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City Council meeting highlights infrastructure concerns

by Elizabeth Varin

Costly replacement of aging electric meters, plans to enhance the city's wastewater system and discussion of a new stop sign took up a majority of discussion at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

However, decisions on the critical updates to the city's infrastructure were tabled as the council waits for more information.

To spend \$54,000 or to spend \$343,000

A partial electric meter changeout led discussion Tuesday evening.

The city currently has a power-line based system, but issues are coming up that warrant a change in the meters, said Technology Specialist Paul Kosel. There is more interference on the line, which doesn't allow for remote reading of the meters. Instead, Kosel said, about 80 meters so far have to be manually checked each month in locations scattered around town.

Support for power line carriers is also going away next year, he added.

The city already has some of the equipment in place to transition over to new meters that have two-way communication between the city's system and individual household meters, he said. That would include putting an antenna up at City Hall and at the north substation. It would also mean purchasing or refurbishing the individual electrical meters.

"For minimal cost, we can do this in segments, in steps," he said. "So instead of doing the whole thing at one time, we can just say, 'Hey! Let's get these 80 meters taken care of right now. Get them so we can read them. We can deal with the rest of them at a later time when we have more money.'"

The cost to replace the 80 meters that can't be read remotely would total about \$54,000, he said. Much of that would be one-time set up costs that won't need to be paid when the later meters are replaced. If the city were to replace all 900 meters in town, it would cost about \$343,000.

Councilman Brian Bahr said it looks as if the city would be saving money per meter overall if it bought all the meters together.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock agreed, asking if the city were to agree to purchase all 900 meters, would payments be able to be spread through a couple of years.

However, Councilman Kevin Nehls said he thinks it would be smarter to replace those that aren't working right now.

"If we do it all at once, we might run into the situation where they all start failing at the same time," he said. "At least this way, we're staging it in some way."

Bahr asked that the electric meter seller come to an upcoming meeting to get more specifics on pricing and such.

Price tag close to final for wastewater improvement options

Another decision that will come at an upcoming meter revolves around the city's wastewater system.

Ken Hier, senior civil designer at IMEG Corp., gave an update on the wastewater system study that has been ongoing this year.

Price points for two of the options were presented. The cost to replace the Aspen Lift Station and add an additional force main is likely to cost \$3.892 million. And adding a new wastewater cell and wetlands to deal with aeration issues would cost close to \$2.695 million.

"Our costs are getting pretty finalized here," Hier said.

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Dodie Martin labored on Labor Day pulling weeds and making the bushes look nice around City Hall.



Christian Ehresmann carries the traveling trophy through the line of fans after the win over Mobridge-Pollock. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Homecoming Candidates

Front left: Brooklyn Hansen, Gretchen Dinger, Faith Traphagen, Kennedy Hansen and Liz Flihs
Back left: Korbin Kucker, Christian Ehresmann, Jaegar Kampa, Caden McInerney and Teylor Diegel

Coronation will be held in the Groton High School Gym on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:30pm

Norman and Harold

Frederick, South Dakota, was a rough-and-tumble town when I grew up there in the 1960s and '70s, a small town full of big characters.

As a kid, I played pool for money against wobbly cowboys who crossed the border from Ellendale to drink 3.2 beer in the Ponderosa Bar. I didn't get an allowance.

I was served tap beer out the back door when I was in junior high, because that somehow made it more legal. These were the days when my father — his name was Norman — could send a note on a matchbook cover in his small precise penmanship, along with some change: "Give Tony a Grain Belt." Or a pack of Kools. And they would send the contraband home with me.

Hank Witte sometimes drove his John Deere tractor straight from the field and parked it across from the American Legion Bar, where a junior high kid absolutely could not get hard liquor. After all, rules are rules. Some mornings, the tractor was still there. Some nights, a friend followed Hank's tractor with a car until he was home safely.

The town cop was Harold Schlosser, the father of one of my best friends. Though our fathers were mortal enemies, Gare Bare and I were welcome in each other's homes, the sons having much more sense than the fathers when it came to diplomacy.

I always likened Harold to John Wayne. If John Wayne was smaller and a sissy. Harold had a deep booming voice. Intimidating. Kind of a bully. But it was effective.

Harold rarely arrested anyone. If he saw us burning cookies at the end of Main Street, he just yelled at us. That was plenty scary. Years after I was on my own, I took great pleasure in stopping by the Schlosser's to reveal my long hair and, one time, an earring. "Yuh, damn pirate!" he roared. I loved Harold.

And so I've set the stage.

Bob Hahn owned the Ponderosa and there was a natural antagonism between Harold and him. To be fair, Harold was just trying to keep the crime rate down to a dull roar. I'm not sure where the bad blood between Harold and my dad came from, but Harold had a way of bringing that out in people.

I called my mom Sunday before church, so she could explain exactly how it all started. It turns out she was the provocateur. One night, my parents left the bar with Bob and his wife, Bernice, at closing time. Harold had parked across both lanes of Main Street, using his headlights to spotlight the Ponderosa. "He's parked illegally. Someone should make a citizen's arrest," mom confessed to saying



That's Life

by Tony Bender

that night. And, off they went, Bob, a squat German with a bartender's beer belly, and my dad, who had forearms like Fred Flintstone.

It turned out Harold didn't want to be arrested. In fact, he was pretty damn certain he could park any which way he wanted. Thus, the brawl ensued. It gets fuzzy after that. There wasn't another car on Main Street. No witnesses.

Miraculously, no one was arrested that night. I do remember my father looking particularly sheepish the next morning. He had a few of those mornings. He was a bit of a rogue.

Years later, when my father was dying of cancer, he learned Harold had been diagnosed, too. Big, tough Harold. It surprised us all when my father drove down to see him. "Cars about drove off the road to see them sitting together on the front steps," Mom said.

My father never revealed the subject of the conversation, but I think reassurance was the message. Doesn't that just wreck you? It does me. After that, Harold would stop by the house to share his catch after a day at the lake and even oysters, fresh from the Pacific Coast.

Dad, Harold, Bob — they're all gone now, so no likely repercussions. Just a record of small-town characters who deserve to be remembered. Warts and all. Lots of warts.

I had no idea I would be implicating my mother in a street brawl. "When you go to church this morning you better pray for forgiveness," I told her. She seemed a little defiant.

And people wonder why I am the way I am.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Last week, the Minnesota Vikings finalized their 53-man roster. Now, the team will prepare to face off against the New York Giants this Sunday at noon. Here is a look at the finalized roster, followed by a preview of the week one matchup.

Quarterback — Sam Darnold, Nick Mullens, Brett Rypien. With J.J. McCarthy going down with an injury, this is now Darnold's team. It wasn't too long ago he was a top-three pick, and with the coaching staff and playmakers around him, this is his best shot to prove he belongs in the league. The biggest surprise here was the team cutting Jaren Hall and replacing him with Brett Rypien, who was cut by the Chicago Bears. The team hopes to have Hall back on the practice squad.

Running back — Aaron Jones, Ty Chandler, C.J. Ham(FB). The team only kept two RBs on the roster (three if you count C.J. Ham). They plan to call up Myles Gaskin from the practice squad to be the third RB and kick returner, but I wouldn't be surprised to see them bring in another RB at some point in the near future.

Wide receiver — Justin Jefferson, Jordan Addison, Jalen Nailor, Brandon Powell, Trent Sherfield Sr., Trishton Jackson. If they can stay healthy, and stay out of trouble (I'm looking at you, Jordan Addison), the Vikings' WRs are

one of the best groups in the league.

Tight end — Josh Oliver, Johnny Mundt, Nick Muse. T.J. Hockenson will be coming back from injury soon, but until then, I expect to see a lot fewer two-TE sets. Oliver is a good blocker, and Mundt and Muse are decent pass catchers, but Hockenson is a top-5 TE in the NFL.

Offensive tackles — Christian Darrisaw, Brian O'Neill, David Quessenberry, Walter Rouse. Darrisaw signed a massive extension this off-season, and if he and O'Neill can stay healthy, the Vikings have yet another group that is one of the best in the NFL.

Inside offensive line — Blake Brandel, Garrett Bradbury, Ed Ingram, Dan Feeney, Michael Jurgens. With Dalton Risner going on injured reserve, the inside of the Vikings' offensive line might be a liability this season.

Defensive line — Harrison Phillips, Jonathan Bullard, Jerry Tillery, Levi Drake Rodriguez, Taki Taimani, Jalen Redmond. Phillips, Bullard, and Tillery will be the starters in week one, but LDR, Taimani, and Redmond all looked very good this preseason and should get plenty of playing time.

Outside Linebackers — Jonathan Greenard, Andrew Van Ginkel, Dallas Turner, Pat Jones II, Jihad Ward. Turner might not be a "starter" to begin the season, but he will see the field a ton. Ward can play OLB or drop down to the DL in passing situations. Gabriel Murphy was placed on IR but should be back in a few weeks.

Inside linebackers — Ivan Pace Jr., Blake Cashman, Kamu Grugier-Hill, Brian Asamoah II. Pace and Cashman will be the starting iLBs, but one of them will likely come off the field when the Vikings go into their nickel and dime formations.

Cornerbacks — Stephon Gilmore, Byron Murphy Jr., Shaq Griffin, Fabian Moreau, Dwight McGlothern, Akayleb Evans, Jay Ward. With the tragic loss of Khyree Jackson and the injury to Mekhi Blackmon, newcomers Gilmore and Griffin will have big roles this year. McGlothern was a pleasant surprise this preseason and looks like a potential starter down the road.

Safeties — Harrison Smith, Camryn Bynum, Josh Metellus, Theo Jackson. The big story here is the Vikings releasing Lewis Cine, who is now on Buffalo's practice squad. It will be interesting to see if Brian Flores plays the top three safeties as much as he did last season.

Specialists — Will Reichard, Ryan Wright, Andrew DePaola. Reichard had a very good preseason and looks to be a dependable kicker with a big leg, something the Vikings haven't had in a long time.

Practice squad — Henry Byrd (G), Andre Carter II (OLB), Dallas Gant (LB), Myles Gaskin (RB), N'Keal Harry (WR/TE), Lucky Jackson (WR), Ricky Lee III (T), Bobby McCain (DB), Sammis Reyes (TE), Bo Richter (OLB), Tyrese Robinson (G), Zavier Scott (RB), Thayer Thomas (WR), Robert Tonyan (TE), Jaylin Williams (CB), Jonah Williams (DL), Nashon Wright (CB)

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to New York to take on the Giants. This will be a good test for the Vikings, as the Giants are a beatable team but they have a solid defense that will look to make life miserable for Sam Darnold. The key to this game will come down to the interior of the Vikings' offensive line. If they can slow down Dexter Lawrence, and open some run lanes for Aaron Jones and Ty Chandler, the Vikings should win this game. Skol!

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UMC Youth make Washaroos

Groton United Methodist Church vacation bible school made "washaroos" to donate to the Groton pantry. They consisted of a washcloth with a bar of soap tied to look like kangaroos with a message that God is always with you- Believe it!

Pictured in back, left to right, are Bo Flihs, Rae Flihs, Kaleb Hofer, Graham Rose, Nolan Rose and Hank Flihs; in front, left to right, are Maci Dunbar, Haley Erickson, Calli Wilkinson and Nori Hinman. (Courtesy Photo)



Pictured in back, left to right, are Max Erickson, Brielle Dunbar, Paisley Johnson, Kodi Hinman, Vic Flihs, Kaylee Hofer and Beckett Rose; in front, left to right, are Faith Johnson, Mattilynn McCranie, Collyns Dunbar, Ava Rose and Vee Flihs. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton Senior Citizens


Groton Senior met August 12 present were twelve members. Two new members joined Leon Vickers and Ardell Sadler. Vice President Ruby Donovan opened the meeting with the flag pledge. Minutes and treasurers reports were read and accepted. Meeting was adjourned and cards played. Winners of each game. Pinochle - 1- David Donovan, 2 Ruby Donovan, Whist-Tony Goldade, Canasta- Pat Larson. Door prizes Julie Shilhank, Pat Larson, Dick Donovan. Lunch was served by Eunice McColister. August 19 Groton Seniors met with the flag pledge. Cards were played the winners of each game. Pinochle- David Kliensassor, Whist- Elda Stange, Canasta- Eunice McColister and Bev Sombke. Dorr prizes Tony Goldade, Ruby Donovan, Bev Sombker. Lunch was served by Elda Stange. Aug 26 Groton Seniors met for their pot luck dinner. Vice President Ruby Donovan had the flag pledge and table prayer. Bingo was played after dinner. Bruce Shilhank won black out. Door prizes Ardell Saylor, Ruby Donovan, Bruce Shilhank. Cards were played after bingo. Belinda Nelson birthday was celebrated with Angel food cake and ice cream and Strawberry. Bev Sombke made the cake.

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by Linda Thistle

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14 Hodgepodge

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17 Auction signal

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24 "Lucky Jim" author

25 With gusto

28 — de deux

29 Sports bar fixture

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City Council

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He added that IMEG Corp. will be back at the city's September 17 meeting with some recommendations, and a decision is going to be needed soon if the city wants to get paperwork in to the Department of Natural Resources to secure possible grant or loan funding.

Stop sign discussion tabled

The council discussed whether a stop sign should be added at North Third Street and East Fourth Avenue. There is an east-west facing pair of stop signs at that intersection, but a resident approached the city about possibly adding a north-south facing stop sign too.

That road going north and south is a "cut-through" road where people can potentially speed through without hitting traffic signs, said Councilwoman Karyn Babcock.

"I don't have a problem putting a stop sign there," she said. "It would get people to slow down. ...It won't hurt people to stop one more time."

Councilman Kevin Nehls asked if there have been any issues at that intersection, and the council received data from the state Department of Public Safety saying there has only been one crash report at that spot from 2013 to 2023.

However, that crash referenced did not actually occur at that intersection, but rather at East Fourth Avenue and Main Street, according to the document presented to the council.

Councilman Brian Bahr was quick to add, "I think we have enough stops signs in town," adding that intersection doesn't have any apparent issues as there is no obstructed view or anything like that.

Nehls asked that discussion be tabled in order to get Police Chief Stacy Mayou's opinion on the matter.

- The council looked at adding two swinging gates to the street next to the soccer fields on the west side of town. Those gates would be able to close the street during soccer games.
- An insurance adjuster is set to come to town to check on damage at the Community Center. The city is looking at giving the building some TLC, but the council asked that the insurance company be called first in case some of the roof damage is due to hail in the past year.

Groton Area Volleyball Team drops season opener to Hamlin

Groton Area's volleyball team dropped a tough match to Hamlin Thursday night, 3-1. The match was played in Hamlin.

Game scores were 17-25, 22-25, 25-21 and 22-25.

Groton Area had four ace serves while Hamlin had 12. In assists, Hamlin led, 35-28. Hamlin had 44 kills compared to Groton Area's 28 kills. The Tigers had more blocks, 7-4. Digs were fairly even with Hamlin having the edge, 89-84.

Taryn Traphagen had seven kills and two blocks; Chesney Weber had seven kills, one block and one ace serve; Jaedyn Penning had seven kills and one ace serve; Rylee Dunker had five kills and two blocks; Faith Traphagen had four kills; Laila Roberts had one kill and 15 digs; Elizabeth Flihs had 12 digs; Jerica Locke had two ace serves and 26 digs and Emma Kutter had two blocks.

Hamlin was led by Addison Neuendorf with 15 kills and 24 digs while Jo Steffensen had seven kills and one ace serve, Addie Steffensen had four kills, three ace serves and one block; Kayde Nobel had six kills and two blocks; Issie Steffensen had five kills and one ace serve; Jayci Trowbridge had one kills and two ace serves; Addelyn J Jensen had four kills.

In sets, Hamlin had 35 with Izzy Steffensne having 32. Groton Area had 28 sets with Elizabeth Flihs having 16, Chesney Weber nine and Jerica Locke one.

Groton Area won both the junior varsity and C matches.

The Tigers will host Ipswich on Tuesday. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, R&M Farms/Rix Farms and The Meathouse in Andover.

The match and the post-game interview with Coach Chelsea Hanson are posted in the archives under the 20-24-25 School Year link.

The Life of Pauline Luce



Memorial services for Pauline Luce, 65, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 9th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Justin Brotzel will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Pauline passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at her home surrounded by family.

Pauline Jean Luce was born on April 10, 1959, in Aberdeen to Eugene and Ruby (Hofer) Luce. She grew up in a loving household with her parents and her two sisters, Vicki and Bonnie. Pauline was baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist Church in Groton. She attended and graduated from Groton High School in 1977. Throughout her life, she was employed at Data Control, Shedahl's, RBE Electronics, and she finished her career at Banner Engineering. Pauline retired in March of 2021, just in time for March Madness and cheering on her Michigan State Spartans, something she always enjoyed!

Pauline was known for her warm smile and kind heart. She touched the lives of many with her generosity and spirit, leaving a lasting impact on those who knew her. Family was

the most important thing to Pauline. She always put others before herself and never missed an event or opportunity to support her nieces and nephews. Pauline greatly loved and cared for her parents, making their wellbeing a priority in her life. Her legacy of compassion and friendship will live on in the hearts of those she cherished.

Celebrating her life is her mother, Ruby Luce of Groton, her sisters, Vicki (Bill) Podoll of Aberdeen, Bonnie (Ron) Gemar of Moberge, her nephews and nieces, Christopher (Caitlin) Podoll, Jennifer (Brock) Pashen, Stephen Gemar and Stephanie Gemar, her great nieces and nephews, Sawyer Podoll, Hadlie and Beckett Pashen, and her only surviving aunt and uncle, Jerry and Sally Hofer (godmother) of Aberdeen. Pauline is also survived by many cousins.

Preceding her in death was her father, Gene, her maternal and paternal grandparents, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Honorary Urn Bearers will be her nieces and nephews.

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By David Adler

When Congress is Reluctant to Use Impeachment Power

The doctrine of checks and balances, central to the success of American Constitutionalism, is designed to curb abuse of power and promote governmental accountability. But the Constitution is not a machine that will run without good men and women at the helm. When those in positions of authority and responsibility are reluctant to turn the wheels of checks and balances to constrain the judiciary, for example, there is little to deter misbehavior. Justice James Iredell, a member of the first Supreme Court, and one of the most penetrating thinkers of the founding period, told the North Carolina Ratifying Convention, "A man in public office who knows there is no tribunal to punish him, may be ready to deviate from his duty."

The Framers of the Constitution, for whom impeachment was designed as a "bridle" on the presidency and the federal judiciary, to ensure adherence to constitutional limitations was, Alexander Hamilton explained in Federalist No., 65, "designed as a method of NATIONAL INQUEST into the conduct of public men." The integrity of the judicial process, the founders understood, is best preserved by judges committed to serving the public interest, which requires wisdom in the selection of those who will sit on the bench, as well as congressional willingness to investigate allegations of misconduct.

After the House impeachment and Senate conviction of Federal Judge Halsted Ritter in 1936, for his acceptance of substantial gifts from residents in his district, even though they had no business before him, on the premise that he brought his court into scandal and disrepute and undermined public confidence in the administration of justice, forthright senators explained the unlikelihood of future impeachment hearings into the acts of "crooked judges." Senator Hatton Summers, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, said of his colleagues, "We know they will not try district judges, and we can hardly ask them to do so."

Members in both chambers bear many responsibilities. The nature of the impeachment process interrupts important legislative business and places a considerable burden on those already overburdened by their duties. As a result, Members are reluctant to invoke the impeachment power, Senator William McAdoo observed, "even in cases of flagrant misconduct." He concluded, grimly, that "the practical certainty that in a large majority of cases misconduct will never be visited with impeachment is a standing invitation for judges to abuse their authority with impunity and without fear of removal."

A young political scientist, later president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, anticipated this congressional reluctance in his 1885 classic, Congressional Government: "Congress is sometimes willing to suffer a misbehaving judge rather than stop the legislative activities of the United States."

Across the decades, scholars have weighed in with remedies to improve the removal process. The late Philip Kurland, an eminent constitutional law scholar at the University of Chicago got it right, as he often did. The cure, he wrote, is to entrust judicial functions "only to those who are equal to their demands." This was advocacy for perfection, as he well knew. "The basic difficulty is to secure recognition of the necessity for merit appointments. How this sense of responsibility is to be secured is a question that has not yet been answered." Kurland's emphasis on the need to instill an appreciation for "merit" in those with the power to put well-qualified people on the federal bench, a responsibility that falls on the shoulders of the president, who nominates, and the Senate, who confirms or rejects, nominees, is not endemic to the judiciary, but applies to all governmental departments.

While Professor Kurland pointed to the issue of appointment to judicial office, James Madison, in the First Congress, addressed the full scope of the problem of accountability confronting the nation. "The danger to liberty, the danger of maladministration has not yet been found to lie so much in the facility of introducing improper persons into office as in the difficulty of displacing those who are unworthy of public trust." In truth, the problem of accountability has a bookend component: appointment and removal. Finding a solution to the problem is as old as government itself.

Historically, our nation has turned to structural remedies to overcome the problem of human fallibility. The Constitution reflects, precisely, such an effort. The concept of term limits for Supreme Court Justices, which we consider next week, represents such an effort.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota NewsMedia Association and this newspaper.

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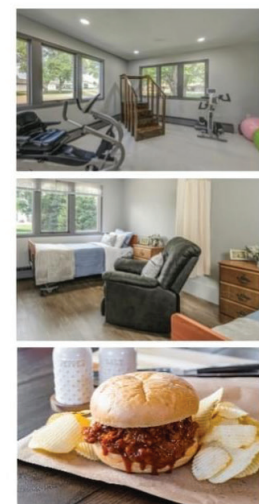
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AUGUST 27, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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, Fjeldheim, Gage, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

QUOTES FOR A/C UNIT AT 124 BUILDING: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent and Randy Zens, Building Assistant Superintendent met with the Commission regarding the quotes for replacing one of four A/C units at the 124 Building. They contacted Woodman Refrigeration because their quote included a natural gas heat furnace but only wanted the cooling unit. So, the quotes presented from Custom Sheet Metal is \$12,300.00 for a Carrier 5-ton cooling only unit and Woodman Refrigeration is \$12,137.00 for a Trane 5-ton cooling only unit. Judy recommended to accept the Quote from Woodman Refrigeration for \$12,137.00. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go with Woodman Refrigeration quote for \$12,137.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #275 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #275. Applicant Nicole Kempf to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Proposed Lot 1, "Palmyra Farmhouse Second Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 18-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10260 373rd Avenue, Palmyra Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR SPEED LIMIT CHANGE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent presented the Commission with amended changes to the speed limits that were discussed last week. Dirk shared these changes are due to the public contacting him or the Commission with concerns and if the Resolution is passed, they will go into effect when the signs are put up.

Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #44-24**

WHEREAS, Chapter 6.03 Speed Zones of the Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances authorizes the Brown County Commission to change the speed limit or the extent of any such limited speed zones, at any time they may deem necessary, and

WHEREAS, all Speed Zones throughout the County were established by Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, Resolution #39-08, Resolution #72-08, Resolution #101-08, Resolution #94-13, Resolution #69-14, Resolution #15-16, Resolution #26-17, Resolution #30-18, Resolution #51-21, Resolution #37-23, and Resolution #41-23.

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission has recommended amending the speed zone on County Road #15; County Road #19; County Road #14WA and County Road #13E

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, #39-08, #72-08, #101-08, #94-13, #69-14, #15-16, #26-17, #30-18, #51-21, #37-23 and #41-23 be amended as follows:

AMEND: County Road #15, beginning at the intersection of County Road #15 and County Road #19, located at the NE Corner of Section 8, Township123, Range 63, of the 5th P.M., then west on County Road #15 one-half mile at 45 mph.

County Road #19, beginning at the intersection of County Road #15 and County Road #19, located at the NE Corner of Section 8, Township123, Range 63, of the 5th P.M., then south on County Road #19 one-half mile at 40 mph.

County Road #14WA, beginning at the intersection of County Road #10 and County Road #14WA, located at the NE Cor-

ner of Section 35, Township123, Range 64, of the 5th P.M., then east on County Road #14WA three miles at 45 mph.

County Road #13E, beginning at the intersection of County Road #13E and US281 located at the NW Corner of Section 35, Township124, Range 64, of the 5th P.M., then east on County Road #13E one mile at 45 mph.

Dated this 27th day of August 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following claims/payroll:

Claims: Professional Fees: Amusement Midway Providers \$39,769.00; Bailey Pro Rodeo \$300.00; CenturyLink-Lumen \$215.72; CGI LLC \$433.13; Devnet \$3,789.84; Jeremy Lund \$2,453.34; Midstates Group \$123.00; Network Centers Inc \$5,670.00; Northern Plains Animal Health \$375.00; Three Seasons Tent Rental \$1,900.00; Thurman Law Office \$241.50; US Bank \$1,899.25. Publishing: Aberdeen Community Concert Association \$125.00; I3G Media \$640.00; Midstates Group \$174.50; US Bank \$608.70. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Vestis \$333.10. Repairs & Maintenance: Climate Control \$14,484.00; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$290.82; Penny Sampson \$757.50; US Bank \$9,615.78. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services \$296.74; Auto Value \$7.59; Century Business Products \$791.48; Cole Papers \$598.25; Dakota Electronics \$1,859.00; Dakota Fluid Power \$50.63; Dakota Oil \$64.15; Faulkton Drug \$59.20; GovConnection Inc \$585.59; Jacob Kumpf \$150.00; Josh Eddy \$45.96; K&S Plumbing Inc \$518.83; Laminating & Binding Solutions Inc \$140.48; Mac's \$20.40; Menards \$563.92; Midstates Group \$3,463.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$104.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale \$1,345.80; Rixtine Recognition \$1,800.09; Runnings \$395.93; Sherwin Williams \$59.27; Swank Motion Pictures Inc \$345.00; Thurman Law Office \$6.30; US Bank \$10,882.23; Van Diest Supply Company \$6,389.87; WEB Water Bottling Company \$63.70. Travel & Conference: Dave Lunzman \$328.00; Lynn Heupel \$258.42; SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$1,000.00; The Lodge at Deadwood \$1,221.00; US Bank \$2,515.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$4,098.16; Northwestern Energy \$6,060.52; NVC \$264.35; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$151.90; T-Mobile \$92.40; US Bank \$4,118.74; Verizon Wireless \$125.37. Others: US Bank \$335.18.

Payroll: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.40; Auditor \$10,247.06; Treasurer \$17,284.76; SA \$32,688.79; Maintenance \$11,836.91; Assessor \$15,370.27; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,491.56; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$4,960.64; Sheriff \$51,421.68; Jail \$64,228.43; Coroner \$829.37; Court Security \$8,287.09; JDC \$35,374.35; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,494.01; Parks/Fairgrounds \$11,210.86; Fair Board \$41,353.64; 4-H \$3,534.21; Weed \$6,429.48; Planning & Zoning \$7,655.31; Highway \$60,624.15; Dispatch \$34,705.71; Emergency \$5,105.94; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,250.32; Landfill \$17,777.10; SDRS Pay-out \$1,515.63; FICA \$29,294.09; Medicare \$6,851.01; Discovery-HSA \$2,369.15; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$131,217.28; Dental Insurance-Delta \$9,045.20; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,064.54; Retirement-SDRS \$58,169.56. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

• Last day of internship for Ava Wienk, Brown County Fair Board intern; effective August 15, 2024.

• Last day for seasonal worker, Spencer Hunstad, Brown County Fairgrounds; effective August 20, 2024.

• Resignation of Kirsten Bluestone, Brown County Sheriff's Office Record's Technician; FT – effective August 20, 2024. Request to fill.

• Employment ending for Ross

Collins, Brown County Jail Detention officer; FT – effective August 20, 2024. Request to fill.

• Transfer of Brittany Watts from Brown County Jail Records Technician to Brown County Jail Administrative Assistant, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. – effective September 1, 2024.

• Hiring of Mark Anderson as Union Consultant for Brown County at an agreed upon rate of \$125.00/hr. – effective September 1, 2024.

• Adding Jackson Marnette to the approved volunteers list for Work Comp purposes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following Lease Agreement: Aberdeen Area Humane Society to lease the Holum Expo Building on September 28-29, 2024 for Fall Second Paw Sale. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2024: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for July 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$23,814,323.07; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,125,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$8,370,112.40; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$33,317,582.89. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$18,333,263.92; Road & Bridge Fund \$5,861,106.61; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$337,610.54; Emergency & Disaster \$111,775.73; Domestic Abuse \$1,453.50; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$38,608.40; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$64,375.42; ROD M&P \$94,492.87; Rural Access Infrastructure \$551,894.22; TIF Debt Service \$30,747.57; Landfill + cash change \$6,221,657.90; Landfill – restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$1,670,428.42; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$33,317,582.89. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE & AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held on September 24, 2024 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #276, applicant Jeffery Walth for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Highway Commercial (HC) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Proposed Outlot 2, "Aberdeen Twp 20W Outlots" in the E 1/2 of Section 20-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38380 W Hwy 12, Aberdeen Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #277, applicant Amy & Joshua Gulstad for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current & future use: "Olson's Outlot A" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11646 387th Avenue, Oneota Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #278, applicant Jacki Holler – S&P Holdings, LLC for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1, "Johnson South Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13919 386th Avenue, Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY PLAT – LARKOTA ACRES FIRST ADDITION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Preliminary Plat for Larkota Acres, LLC for new Subdivision named "Larkota Acres First Addition" in N 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #45-24 ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP 20W OUTLOTS PLAT: RESOLUTION #45-24

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it

resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "ABERDEEN TWP 20W OUTLOTS IN THE E 1/2 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

BERGMAN SECOND ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #46-24 Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "BERGMAN SECOND ADDITION IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 11-T122N-R65W OF THE 5H P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

