

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 7th, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7th, 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 and Karen Tufty. Absent: Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; City Attorney Matthew Tysdal; Shane Waterman, IMEG Engineering; New Police Officer Jesse Mohr and Carrie Sanderson.

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 and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to move the Step Increase for Andy Wede off the consent agenda to new business, before executive session. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve the **Amended Consent Agenda** to include the minutes of March 16th, 2026; 2026 Cemetery Land Lease to Michael Johnson, \$1,450/year; Placement of Jesse Mohr on Step 5 Uncertified Police Officer Wage Scale, \$24.78/hourly; Seasonal Laborer Hire, Tate Hammer, \$16.97/hourly; and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 3/18/2026: general, 31,703.58; water, 3,776.26; electric, 7,624.16; sewer, 3,776.22. Payroll of 4/1/2026: general, 31,707.50; water, 4,212.81; electric, 7,844.95; sewer, 4,212.90. (27772) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 425.00; Alpha Training & Tactics LLC & Sales, uniforms, 1,394.28; Amaril uniform Company, uniforms, 234.26; Amazon Capital Services, EMS supplies, 1,999.25; AT & T Mobility, FPD & EMS utilities, 360.99; Betty Von Eye, Medicare reimbursed, 202.90; Big Sioux Community Water System, March 2026 water usage, 16,104.00; Booster Publishing, publishing/advertising, 395.00; Border States Electric Supply, uniforms, 152.34; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, EMS supplies, 2,416.33; Cardmember Services, supplies/uniforms/capital outlay, 1,476.35; Cenex Fleetcard, FPD & EMS gas/oil, 2,105.09; Chesterman Company, supplies, 34.50; Christy Hanson, personal expense reimbursed, 7.42; Colman Building Center, park supplies, 761.60; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 1,084.96; D & D Small Engine Repair & Sales, LLC, lawn mower, 18,610.14; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., repairs, 18,698.06; Defensive Edge Training & Consulting, training, 550.00; Delta Dental of South Dakota, dental insurance, 1,416.80; Dollar General – Regions 410526, supplies, 27.10; Donny Biles, personal expense reimbursed, 164.60; ELM Customs, repairs, 198.99; Eng Services, March 2026 hauling solid waste, 15,504.00; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., 2026 1st Qt compensation, 1,304.00; Hawkins, Inc., pool supplies, 20.00; Helms & Associates, airport project fees, 14,482.04; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, supplies, 778.19; Holist Sutton, BES rebate, 400.00; Intoximeters, Inc., supplies, 67.00; Krull's Garage, repairs, 2,173.75; Merchant J T & S, training, 550.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 1,135.20;

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, training, 4,698.75; Missouri River Energy Services, meter fees, 393.40; Moody County Enterprise, publishing/advertising, 238.25; NDSU Wellness Center, training, 80.00; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, 31.94; PCC Ambulance Billing Service, ambulance billing, 466.94; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage, 366.57; Principal Life Insurance Company, vision insurance, 157.98; Ramsdell F&M LTD, propane, 22.95; SD Retirement System, retirement, 15,966.78; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 557.91; Sioux Valley Energy, utilities, 184.00; South Dakota 811, message fees, 29.12; Sparkle Car Wash, Inc., FPD car washes, 23.63; Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, 526.51; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 361.84; T & R Electric Supply Co., Inc., oil sampling, 380.00; TE Underground, LLC, street repair/trenching, 15,075.75; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues/subscriptions, 120.00; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies/repairs/ambulance capital outlay, 3,841.45; US Bank, elect. Bond fees, 1,450.00; Verizon Wireless, utilities, 139.49; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies/repairs, 30.07; Wes Hall, AFLAC reimbursed, 91.78; WESCO Receivables Corp, supplies, 7,761.04 (27825). March 2026 EFT Payments: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 17,944.60; City of Flandreau, city bills, 7,313.53; EFTPS, payroll taxes, 13,689.37; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 152,811.34; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 489.53; SD State Treas, sales tax, 13,899.33; US Dept. of Agriculture, water/sewer bond, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: Carrie Sanderson, who is running for District 25 House of Representatives, introduced herself to the council. Police Sargeant Raleigh Burk introduced Jesse Mohr to the council. Mohr will be graduating in May from Southeast Technical Institute but will start training with Burk right away.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that the water and sewer project has resumed and requested residents' patience regarding temporary road conditions during construction. He also announced that the new daycare facility at the Boys and Girls Club will be opening soon, with an open house scheduled for April 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., during which the public is invited to tour the facility. Additionally, Mayor Sutton noted that he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Crescent Street Bridge project and commended FSST for securing the necessary funding to reconstruct the vehicular bridge.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that he and Alderman Bjerke attended a recent County Commissioners meeting, at which a conditional use permit was approved for the airport expansion project. He also noted that City Council members toured the renovations of the new ambulance hall. Turnquist stated that bi-weekly public meetings to provide updates on the water and sewer project will resume at noon on April 15 in the City Council Chambers. He further reported that the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, April 20 at 5:15 p.m. to consider a variance application and a plat approval. Additionally, Turnquist reported that reconstruction of Community Drive is currently underway, with completion anticipated by the end of the week. The project also includes replacement of the sidewalk.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Shane Waterman of IMEG Engineering reported that the construction season is officially underway. Crews from H&W Contracting are currently working at the intersections of Center and Broad Streets, where minor adjustments are being made at no additional cost to help prevent future issues. Waterman stated that every effort will be made to have streets within the active project area paved as soon as possible. Waterman also explained Change Order #4, which addresses including asphalt millings into the project.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve Change Order #4, addressing asphalt millings, at the cost of \$28,749.60 for the Utility Improvement Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to authorize payment #10 for the utility improvement project, which will be paid with the city's designated ARPA funds, sewer portion: \$37,829.02; water portion: \$30,066.92. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve Change Order #1 (\$34,209.50) prepared by Banner & Associates, for the city's seal coat project, which includes additional work to Astech's original contract. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the appointment of Marc Burggraff to the Airport Board. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve the appointment of Anna Duncan, Mike Skroch and Lowell Johnson to the Cemetery Committee. Mayor Sutton will serve as the council liaison for the committee. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to approve Resolution 2026-03: Discretionary Formula for New Commercial Residential Structures. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve Resolution 2026-04: Discretionary Formula for Redevelopment Neighborhood Housing. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2026-05: Discretionary Formula for Affordable Housing Structures. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve Resolution 2026-06: Amending the Aquatic Center Party Fee Schedule; Private Party, \$200 (2-hour rental); Party Pad Rental, \$100 (2-hour rental). The following members voted aye:

Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Bjerke to approve the operational hours at the Aquatic Center for the 2026 season as follows: Sundays; 1:00-5:00 p.m., Open Swim. 5:00-7:00 p.m. Private Parties (if no private party is scheduled, the pool will close at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays). Monday-Saturday; 1:00-7:00 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve Amendment #1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with Helm's and Associates for the Airport Runway Realignment project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 640 was held, which aligns the appointment of municipal officers with the newly adopted election date. Appointment of Officers will now take place at the first regular meeting in July each year. No council action was taken, and the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 640 will take place on April 20th, 2026.

Discussion was had on the Step Increase for Andy Wede. Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve Wede to Step 9 of the Public Works Operator Wage Scale, \$27.13/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Tufty. Nays: Fargen. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to go into Executive Session for Legal Matter at 7:43 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to come out of Executive Session for Legal Matter at 8:16 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator