, Bacon, Wendell, Tilton Byrne, and Collins.

Presentation on SDSU's Green Stormwater Infrastructure Research Project.

Jeremiah Bergstrom from SDSU School of Design and John McMaine, SDSU School of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, presented information about stormwater, green infrastructure, and sustainability. The presentation included information about the SDSU Green Stormwater Infrastructure Research Project which was developed by the SDSU School of Design - Landscape Architecture Program in partnership with SDSU Extension. The project was sponsored by the California Landscape Architectural Student Scholarship Fund and the East Dakota Water Development District.

(Council Member Patty Bacon joined the meeting at 5:39 p.m.)

Presentation on Engage Brookings. Jake Meshke, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview on the use and functionality of Engage Brookings, a mobile application and online platform which allows for the submission of service requests, access to information and social media, and departmental contacts. Engage Brookings provides an additional means to engage the public, enhance customer service and responsiveness, and promote connectivity. The platform also provides benefits to staff in managing internal and external service requests, access to data and analytics, and sending pertinent notifications.

Update on the Bob Shelden Public Arts Commission Project. Dusty Rodiek, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director, and Darla Biel, Public Arts Commission Chair, presented an update on the Public Arts Fund Public Arts Commission Project at Bob Shelden Field. The selected artist is Reed Madden Design.

Swiftel Center Financial / Operations update on the Economic Impact of the July 2020 events. Tom Richter, Swiftel Center Executive Director, presented an financial / operational update to the City Council and public on the Swiftel Center. A report was also presented on the economic impact to the City of Brookings and Brookings area by the events hosted at the Swiftel Center this past summer, despite being dramatically impacted by COVID-19.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS



Keith W. Corbett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonnie Foster, City Clerk