

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 16th, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, South Dakota. The Local Board of Equalization convened at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular City Council meeting.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty (via phone), Tim Yeaton and School Representative Tom Stenger. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; City Attorney Matthew Tysdal; John Schiefelbein.

Mayor Sutton called the Local Board of Equalization to order at 6:00 p.m.

John Schiefelbein was present to appeal the assessment of 501 S Industrial Road. The property is currently assessed at \$71,925, with land valued at \$16,889 and building value of \$55,036. Schiefelbein is appealing the \$71,925 and believes the full and true value of said property should be \$55,800 total value: \$10,800 land value and \$45,000 building value. After discussion, the Local Board agreed to adjust the value of the land to \$10,800 but left the value of the building at \$55,036.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to accept the adjusted value of \$10,800 for land at 501 S Industrial Road, Flandreau, SD. The building value was not adjusted. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone), Yeaton and Stenger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A certified appeal letter postmarked March 10, 2026, was received at the City Office on March 16, 2026, from Catherine Tanck, Manager of Conkling LLC. The appeal pertains to the assessed value of \$115,603 for the property located at 303 E. Third Avenue in Flandreau. Ms. Tanck is requesting that the assessed value be adjusted to \$75,000, stating that no changes have been made to the property since March 2025. The Local Board decided not to adjust the assessed value, stating there were no comparables provided.

Motion by Stenger and seconded by Ahlers to deny the adjusted value of \$75,000, leaving the assessed value as \$115,603 for the property located at 303 E. Third Avenue, Flandreau, SD. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) Yeaton and Stenger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no other appeals presented to the Local Board of Equalization.

Mayor Sutton adjourned the Local Board of Equalization meeting at 6:19 p.m. School Representative Tom Stenger left the meeting at this time.

Mayor Sutton called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen 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 Bjerke and seconded by Tufty (via phone) to approve the **Consent Agenda** to include the minutes of 3-2-2026, City Employee step increases as follows: Chase Amdahl: Step 5, \$31.96/hourly; Jaymes Zollner: Step 4, \$39.91/hourly; Tanner Harris: Step 6, \$38.49/hourly; Seasonal Hires as follows: Micah Otto: \$17.48/hourly; Matthew Gassman, \$16.97/hourly; Bruce Jensen, \$18.54/hourly and Laura Herrick, \$15.21/hourly; Aquatic Center Manager, Josie Hamilton: \$18.50/hourly; approval of Wade Quick as Part-Time EMT, \$12/hourly; and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 3/4/2026: general, 32,159.95; water, 3,592.77; electric, 7,959.08; sewer, 3,592.71. (27721) Henry Family Trust, tree maintenance agreement, 10,000.00. (27722) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 86.99; Amazon Capital Services, EMS supplies, 568.64; AT & T Mobility, FPD aircards/MIFI, 214.70; Banner Associates, Inc., professional fees, 812.50; Big Sioux Community Water System, water purchases, 20,091.64; Bluepeak, electric utility, 52.68; Booster Publishing, publishing/advertising, 700.00; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, EMS supplies, 1,754.37; Cardmember Services, supplies/travel/training, 7,788.71; Century Business Products, Kyocera copier lease, 498.81; Chesterman Company, water, 34.50; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank exchange, 29.91; CINTAS, rugs/linens/first aid refills, 785.34; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, 52.74; Coreline, jetting/camera work, 3,500.00; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs/computer upgrades, 1,364.95; Ditch Witch Undercon, repairs, 545.60; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., repairs, 220.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services, Toshiba copier lease, 177.92; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 2,194.50; Jacob Pulscher, personal expense reimbursed, 541.59; K & K Insurance Group, Inc., Cardinals Baseball accident insurance, 336.60; Locators & Supplies, Inc., supplies, 784.23; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., EMS supplies, 31.34; Maynards, supplies, 41.55; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 3,443.74; Missouri River Energy Services, monthly meter fees, 393.20; Moody County Enterprise, publishing/advertising, 802.78; Moody County Treasurer, airport conditional use permit, 200.00; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, 427.70; Ottetail Power Company, airport electricity, 281.51; Patriot Electric, Inc., repairs/capital outlay, 516.44; Pitney Bowes – Purchase Powers, postage machine refill, 355.25; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC, postage machine lease, 499.59; Ramsdell F&M LTD, 40 yd bucket, 738.36; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil/supplies, 1,017.74; Sanitation Products, Inc., repairs, 908.30; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 284.61; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal control fees, 255.05; Sioux Valley Energy, electricity, 186.00; Steve's Tire & Service Inc., EMS repairs, 475.36; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 61.96; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues/subscriptions, 124.00; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies, 3,558.85; Valley Fibercom, phones/internet, 920.89; Verizon Wireless, phones/iPad/jet pack, 139.49; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, repairs, 8.24; Wellmark BCBS of SD, health insurance, 1,038.90; WESCO Receivables Corp, supplies, 421.12 (27771). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: John Schiefelbein addressed the City Council regarding Hardin Park. He noted that the park is well utilized and expressed interest in additional improvements, including expanded playground equipment, additional park benches, and replacing the existing sand with rubber mulch to enhance accessibility and overall enjoyment for families.

Mayor Sutton did not have a report.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that he, along with several council members, toured The Warehouse project, an initiative led by the Flandreau Sports Association. He noted that significant progress is being made and expressed appreciation to the organizers for their time and efforts. Turnquist also reported that he will be meeting with IMEG Engineering and H & W Contracting to review the water and sewer project schedule, with work anticipated to resume later this month, weather permitting. Additionally, members of the Airport Board will be meeting with Helms & Associates and the FAA to discuss the capital improvement plan for Flandreau Airport, as well as plans related to the proposed airport expansion project.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen 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: None.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding the City Park Concession Stand bid. No formal bids were received prior to the March 12 deadline; however, a proposal was submitted by Tom Hansen and Kinsley Hansen on March 13, 2026. With no other bids received, the City Council voted to accept Hansen's proposal.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to approve the 2026 City Park Concession Stand Lease to Tom Hansen and Kinsley Hansen for \$351.50. 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 6:31 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator