

**Mayor's Award**  
**Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors, LLC**  
**"Sympathetic Infill"**  
**317 4<sup>th</sup> Street**



Receiving the 2016 Mayor's Award for Sympathetic Infill in a Commercial District is the team at Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors, LLC at 317 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Brookings. With its dark broad façade, its clean sandstone horizontal line, dark scaled windows, complimenting light-filled interior and traditional 9-foot ceiling, this building is a shining example of the modern architecture accomplishment over its dull predecessor.

The building site has been home to the Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors, LLC for over 40 years. They decided to stay downtown and maintain the same location because they enjoy being part of the downtown business community and wanted to keep that moving forward.

Only in recent history did the previous structure shows its wears both in construction and function. Rather than relocate, an aggressive demolition and construction schedule was accepted to maximize the continuity of business. The project began in November 2015 and was back to serving clients in March 2016.

The exterior design was assisted by Les Rowland & Lynda Pierce of DesignArc, the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission and Mike Robbins. Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors, LLC wanted to keep the integrity of the historical aspect of downtown Brookings, while adding a few personal touches to the building.



The simple lines and attention to details of 317 4<sup>th</sup> Street compliment the buildings in proximity. The building is the same size as the previous one, with a completely different floor plan on the interior. A conference room has been conveniently placed to the left of the beautiful reception desk and plenty of storage space was also included in the back that was absent from the previous building design. Attention was given to sustainable features and minimizing the carbon foot print. Lights automatically go on and off when movement is detected in individual offices.

There is ample room for its staff and four talented auctioneers Lenny Burlage, Jim Peterson, Scott Peterson and Tyler Burlage. Lenny and Jim each have been in the auctioneering and real estate business for over 35 years and have a wide knowledge and education of agriculture, commercial, residential, antiques, as well as personal property. Scott Peterson and Tyler Burlage are both 3rd generation for this successful local family business. The new building allows Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors, LLC to better serve their clients while allowing the four partners to work more efficiently.

In addition to being highly functional, the Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors, LLC's new building is an admirable aesthetical contribution to the heart of downtown Brookings. The recipients of this Mayor's Award are to be congratulated for their fine work.