HOUGHTON CEMETERY FIRST ADDITION PLAT (INCLUDES BLOCK H, I, J AND K):

RESOLUTION #47-24 Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "HOUGHTON CEMETERY FIRST ADDITION INCLUDES BLOCKS H, I, J AND K, IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 7-T126N-R61W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: District 3 Representative Carl Perry shared that the Exchange Club of Aberdeen, President is Tyler Hanson; they have flag drops at C Express, Runnings and the Police Station – people sometimes wonder what they do with the flags, and he shared they do a Flag Retirement Ceremony. The Exchange Club will be having a Flag Retirement Ceremony today at 5pm at the previous residence of Jerry and Marlene Loeb residence. Chairman Sutton informed him that there is also a flag drop in the lobby of the Annex entrance, which is sponsored by NACO. Representative Perry also informed the Commission that Professor Ric Dias at NSU will be having a Constitution Day to commemorate the Sept. 17, 1787; signing of the United States Constitution on September 17th from 11am to 1pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:04 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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 CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Timothy Kleinsasser

Description of property: Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4095/4185/4275/4364 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: The petitioner intends to purchase these properties and is requesting a Conditional Use Petition to operate an "Open Storage" area for RVs & campers in a Highway Commercial District (HC)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding

the proposed Conditional Use request.

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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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 September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: POET Biorefining-Groton, LLC

Description of property: The NW1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R61W, Except Railroad R.O.W. and Except Highway R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40425 133rd Street; Groton Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a 30' x 80' addition.

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

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.

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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 September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Nick Burns for owner Arthur Zoellner

Description of property: Lot 22-23, "Dewald & Hoffman's Second Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the E1/2 of Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126716 W Shore Drive; Ravinia Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to operate a Bed & Breakfast home business.

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

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GERRY LEE BARTZ, Plaintiff

06DIV. 24-24

-vs- SUMMONS OMAIRA DEJESUS MOLINA BELANDRIA, a/k/a, OMAIRA DEJESUS MOLINA VELANDRIA, Defendant.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, Scott T. Kuck, whose address is 14 2nd Avenue S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, an answer to the Verified Complaint, which was on the 2nd day of April, 2024, filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit at Aberdeen in and for the County of Brown, State of South Dakota, within thirty (30) days from the date of the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, judgment by default may be rendered against you as requested in Plaintiff's Complaint sixty (60) days after the completed service of the Summons.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER PROVISIONS

.. South Dakota law provides that upon the filing and service of the Summons and Complaint on the Defendant, a Temporary Restraining Order shall be in effect against both parties until the final decree of divorce is entered or until further order of the court.

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PER SDCL 25-4-33.1, BY ORDER OF THE COURT, YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE ARE:

1. Restrained from transferring, encumbering, concealing or in any way dissipating or disposing of assets, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except as may be necessary in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life. You are to notify the other party of any proposed extraordinary expenditures and to account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after the temporary restraining order is in effect.
2. Restrained from molesting or disturbing the peace of the other party.
3. Restrained from removing any minor child of the parties from the state without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court; and
4. Restrained from making changes to any insurance coverage for the parties or any child of the parties without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court unless the change under the applicable insurance coverage increases the benefits, adds additional property, persons, or perils to be covered, or is required by the insurer or the law.

IF EITHER PARTY VIOLATES ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, THAT PARTY MAY BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2024.

KUCK LAW OFFICE
By: /s/ Scott T. Kuck
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State of S.D. Perez Hearing

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BROWN))))

IN CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT A&N 24-55

NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF

K. B., A. P., AND G. P., MINOR CHILDREN,

AND CONCERNING MARION JEAN PELTIER, ARIS PEREZ, KETH KRAUSE, AND KONACIN BLACK ELK, RESPONDENTS,

TO: Aris Perez

Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for an Advisory Hearing on September 30th, 2024 at the hour of 1:15 p.m., before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2024.

Karla Nelson, Deputy Brown County States Attorney

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. Hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Bryce Sombke & Bryan Sombke
Description of property: Proposed Lot 2A, "Sombke Second Subdivision" in the S1/2 of Section 8-T121N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40752 144th Street; Bates Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Proposed Lot 2A to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per Brown County Ordinances 4.0605.
The public is invited to attend the hearing to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Variance to Lot Size request.

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.
Planning/Zoning Commission &
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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 September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Landon Wolf

Description of property: Lot 1, "First Subdivision of Bieber's Outlot 1" in the N1/2 of Section 21-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38455 115th Avenue, Oneota Township).
Reason: Variance to Setbacks in a Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to allow a 70'-0" North Front Yard Setback for the existing house, a 12' x 20' addition & a 28' x 38' attached garage rather than the 100'-0" Setback required by Brown County Ordinance 4.0706 to bring this property into compliance.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 4th day of September 2024
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. Hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Alan & Janet Dixon

Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Dixon Third Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13810 391st Avenue & 39115 138th Street; Gem Twp.).
Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Lot 1

and Lot 2 to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per Brown County Ordinances 4.0605.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Variance to Lot Size request.

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.
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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 September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: Daniel & Michelle Smith

Description of property: Lot 1, "Bendewald Farm Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 12-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13761 382nd Avenue; Highland Twp.).
Reason: Variance to Shelterbelt Setbacks to have a 100'-0" setback rather than the 150'-0" required from the section line.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 4th day of September 2024.
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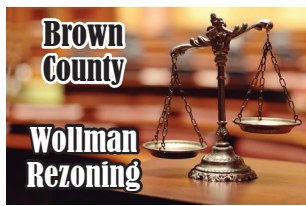
NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Alan & Janet Dixon

Description of property: Proposed Lot 4, "Dixon Third Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39135 138th Street, Gem 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 rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioners with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

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Petitioner: T.W., LLC

Description of property: Lot 1 and Lot 2, "Wollman Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 29-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39504 129th Street & 12892 395th Avenue; Cambria Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioners with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #275
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #275, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Nicole Kempf was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th day of August 2024 and will become effective on the 24th of September 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use:
Proposed Lot 1, "Palmyra Farmhouse Second Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 18-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10260 373rd Avenue, Palmyra 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 27th day of August 2024.
Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
Notice of Hearing: July 31, 2024
First Reading: August 13, 2024
Second Reading/Adoption: August 27, 2024
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NOTICE
Application has been made by Amy & Joshua Gulstad to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 24, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current & future use:

Description of property: "Olson's Outlot A" in the NW1/4 of Section 25-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11646 387th Avenue, Oneota Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 277.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE
Application has been made by Jeffery Walth to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 24, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use:

Proposed Outlot 2, "Aberdeen Twp 20W Outlots" in the E 1/2 of Section 20-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38380 W Hwy 12, Aberdeen Twp.).

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

Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 276.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
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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 Courthouse Annex in the Basement Community Meeting Room, on September 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioners: City of Aberdeen and New Angus, LLC.

Description of property: proposed Lot 2, "New Angus Second Subdivision" in the N1/2 of Section 36-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approximately 498 135th Street SE; Aberdeen Township).
Reason: Rezone proposed parcel from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Municipal State and County Use District (M) as requested by the city of Aberdeen.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward their review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioner's that will then review on September 24, 2024, in Commission Chambers to set a publishing date.
Dated this 4th day of September 2024.

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NOTICE
Application has been made by Jacki Holler – S & P Holdings, LLC to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 24, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following 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: Lot 1, "Johnson South Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13919 386th Avenue, Warner Twp.).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 278.

ATTEST:
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Netters beat Ipswich in three sets

Groton Area's volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Ipswich in action played in Groton.

Groton Area won the first set, 25-14, never trailing. Taryn Traphagen had four kills and a shared block with sister Faith Traphagen in the first set. Ipswich kept the second set close with the set being tied nine times and there were five lead changes. Groton Area scored the last four points to post the 25-22 win. Rylee Dunker had four kills and two blocks and Chesney Weber had five kills for Groton Area. After three ties

and two lead changes, Groton Area took over the third set and went on to win, 25-19. Laila Roberts had three kills and a block and Chesney Weber had three kills and an ace serve in that set.

Weber led Groton Area with nine kills, two ace serves, eight sets and one block. Dunker had five kills and three blocks. Taryn Traphagen had six kills and one block. Laila Roberts had five kills, 10 digs and one block. Faith Traphagen had three kills and two blocks. Jaedyn Penning had two ace serves and 10 digs. Elizabeth Flihs had 17 assists and two ace serves. Jerica Locke had 13 digs.

Ipswich was led by Marley Guthmiller with six kills, one block, 24 digs and one ace serve. Natalie Crissman had three blocks and two ace serves. Brianna Geditz had two ace serves and 28 digs.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-12, 23-25 and 15-10. Groton Area made it a clean sweep, winning the C match, 25-17 and 25-19.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms, The Meathouse in Andover.

- Paul Kosel



Chelsea Hansen and Jenna Strom were getting the court ready for the first volleyball team. They are putting the white tape down on the floor. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Soccer teams lose to Mitchell

The Groton Area Soccer teams lost to Mitchell Monday in action played in Groton. The boys lost, 10-0. The girls lost, 1-0, with Mitchell scoring with just 6:18 left in the game.



Groton Area goalie junior Gage Sippel dives for a block during Monday's game against Mitchell. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area freshman Ethan Kroll jumps to try and stop the ball while Mitchell goalie Evan Mitchell and Mitchell defender Ricardo Gonzales Rodriguez try to gain control during Monday's game. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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Pictured are Becker Bosma, Jace Johnson, Brevin Flihs, Logan Pearson, Carter Simon and Jayden Schwan. (Courtesy Photo)

Flihs medals at Hub City golf meet

Brevin Flihs placed 12th with a score of 78 at the Hub City Golf Meet held Tuesday. Carter Simon was 20th with an 81. Logan Pearson was 22nd with an 84. Jace Johnson was 25th with a score of 85. Becker Bosma was 36th with a 91. Jayden Schwan was 44th with a 96.

Watertown won the team title with 294 followed by Pierre with 298, Aberdeen Roncalli 323, Aberdeen Central 326, Groton Area 328, Brookings 350, Milbank 356, Sisseton 379 and Redfield 400.

Groton Area C/JV takes second at Matchbox Tournament

Groton C/JV volleyball team took part in the Matchbox Tournament held Saturday in Aberdeen. Groton Area defeated Ellendale, 25-17 and 25-20, defeated Langford, 25-18 and 25-22, defeated Northwestern Gold 25-22 and 25-13, and in the championship game, lost to Northwestern Green, 25-20 and 25-16.

Groton Area junior Jerica Locke tries to keep the ball in bound while Mitchell senior Makenzie Peterson tries to steal the ball during Monday's game. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton Area senior Kennedy Hansen kicks the ball while Mitchell sophomore Emilie Ellis runs with her during Monday's game. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Groton Area retains traveling trophy in the "Battle of the Tigers"



Ryder Johnson gets his foot on the ball as he punts for the Groton Area Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area's newly formed football co-op with Langford Area posted an opening game win over Mobridge-Pollock, 29-12. The game was played at Doney Field in Groton Friday evening. Groton retains the traveling trophy in the Battle of the Tigers.

Mobridge-Pollock had the first offensive drive, but ended up punting after four plays. Groton Area saw penalties in its first possession. The Tigers had one first down before having to punt on fourth and 17.

Mobridge-Pollock started out on its own 30 yard line and went the distance to score on a Marc Saxon 14 yard run. The drive lasted 3:27, went 70 yards in eight plays and had three first downs. The PAT run failed.

On the following kickoff, Keegen Tracy got the reception and dashed 84 yards to score in a 15 second scramble. The PAT kick by Joao Nunes was good and Groton



Taylor Diegel runs up the side to gain yards for the Groton Area Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Keegen Tracy makes the catch in the endzone for a 23-yard pass play from Korbin Kucker. The catch gave Groton Area a 22-6 lead with 1:17 left in the first half. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

took the lead, 7-6.

Mobridge-Pollock only had four pops at the ball and ended up turning the ball over on downs while failing to convert one fourth and one.

