

**CITY OF FLANDREAU
1005 W. Elm Avenue
Flandreau, SD 57028-1404**

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 20th, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty (via phone) and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; City Attorney Matthew Tysdal (via phone); along with Police Chief Zach Weber and Public Works Superintendent Tanner Harris.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to adopt the proposed agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of January 5th, 2026, along with the approval of placement of Lindsay Heiter at the paramedic rate of \$14/hourly and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 1/7/2026: general, 31,695.98; water, 4,068.89; electric, 8,088.91; sewer, 4,068.95. (27544) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 201.52; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance reimbursed, 202.90; Big Sioux Community Water System, water usage, 130.00; Bluepeak, electric utility, 52.68; Booster Publishing, publishing/ads, 620.00; Bound Tree Medical, LLC., supplies/uniforms, 1,577.23; Catalis, LLC, 2026 e-mail services, 787.50; Century Business Products, copier lease, 529.65; Chase Amdahl, personal expense reimbursed, 12.00; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank exchange, 29.91; CINTAS, rugs/linens/towels/first aid, 336.93; Code Enforcement Specialists, 2026 retainer fee, 1,500.00; Colliers Securities LLC, 2025 disclosure fee, 300.00; DANR, applicator licenses for D.B. and J.P., 70.00; Ditch Witch Undercon, supplies, 118.75; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., repairs, 405.95; ELM Customs, repairs, 938.66; Eng Services, gravel, 6,589.59; GALLS LLC, uniforms, 510.93; GreatAmerica Financial Services, FPD copier lease, 177.92; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 3,477.45; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 224.72; Metron-Farnier, LLC, cell service for water meters, 2,800.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 3,074.96; Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, 2026 electric & safety program fees, 4,698.75; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, 285.46; Quist Plumbing & Heating, Inc., repairs, 497.00; Ramsdell F&M Ltd, propane, 174.51; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,988.78; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 100.00; SDML Workers' Compensation Fund, 2026 funds, 37,636.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal control, 256.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electricity, 177.00; SD811, message fees, 383.04; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repairs, 113.43; Tom Bacon, personal expense reimbursed, 218.47; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues/subscriptions, 120.00; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies, 1,697.56; ULINE, office furniture, 5,674.85; Valley Fibercom, phones/internet, 731.95; Verizon Wireless, iPad/jetpack/phones, 139.49; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies,

133.38; WESCO Receivables Corp, street light supplies, 102.84 (27586). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held regarding a temporary alcoholic beverage license for the Flandreau Baseball Association. No public input was had.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve on-sale liquor license for Flandreau Baseball Association for an event at William Janklow Community Center on 2-21-2026 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM on 2-22-2026. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that he toured the new ambulance bay and expressed his appreciation to city staff for their efforts in remodeling the new space. The Mayor also requested the Council's approval to host a Cracker Barrel meeting with legislative representatives on February 7 at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the City's website link to the CodeRED notification system is currently not functioning. Staff are working to resolve the issue and will notify residents once the system is operational. Administrator Turnquist also noted that reminder notices will be distributed in both English and Spanish and encouraged residents to sign up for the notification service.

Additionally, city staff have been monitoring the water and sewer project area and addressing potholes and other issues resulting from freeze-and-thaw conditions. Administrator Turnquist further informed the Council of the deterioration of a manhole on Veterans Street. Staff are coordinating with IMEG Engineering and H&W Contracting to develop a repair plan.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the Administrator's Reports. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Old Business: The second reading of Ordinance 637, which would establish Snow Alerts for the City of Flandreau, was held. Following discussion, the ordinance failed due to the absence of a motion. Council members expressed that implementing snow alerts mid-winter was not ideal and noted that the matter could be revisited and considered for implementation at a later date.

New Business: Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to approve SRF Pay Requests Sewer #10 (\$7,760) and Water #23 (\$7,860) for the Utility Improvement Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2026-02: Adopting Moody County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2026-2031. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the 2026 Agreement with Code Enforcement. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to go into Executive Session for Legal Matter at 7:14 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to come out of Executive Session for Legal Matter at 7:46 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator