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Groton council discusses downtown parking issues, accepts FEMA grant for park tornado shelter

By Elizabeth Varin

At its most recent meeting, the Groton City Council discussed potential changes to overnight parking restrictions in the downtown business district, accepted a federal grant to construct a tornado shelter that will also serve as a new park restroom and approved alcohol consumption during the Aug. 1 Celebration in the Park.

Much of Tuesday evening's discussion focused on overnight parking restrictions along Main Street, where business owner Bruce Babcock, downtown building owner Greg Heilman and Public Works Coordinator Dwight Zerr offered differing perspectives on whether the city's current "No Parking 2 to 6 a.m." restrictions should remain in place.

Babcock said he would like to see more parking available for downtown businesses but cautioned the council against removing the restrictions without first establishing an alternative plan.

"It would be great to park on Main Street, but if you're going to take the signs down, you better have a plan in place," Babcock said. "I don't want the signs, but you better have a solution."

Heilman, who is renovating a downtown building into apartment units, said the current restrictions are not being enforced consistently and encouraged the council to consider other options for managing overnight parking in the business district.

"It's foolish to me to see a sign posted that's not enforced," he said

Zerr said he would be OK changing the restrictions to seasonal overnight parking, noting the current ordinance is especially helpful during the winter when city crews need clear streets for snow removal. However, he also cautioned that residents have become accustomed to the existing rules and changing them could create confusion.

Following the discussion, council members agreed to continue exploring potential options but took no action Tuesday night.

The council also approved accepting a FEMA grant to help fund construction of a new restroom facility at the City Park. In addition to providing public restroom facilities, the building will be designed to function as a tornado shelter, offering a safe location for park visitors and nearby residents during severe weather.

The project was estimated to cost \$635,000 in 2023 when the city applied for FEMA funding. The state has already approved paying 10% of the project, with FEMA awarding a grant to cover 75% of the eligible costs. That leaves the city to pay 15% of eligible costs, as well as all uneligible costs.

The state and federal emergency management grants will cover building the tornado shelter building, but does not include items to make the facility a restroom for the park.

HKG Architect's Dean Marske asked the council to hold a kickoff meeting as soon as possible in order to get the project started before winter. That would allow the city to go out to bid before the fall and possibly pour footings for the building before the ground freezes.

There is also incentive to move forward as the only public tornado shelter in town is in the old portion of the high school, and the school district is in talks to rebuild portions of the school, said city Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. If the old section of the school goes away, the city would be shelterless.

Council members also voted to allow alcohol to be consumed in the City Park during Celebration in the Park on Aug. 1. Groton Lions Club President Suzie Easthouse said they don't plan to have a beer tent this year, but asked the city to allow the rib festival teams to bring their own alcohol to consume. The kids area will still be blocked off and signs will be posted to indicate no alcohol is allowed in those areas.

In addition to its regular business, the council completed its annual organizational meeting. The 138th City Council adjourned before the 139th City Council convened. Council members took their oaths of office, elected the council president and vice president, and appointed council members to specific advisory committees.

The city also heard reports on various city departments.

Pool co-managers Tricia Keith and Kami Lipp reported on the first few weeks of pool activity. One of the lifeguards has already made a save this summer, a pool patron talked to the managers about moving the diving board back and two separate incidents involving bats have occurred at the pool.

One bat was found walking outside the boys bathroom, and another bat was found swimming in the pool.



An open house for the Groton historic jail will be held Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The jail is located at 315 E. 1st Ave. (Courtesy photos)



Groton received about four inches of rain on Tuesday and Tuesday night, shutting down the golf course on Wednesday as it was flooded. The tractor pump was running all day on Wednesday to bring the water level down. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Groton baseball teams combine for successful week on the diamond

It was another busy week for Groton baseball, as the Senior Legion, 14U Post 39 and Locke Electric amateur teams combined to play 15 games across eastern South Dakota. The Senior Legion squad led the way with a 6-2 record, while the 14U team posted a 5-1 mark before closing the week with a narrow loss. Locke Electric also returned to action in amateur baseball.

The Senior Legion team opened the week by sweeping Webster Post 40 in convincing fashion.

In the opener, Alex Abeln dominated on the mound, striking out

10 over four shutout innings while allowing just two hits in a 15-0 victory. Abeln also starred at the plate by going 4-for-4, while Braeden Fliehs added three hits. Isaiah Scepanskiak, TC Schuster, Abeln, Gavin Englund and Nick Groeblichhoff each drove in two runs as Groton pounded out 14 hits.

TC Schuster followed with a dominant performance of his own in the nightcap, striking out 10 over four innings in a 13-1 win. Groton broke the game open with an eight-run third inning as Schuster doubled home two runs, Isaiah Scepanskiak drove in two with a groundout and Karsten Fliehs added an RBI double. Englund and Groeblichhoff each finished with two hits.

Post 39 stayed hot the following day, erupting for 12 first-

inning runs in a 13-3 victory over Lake Norden/Badger. Gavin Englund highlighted the explosive opening inning with a three-run double, while Karsten Fliehs finished 2-for-2 with four RBIs. Jarrett Erdmann earned the win after allowing just one hit over two scoreless innings before Isaiah Scepanskiak finished the game in relief.

Groton split a doubleheader at Sisseton on Monday. In the opener, Gavin Englund delivered a two-run single in the fifth inning to break a scoreless tie as Groton earned a 4-2 victory. Erdmann tossed 3 1/3 scoreless innings for the win before Schuster picked up the save. Englund and Lincoln Krause each collected two hits, while Carter Simon reached base three times on walks.

The nightcap went to Sisseton 10-7 despite Karsten Fliehs driving in four runs, including a three-run home run in the second inning. Groton battled back after falling behind early but couldn't overcome an eight-run first inning by the hosts.

Tuesday's home game against Aberdeen Smittys turned into one of the week's most entertaining contests. Groton built a 9-3 lead through three innings before Aberdeen rallied for a 12-9 victory. The Post 39 offense still produced 14 hits, with Schuster and Abeln each recording three hits. Schuster and Simon drove in two runs apiece, while Englund added two hits.

The 14U Post 39 team also enjoyed an impressive week, winning five of seven games.

Groton defeated Milbank 8-2 behind an outstanding day from Trayce Schelle, who went 3-for-3 with two doubles and four RBIs. Graham Reints earned the victory, while Keegan Kosel recorded the save. Asher Zimmerman added two hits as Groton scored five times in the fifth inning to pull away.

The team then swept Webster by scores of 12-2 and 16-5.

In the opener, Schelle struck out nine over five innings while Kyson Kiesz and Schelle each collected two hits. Asher Zimmerman, Easton Leicht and Hank Hennen each drove in two runs as Groton drew eight walks.

The second game featured an eight-run third inning that erased an early deficit. Owen Tietz drove in three runs, while Tietz, Schelle and Hudson Englund each finished with two hits in the 16-5 victory. Zimmerman earned the win on the mound.

Groton followed with a 14-3 victory over Clark, collecting 15 hits in the process. Carter Babcock drove in three runs, while Keegan Kosel, Schelle and Zimmerman each had two hits. Easton Leicht earned the win as Groton played error-free defense.

The week concluded with a split at Milbank. Groton earned an 8-2 victory before dropping a tightly contested 5-4 decision. In the loss, Bentley Englund drove in two runs and finished 2-for-3, while Schelle, Easton Leicht and Mason Luvaas also recorded two hits. Luvaas struck out eight over 5 1/3 innings in a strong pitching performance despite taking the loss.

In amateur baseball, Groton Locke Electric dropped a 7-1 decision to Aberdeen Circus Baseball. Jonah Schmidt drove in Groton's lone run, while Ty Sieber paced the offense with two hits. Wyatt Locke took the loss on the mound as Aberdeen used steady offense throughout the game to pull away.



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STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2027-2030 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 14, 2026 • 2:00 PM (CDT) | July 16, 2026 • 7:00 PM (CDT)
Meetings will be virtual this year covering the entire state.

For more information and how to participate virtually, please visit <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/planning/tentative-statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip>

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- 14 Peddled item
- 15 Figure out
- 16 "Das Lied von der —"
- 17 Indian lentil stew
- 18 iPod accessory
- 20 Cool veggies
- 23 1504, in old Rome
- 24 Fr. holy women
- 25 Evening affairs
- 28 Bit of ink
- 29 "SNL" segments
- 30 Wager
- 32 Stockings
- 34 Ham's dad
- 35 Resort near Snowbird
- 36 Tubular pasta
- 37 As a whole
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- 6 "— you awake?"
- 7 Geneticist's study
- 8 Veer
- 9 Sugar or starch, for short

- 10 Language of Pakistan
- 11 Ticked (off)
- 13 Tax prep pros
- 19 Broadcasts
- 20 Chicago winter hrs.
- 21 Beehive State
- 22 High-fat diet
- 23 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"
- 25 Courtroom artist
- 26 Black, in verse
- 27 Penn or Astin
- 29 Missile shelter
- 31 Chance — Rapper

- 33 — Mae (loan offerer)
- 34 Poet Pablo
- 36 Brownish purple
- 37 Scratched (out)
- 38 Post-WWII alliance
- 39 Very dry
- 40 Spheres
- 43 911 responder
- 44 "Bad" cholesterol
- 45 Sushi fish
- 46 Radical '60s gp.



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Darlene Sass
Township Clerk
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Answers

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Community Calendar
Thursday, July 9
Senior Meal: BBQ pulled pork with mac 'n cheese, cucumber salad, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Story Time, 10 a.m., Wage Memorial Library
Lions Club Meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main
Groton Legion at Rotary Tourney in Clark
U10 Baseball (B&W) hosts Ipswich, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Tiger Skills Workouts, 7:30 a.m., Arena

Friday, July 10
Senior Menu: Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Groton Legion at Rotary Tournament in Clark
Groton 14U Legion hosts Aberdeen Smitty's, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U10 Baseball (W&R) hosts Sisseton, 5:30 p.m., (DH)
Olive Grove: Men's 4 Man Hdcp 1 PM

Saturday, July 11
Northern Plains Softball U10 Softball Tournament in Aberdeen.
Northern Plains Softball U12 Softball Tournament in Aberdeen.

Sunday, July 12
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., at Zion, 11 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.;

SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
Northern Plains Softball U14 Softball Tournament in Groton.
Historic 1912 Jail Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 315 E. 4th Ave., Groton.

Monday, July 13
Senior Menu: Ground beef stroganoff with noodles, peas, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Junior Legion hosts Sisseton, 5:30 p.m., DH.
Senior Citizens meeting at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.
JVT Practice, 6 p.m., GHS Arena.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 14
Senior Menu: Egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, fruit, cookie.
Groton Legion at Milbank, 5:30 p.m., DH.
U10 Baseball (R&B) at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m., DH, North Complex.
T-Ball scrimmage, 6 p.m., Nelson Field.
Tiger Skills Workouts, GHS Arena, 7:30 a.m.
BB Open Gym, 6 p.m., GHS Arena.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.
United Methdosti: Bible study: Christmas in July!, 10 am.
Ladies Golf 6 p.m

Wednesday, July 15
Senior Menu: Roasted chicken breast, roasted potatoes, California blend, fruit, whole

wheat bread.
Groton Legion at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.
Junior Legion at Redfield, 7 p.m.
U10 Baseball at Ipswich, 5:30 p.m., DH.
School Supply Drive, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Groton Community Center.
JVT Practice, 7:30 p.m., GHS Arena.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.
Men's Golf 3 p.m.

Thursday, July 16
Senior Menu: Cheeseburger casserole, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit, whole wheat bread.
Junior Legion hosts Watertown, 5:30 p.m. (DH).
U14 Tournament in Groton: Game 1: Redfield vs. Groton, 5 p.m.; followed by Clark taking on the winner of Game 1.
Junior/Adult Golf Tournament, 5:30 p.m., Olive Grove Golf Course.

Friday, July 17
Senior Menu: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, fresh celery, fruit./
Junior Legion at Aberdeen Smitty's "B", 5:30 p.m., (DH).
U14 Tournament in Groton: Game 3: Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2 followed by the winners of Games 2 and 3.
U12 Baseball State Tournament at Elkton/Salem/Beresford

Saturday, July 18
U14 Tournament in Groton: Game 5 (if necessary): 1:00 p.m.
U12 Baseball State Tournament at Elkton/Salem/Beresford

Sunday, July 19
U12 Baseball State Tournament at Elkton/Salem/Beresford

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

group faces.
We finally have our first defensive position group! The Minnesota Vikings' defense seems to always be in a state of flux, which makes it hard to feel confident in the position groups. However, one group surprisingly went from a huge question mark to quiet confidence, despite a 67% turnover rate.
Coming in at number 6: defensive line
Confidence level: 70%
Current projected starters: Jalen Redmond, Caleb Banks, Domonique Orange
Competing for a roster or practice squad spot: Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins, Isaiahh Loudermilk, Levi Drake Rodriguez, Taki Taimani, Eric Johnson II, Jahvaree Ritzie, Smith Vilbert, Elijah Williams
Why I'm confident: A year ago, the Vikings made a concerted effort to improve the defensive line, spending big money to bring in Jonathan Allen and Javon Hargrave. One year later, both of those players will be wearing different uniforms. Surprisingly, however, this didn't dampen the expectations of this group. In fact, this current defensive line combination might have the highest potential in many years.
It starts with Jalen Redmond. After beginning his career in the UFL, Redmond signed with the Vikings before the 2024 season. In 2025, he started 15 games and quickly became one of the most impactful defensive players on the team. Starting next to Redmond will be Caleb Banks, the Vikings' first-round pick a few months ago. Banks' potential is off the charts; the only question is whether he can stay healthy. The third member of the new-look Vikings defensive line is Domonique Orange, AKA Big Citrus. He might be my favorite addition to the team this year. If you've been reading my column for a while, you know how much I've been begging the Vikings to bring in an actual nose tackle. They finally listened.
Cause for concern: This group has a ton of potential, but also a ton of question marks. Will Jalen Redmond be able to sustain his high level of play now that teams are aware of how good he is? Can Caleb Banks stay healthy? How long will it take for Big Citrus to acclimate himself to the NFL? The Vikings currently have a ton of players listed as defensive linemen, which tells me they aren't confident in the depth at the position. Will the young players, like Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins, Levi Drake Rodriguez, and Taki Taimani step up?
Potential upgrades: The defensive lineman cupboard is pretty bare. The best names available are all over 30 years old, and none of them are clear upgrades over the backups already on the roster. So, unless the Vikings decide to make a trade, we're stuck with what we have.

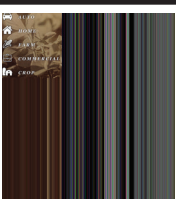
Every NFL offseason brings optimism. Every fanbase convinces itself the rookies will hit, the free agents will work out, and this is finally the year everything comes together. But before the season starts and hope takes over, it's worth taking a hard look at the roster as it actually exists today.
Over the next ten weeks, we'll break down every position group on the Vikings' roster and rank them from the group I have the most confidence in to the one I trust the least entering the 2026 season. We'll look at the projected starters, depth pieces, offseason additions, and biggest questions each

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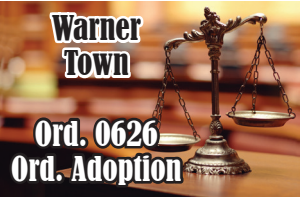
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11-6, 1967 SDCL, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #0626, "An ordinance repealing Ordinance 34B, An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the Town of Warner, South Dakota, and all amendments thereof, adopted March 10, 1993, and replacing it with Ordinance 0626, An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the Town of Warner, South Dakota, and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 11-4 and 11-6, 1967 SDCL, and amendments thereof, and for the repeal of all resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith" was duly adopted by the Town Board on June 10, 2026, and will become effective on the 13th day of July 2026.
The following is a summary of the Zoning Ordinance:
Article 1 General Provisions
Article 2 District Regulations

Article 3 Administration
Article 4 Supplemental Regulations
Article 5 Definitions
Finally, the zoning ordinance includes the Official Zoning Map, which designates the respective zoning districts for the Town of Warner.
The proposed Ordinance #0626 will be made available for public inspection at the Warner Community Center, Town Office located at 11 West Main Street, Warner, SD, pursuant to SDCL Section 11-4 and 11-6 and amendments thereto.
This Ordinance shall become effective twenty days after the last publication of this notice once a week for two successive weeks in the official newspaper thereby repealing all ordinance or parts thereof in conflict herewith unless a referendum is timely involved prior there to.
Dated June 17, 2026 and June 24, 2026
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Finance Officer
Published July 8 and 15, 2026.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Hutterville South Dakota, Inc.
Legal description of property: The SW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13852 403rd Avenue; West Hanson Twp.).
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to allow Great Plains Concrete Pumping, LLC to lease this property & operate their business.
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.
Dated this 8th day of July 2026
Planning/Zoning Commission and
Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Bruce Sanderson, Carolyn Sanderson, Justine Sanderson, Samuel Sanderson and Elizabeth Sanderson
Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Reints First Addition" in the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 10-T125N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 40976 120th Street, Claremont Twp.).
Reason: Variance to Lot Size to allow Lot 1 (12.86 acres) to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned as Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per 4.0605 of Brown County Ordinances.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.
Dated this 8th day of July 2026.
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Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Rosalie Meyers Family Trust
Legal description of property: The N1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 28-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12810 390th Avenue; Ordway Twp.)
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a 12' x 26' addition in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I).
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.
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Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Stein Sign Display
Legal description of property: Lot 1, "Artz Equipment Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 20-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38399 West Highway 12; Aberdeen Twp.)
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for 4 new wall signs in a Highway Commercial District (HC).
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.
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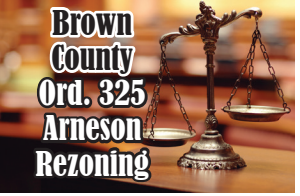


NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: DakotaScape Properties, LLC – Henry Pretorius
Legal description of property: Lot 4, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4365 Paper Lane #04; Aberdeen Twp.).
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to build a shop/storage building with living quarters and to operate a landscaping business in a Commercial District (C) per Brown County Ordinance 4.1304.
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Peti-

tion (CUP) request.
Dated this 8th day of July 2026.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
Scott Bader – P&Z Director
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Michael & Caroline Sommers
Description of property: Lots 7 & 8, in the SW1/4 of Section 17-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (38310 133rd Street; Aberdeen Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 8th day of July 2026.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
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ORDINANCE #325
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #325, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner James Arneson was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 30th day of June 2026 and will become effective on the 28th day of July 2026.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.
Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Arneson Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 35-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (11715 387th Avenue; Oneota Twp.).
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.
Passed and adopted this 30th day of June 2026.
Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
Notice of Hearing: June 3, 2026
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Wayne & Janeen Haas
Description of property: Thomas' Outlot 1 in the SE1/4 of Section 23-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (38696 116th Street; Oneota Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 8th day of July 2026.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
Scott Bader – P&Z Director
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NOTICE TO AUTO DEALERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on July 14, 2026. At that time and place, all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for furnishing and delivery of a 4 x 4 Chassis Truck or Flatbed for Weed & Pest. Delivery shall be made F.O.B. to Brown County.
Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Bids are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid on 4 x 4 Truck for Weed & Pest" to be opened on July 14, 2026.
Price and quality are the determining factors in awarding contracts. In determining the successful bidder, the lowest or most advantageous price upon grade, quality, or quantity and general conditions specified, shall be the determining factors.
The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.
Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.
Specifications are on file and may be obtained at no charge in the Brown County Auditor's Office, and the Brown County Weed & Pest Department, or can be found on the following websites: brown.sd.us or publicpurchase.com.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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JUNE 30, 2026 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RICHMOND DAM UPDATE: Chairman Sutton stated that he didn't have any updates from Commissioner Greenfield, but they had 2 feet left to pump before they were at the level needed for the next step in the construction process. It was going down about 6 inches per day.

ORDINANCE #325 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to adopt Ordinance #325. Applicant James Arneson to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use. Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Arneson Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 35-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (11715 387th Avenue; Oneota Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #326 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #326. Applicants Katherine Osterman/Eric Olson to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use. Description of property: "Johnson's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (40310 133rd Street, Henry Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #327 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to adopt Ordinance #327. Applicant TC Wright Trust to rezone from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use. Description of property: Proposed Lot 2, "Specialty-Wright Addition" in the W1/2 of Section 8-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (13146 395th Avenue; Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SD GAME FISH & PARKS HUNTING ACCESS & HABITAT CONTRACT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Hunting Access & Habitat Contract with SD Division of Wildlife Game, Fish & Parks Department for access on 102 acres for 1 year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GOODSHRED AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the quote and agreement with GoodShred at the cost of \$32.75 per 96 gallon container and \$24.75 per 32' console. Commissioner Dinger asked Randy Zens, Building Superintendent, to explain the service. Randy shared that bins will be in each office, locked and we call when they are full for them to pick them up. They turn the shred back into paper, so doesn't go to the Landfill. GoodShred is also insured and bonded as well. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS ITEMS FROM AUDITOR & TREASURER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve to surplus the following items to sell on Public Surplus: Martin Yale 1611 Folding Machine; Martin Yale Model 62001 High Speed Letter Opener from Auditor and Treasurer, along with 13 Samsonite Briefcases from the Auditor's Office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims/Payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Century-Link-Lumen \$222.88; CGI, LLC

\$150.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$3,318.40; Election Systems & Software \$1,359.14; Horn Law Office Prof LLC \$768.60; IMEG Corp \$26,403.06; ISI, LLC \$130.00; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$1,184.77; Kylee Boomsma \$4,343.95; Sara Zahn \$86.80; SDJPS \$400.00; SDSU Extension \$65.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$141.95; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$144.04; South Dakota Magazine \$395.25. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Dakota Electronics LLC \$241.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Doors Inc \$354.01; Dakota Pump LLC \$924.75; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$387.00; Fastcase Inc \$528.00; Gary Fischer \$725.00; House of Glass \$906.37; Interstate Powersystems \$1,115.00; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$2,340.42; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$1,530.69; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$361.82; Mack's Auto, Inc \$170.00; Parkview Nursery \$274.18; Pheasantland Industries \$67.03; Quality Welding, Inc \$60.00; Schwan Welding \$1,381.80; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$67.50; Trav's Outfitter Inc \$304.99; Vosika Fencing \$2,041.00. Supplies & Materials: Abrianna Holler \$100.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$2,067.26; Century Business Products \$5,573.85; Dakota Doors Inc \$196.80; Election Systems & Software \$33.20; Geffdog Designs \$20.00; Jebro Inc \$118,560.59; Jense Rock & Sand Inc \$32,932.80; JGE, Inc \$118.76; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$1,020.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$56.65; Lien Transportation Company \$1,126.25; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$475.59; Maximum Promotions Inc \$272.77; Menards \$219.46; Midstates Group \$161.50; Myers Tire Supply Distribution, Inc. \$1,105.61; PastPerfect Software, Inc \$432.00; Performance Oil \$133.27; Pheasantland Industries \$2,110.00; Premier Southern Ticket \$936.06; Quality Welding, Inc \$10.00; Reliable Tent and Awning \$3,885.73; Rixstine Recognition \$1,533.12; Sherwin Williams \$590.31; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$33.25; TYR Tactical, LLC \$1,470.37. Travel & Conference: CGI, LLC \$1.44; GovExec Holdings, LLC \$1,500.00; Holiday Inn City Centre Sioux Falls \$1,430.00; Joe Kretchman \$19.00; Kyle Couchey \$19.00; Neil Bittner \$19.00. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$322.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$41.02; Northwestern Energy \$7,362.58; T-Mobile USA Inc \$1,302.48.

Payroll: Commission \$5,165.81; Elections \$3,790.40; Auditor/Welfare \$11,193.66; Treasurer \$18,252.48; SA \$38,966.18; Public Defender \$14,449.33; Maintenance \$13,888.55; Assessor \$17,506.94; Register of Deeds \$12,500.05; VSO \$5,259.85; GIS \$3,110.76; IT \$10,616.94; HR \$5,721.14; Sheriff \$80,091.99; Jail \$83,640.98; Coroner (Voucher) \$1,000.00; Court Security \$8,961.09; JDC \$36,349.97; Museum \$16,234.32; Parks/Fairgrounds \$10,323.03; Fair Board \$5,593.65; 4-H \$1,616.87; Weed \$6,513.93; Planning & Zoning \$10,201.16; Highway \$58,690.77; Dispatch \$39,571.47; Emergency \$5,805.33; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,978.35; Landfill \$17,716.83; Meal Benefits \$114.00; Tips \$1,007.00; FICA \$32,632.04; Medicare \$7,631.68; HSA \$4,782.39; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$170,117.20; Dental Insurance-Delta \$15,009.98; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$2,480.36. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

- o Resignation of Christopher Klingensmith, Jr. as Brown County Jail Detention Officer; FT; effective June 24, 2026. Request to fill.

- o Last day for Shannon Northrop as Temporary Bartender; effective June 22, 2026.

- o Hiring of Cheryl Kolb as Brown County Building & Grounds Maintenance Worker; FT, starting wage \$21.50/hr. – effective July 6, 2026.

- o Hiring of Mackenzie Berninghaus as Brown County Deputy Treasurer; FT, starting wage \$21.50/hr. – effective July 6, 2026.

- o Promotion of Taylor Harmon from Brown County Jail Senior Detention Officer to Brown County Jail Sergeant, starting wage \$27.52/hr. – effective June 7, 2026.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Josh Matthews, Highway Department to attend Cat Blade Demo; Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Direc-

tor to attend Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP – SD Office of Emergency Mgmt. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AC-COUNTS FOR MAY 2026: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the Auditor's Report of Account for May 2026: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: \$28,505,036.25; Total Savings Account Balances: \$1,275,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$13,332,942.60; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$43,121,126.27. General Fund \$21,999,428.31; Road & Bridge Fund \$3,236,857.19; 911 Service \$524,622.88; Emergency & Disaster \$185,878.82; Domestic Abuse \$941.48; SA Grants \$181,482.95; 24/7 Sobriety \$59,376.46; ROD M&P \$70,971.52; Opioid Settlement Fund \$43,727.40; Rural Access Infrastructure \$376,393.85; Tif Debt Service \$513,869.81; Landfill + cash change \$8,585,053.36; Landfill - restricted \$1,894,496.05; Trust and Agency Funds \$7,342,522.24; GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS \$43,121,126.27. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: 164th Infantry Remembrance Association to lease Richmond Lake Youth Camp on Sept. 25-27, 2026; Denise Dutenhoffer to lease Akkerman Open Horse Arena on Sept. 12, 2026 for 3rd Annual I See Spots ApHC Show; Buntrock Auction Services to lease Holum Expo Building on July 16-18, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Sutton informed the Board that he received a call regarding a Tax Deed Property that we sold south of Groton, that is becoming a haven for Racoons and Skunks so wondering what can be done about it. Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director, said he would address it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Contracts. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:21 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Governor Runoff Election to be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, will close on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the Brown County Auditor's Office at 605-626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the Brown County Auditor's Office to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov or at <https://www.brown.sd.us/departments/auditors/elections>. Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor
Brown County, SD

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**ORDINANCE #326
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION
BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED**

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #326, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner Katherine Osterman/Eric Olson was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 30th day of June 2026 and will become effective on the 28th day of July 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.

Description of property: "Johnson's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (40310 133rd Street, Henry Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 30th day of June 2026.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: June 3, 2026

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**ORDINANCE #327
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION
BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED**

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #327, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner TC Wright Trust was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 30th day of June 2026 and will become effective on the 28th day of July 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.

Description of property: Proposed Lot 2, "Specialty-Wright Addition" in the W1/2 of Section 8-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (13146 395th Avenue; Bath Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 30th day of June 2026.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Mark Erickson

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Mark Erickson's Third Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 20-T122N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13966 395th Avenue, Gem Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size to allow Lot 1 (11.119 acres) to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned as Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per 4.0605 of Brown County Ordinances.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 8th day of July 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street

Aberdeen, SD 57401

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City of Columbia Council Meeting – June 28, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Dana Mohr, Jeremy Dosch – via phone, Sam Hoppock, Trevor Meints – via phone

Community:

Mayor Mohr called the meeting to order. Dana called for a motion to approve the agenda. Sam Hoppock made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Dana called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were handed out from the June 3rd meeting. Sam Hoppock made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1033.47; Web – fire prevention – 55.95; NVC – fire prevention – 222.09; Jeremy Dosch– June wages -1081.49, Jeremy Dosch – 2nd quarter wages – 255.29; Cara Dennert – June wages– 1317.60; Trevor Meints – 2nd quarter wages – 296.46; Scott Meints – 2nd quarter wages – 296.46; Sam Hoppock – 2nd quarter wages – 296.46; Dana Mohr – 2nd quarter wages – 263.52; GDI – publications-36.19; Runnings – shop supplies – 149.99; Menards – shop supplies – 23.45; Sand Lake Tree – park tree removal – 1960.00; SD Unemployment Insurance – 2nd Q insurance – 58.43; US Treasury – 2nd quarter 941 taxes – 2951.58; Brian Ermer – new park mowing -5833.33

Sam Hoppock made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE: - SDPAA yearly appraisal is scheduled for July 8

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-wastewater project – loan closing amount discussion – The resolution published in October of 2025 states that the total for the sewer project is 3.7 million dollars. The actual amount of the project is 3.714 million dollars. After discussion, Trevor Meints made a motion that the city will assume the \$14,000 so that we can move forward with

the project and get the draw-down finalized with no further delay. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Nuisances – We are still working with Code Enforcement to get some residents up to date with some ordinance violations.

Streets – Jon Hansen has been contacted to get the streets bladed.

Parks – Jeremy has talked to landscapers about the large tree that went down at the park. The tree has been removed, but the issue of the large stump remains. They are looking at how best to get the stump removed, fill the hole and lay down some sod over the area in the fall. Dana talked to Larsons about haying the old park. He was also over at our cold storage shed and noticed the power doesn't work. A tree that went down took out the power. He is going to call Northwestern Energy and Warner's mayor (they had a similar situation) to see how to proceed.

Lagoon/Sewer- Cara presented a proposal for delinquent accounts. She talked to Lynn Heupel in the County Auditor's Office. It would be an option to put delinquent amounts on the residents' fall tax bill. It would give them a clean slate now and offer a few months to figure out how to come up with the payments that are late without occurring more late fees. After some discussion from the board, Sam Hoppock made a motion to send certified letters to those delinquent accounts giving them the option to settle up their account in 30 days or it will be put on their fall taxes. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Rubble Site – Looks good.

NEW BUSINESS – 941s are now electronically filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT (amounts for July are not complete – ending interest and payments are not included)

June 27, 2026, balances: SF - \$ 136,644.41; SF Money Market –\$ 153,888.32;

GF - \$ 261,826.72; GF Money Market - \$ 51,635.67; CD Money Market - \$ 41,933.33

FIT - \$ 16,403.38; Cash on hand - \$0

Jeremy Dosch made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Mayor Mohr adjourned the meeting.

Next City Council Meeting - Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for

a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Agtegra Cooperative

Legal description of property: Lot 1, "South Dakota Wheat Growers Bath-Grebner Terminal Addition" in the S1/2 of Section 14-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (105 S 392nd Avenue; Bath Twp.)

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a 100' x 180' addition in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 8th day of July 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street

Aberdeen, SD 57401

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Olive Grove Fire Cracker Tournament
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 - 74 – Tom & Pat Price
 - 77 – Nicole & Liam Johnson
 - 78 – Tom Mahan & Mavis Rossow
 - 78 – Kyle & Tyhe Gerlach

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 - 78 – Brad & Brenda Waage
 - 80 – Spencer & Kellie Locke
 - 83 – Torre & Denise Raap
 - 83 – Shorty & Julie Fliehs
- Third Flight**
- 79 – Brad & Dar Larson
 - 80 – Suzi & Evan Easthouse
 - 82 – Dallas & Sadie Wulff
 - 82 – Marve Bonnet & Barb Gillick
 - 84 – Jon & Mandilyn Fliehs
- Fourth Flight**
- 84 – Chad & Michelle Johnson
 - 85 – Jeff & Amy Ringgenberg
 - 95 – Travis Johnson & Gabi Ferrell
 - 96 – Lexi Ferrell & Matt Kinney
 - 101 – Larry & Shirlee Frohling
 - 102 – Porter Johnson & Lily Halling

- Longest Putt #9: Ken Lynch
Longest Putt #8: Dean Munsch
Closest to the Star #6: Sadie Wulff
Women’s Closest #4: Andria Ruualzaba

Groton Chamber of Commerce July Meeting
July 1, 2026
12pm City Hall

- Members present: Douglas Heinrich, April Abeln, Ashley Bentz, Katelyn Nehlich
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich. All members present voted aye.
- The treasurer’s report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$31,395.36 in addition to the \$10,154.59 CD. The bucks account balance is about \$3,600. The report

was approved by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich. All members present voted aye.

- A prior email motion was made by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to allow POET 1 spot on the Hwy 12 sign for 2027 and 2028 in exchange for their seesaw donation. All members present email voted aye.
 - The seesaw was discussed. The unit has been ordered with a July 17th ship date with \$2,694.69 left to fundraise.
 - Motion by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to close the webstore on BK Custom T’s website. All members present voted aye.
 - Motion by Nehlich and seconded by Heinrich to advertise on the 2026-2027 Activities Calendar for \$420. All members present voted aye.
 - The September/October ad for the SD and Aberdeen Magazines was discussed.
 - No donation requests were received.
 - New business welcomes were discussed.
 - Next Meeting: August 5th at 12pm at City Hall
- Upcoming events:
- 07/08/2026 Legion Auxiliary Salad Buffet & Dessert Bar 11am-1pm

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- 07/15/2026 Enrich Groton School Supply Drive at the Community Center 4-7pm
- 07/20-22/2026 St John’s Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School 5:30-8pm, Program 7/22/26 8pm
- 07/27-28/2026 United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School 5-7:45pm
- 08/01/2026 3rd Annual Celebration in the Park/Rib Cook-Off 1-9pm
- 08/06/2026 Family Fun Fest, Downtown Main Street 5:30-7:30pm