Groton Area took over on the Mobridge-Pollock 39 yards. The drive started with 1:32 left in the first quarter and culminated with 9:10 left in the second quarter when Korbin Kucker scored on a three yard run. The PAT was good on a Brevin Flihs run. That drive went 61 yards in 4:22 with three first downs in 12 plays.

The visiting Tigers got two quick first downs, but the drive was halted when Teylor Diegel intercepted the ball at the Groton Area 20 yard line.

The Tigers would take advantage of the turnover and Keegen Tracy would score on a 23 yard pass from Kucker. That drive would take nine plays, three first downs, 80 yards in 4:44. The PAT kick by Nunes was good and Groton Area took a 22-6 lead with 1:17 left in the half.

Mobridge-Pollock would end up punting on fourth and 15 and Groton had two plays before the half ended.

Groton Area would end up punting on the opening possession of the second half on fourth and 11.

Mobridge-Pollock tried to get things going with two first downs, but ended up turning the ball over on downs on fourth and one.

Groton Area started on its own 15 yard line and ended up punting on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The visiting Tigers got a big boost with two Groton Area penalties, putting the ball on the Groton Area 21 yard line. The Groton Area defense held Mobridge-Pollock who ended up turning the ball over on downs on fourth and four. Groton could not get anything going and ended up punting on fourth and two.

Mobridge-Pollock started on the Groton Area 34 yard line. Eight plays and 2:08 later, Eise-man would score from one yard out. The PAT run failed. Mobridge-Pollock had three first downs. Now it was 22-12, Groton Area.

On Groton's first place from scrimmage after the kick-off, Korbin Kucker would run 40 yards in 11 seconds to score. The PAT kick by Nunes was good and Groton Area led, 29-12, with 3:38 left in the game.

Mobridge-Pollock got two first downs before time expired and the game was over.

Mobridge-Pollock had more first downs, 13-10, and more yards rushing, 231-82. Groton Area had 20 carries for 82 yards. Korbin Kucker has 12 carries for 41 yards and two touchdowns, Christian Ehresmann had two carries for 17 yards, Keegen Tracy had two carries for 16 yards and Ryder Johnson had four carries for eight yards. Mobridge-Pollock was led by Max Saxon with 26 carries for 151 yards while Tyler Schmeichel had six carries for 42 yards and Peter Fried had three carries for 14 yards.

Groton Area dominated the air show, completing 10 of 16 passes for 141 yards. Mobridge Pollock completed four of 10 for 50 yards and Teylor Diegel caught an interception. Ryder Johnson completed seven of nine for 94 yards and Korbin Kucker completed three of seven for 47 yards and one touchdown.

Receivers were Keegen Tracy with three catches for 68 yards and one touchdown, Conner Glines had two catches for 23 yards, Teylor Diegel had two catches for 19 yards, Christian Ehresmann and Brevin Flihs each had one catch for 12 yards and Korbin Kucker had one catch for seven yards. Max Saxon led Mobridge-Pollock with two catches for 46 yards and Easton Eise-man had one catch for six yards.

There were no fumbles in the game.

Groton Area had eight penalties for 65 yards and Mobridge-Pollock had seven penalties for 60 yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton Area were Tucker Harder with 13 tackles, Ryder Johnson with nine and Christian Ehresmann and Karter Moody each had eight. Carter Hinsz led Mobridge-Pollock with eight tackles and Luke Olson had five.

Coach Shaun Wanner said, "The kids played well in the first half. We have a lot of kids we can go too. We have some guys that can run it, we have some guys that can catch it. We have to get a little bit better up front. I think by the end of the year, barring injuries, we're going to be a pretty solid football team. It was a big win for us. Mobridge-Pollock is a good football team and putting up 22 points on them in the first half was a big key for that." Wanner said that Nick Morris is in concussion protocol after taking a hard hit.

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- Paul Kosel

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Dear EarthTalk: You hear a lot about e-bikes these days, but what's being done to make regular old human powered bicycles greener? -- P.L. Milwaukee, WI

As interest in e-bikes grows, it's important to remember that traditional human-powered bicycles are also evolving towards greater sustainability. Various innovations and practices are making these bikes eco-friendlier, focusing on materials, production processes and end-of-life recycling.

One significant development is the use of sustainable materials for bike frames. Traditionally, bike frames have been made from aluminum, steel or carbon fiber. However, each of these materials has environmental impacts. Aluminum requires substantial energy to produce, while carbon fiber involves complex processes and is challenging to recycle. In contrast, sustainable alternatives are gaining traction. Bamboo, for one, is a fast-growing, renewable material with a low environmental footprint. Bamboo bikes are noted for their durability and natural shock absorption, making them a compelling choice.

Innovative companies are also exploring the potential of recycled materials. A notable example is a bicycle frame made from recycled plastic and produced using renewable energy. This approach not only reduces waste but lessens dependency on virgin materials. Similarly, some brands are repurposing old bicycles or bike parts, extending their life cycle and reducing the need for new resources. The production process itself is another area of focus. Brands are adopting practices that minimize environmental impact: reducing emissions in factories, using renewable energy, and implementing water-saving measures. Additionally, companies are using paints and finishes that avoid harmful chemicals, and are engage in fair trade practices, ensuring that their supply chains are as ethical as they are sustainable.

A crucial aspect of making bicycles greener is ensuring they are durable and easy to repair. High-quality components and thoughtful design contribute to a longer lifespan, which reduces the frequency of replacements and the associated environmental impact. Brands are also increasingly providing repair services and spare parts, which supports a more sustainable lifecycle for each bicycle.



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By the late Richard P. Holm, MD

Marketing (sales) can be good and important as it moves commerce, and I'm not saying industry doesn't sponsor credible scientific research. However, marketing can be harmful when selling a weight-loss program that gives false hope, when peddling virility pills that are ineffective or when pushing an outrageously expensive drug that should be used only after first-line medicines are tried. Advertisements can and should be based on truth, but my cynical side sees the words "truth in advertising" as an oxymoron, like "seriously funny," "awfully good" or "found missing." Indeed, marketing motives can be as different from evidence-based science as corn syrup is to leafy green vegetables.

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