

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

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 20th, 2026

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

Present: Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty and Tim Yeaton. Absent: Mayor Dan Sutton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; City Attorney Matthew Tysdal and IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Brad Bjerke, at 6:31 p.m.

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

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve the **Consent Agenda** to include the minutes of April 7th, 2026; merit increase for Deputy Finance Officer Crystal Hanson to \$27.70/hourly; approval of Aydin Chhet as part-time EMT; \$12.00/hourly; approval of the 2026 Aquatic Center hires as follows: Clerks, Step One: Harper Pearson, Racquel DeMarteleare; \$12.27/hourly; Clerk, Step 2: Elijah Pavlis; \$12.64/hourly; Clerk, Step 3: Holdyn Rentschler, \$13.03/hourly; Lifeguards, Step 1: Brooks Ballard, Brody Johnson, Grace Quick, Tenley Quick, Rory Thielsen, \$14.42/hourly; Lifeguards, Step 2: Maebe Groos, Juliauna Anderson, Chloe Bryan, Patricia Roy, Autumn Pittman, \$14.85/hourly; Lifeguard, Step 3 (WSI Certified): Hailey Lahr, \$15.65/hourly; Lifeguards, Step 4: Ella Hoffman, Ben Ballard, \$15.73, hourly; Lifeguard, Step 4 (WSI Certified) Aly Schepel, \$16.12/hourly; Assistant Manager, Step 1: Aly Schepel, \$16.39/hourly and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 4/15/2026: general, 40,750.39; water, 3,852.59; electric, 7,870.93; sewer, 3,852.57. (27830) H&W Contracting, LLC, APRA pay request #9, #10, 109,066.16. (27831) Scott and Kelly Ross, water/sewer meter correction refund, 1,447.49. (27832) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 86.99; Alex Air Apparatus, Inc., FFD annual compressor testing, 484.40; Amazon Capital Services, EMS supplies/repairs, 1,577.58; Banner Associates, Inc., professional fees, 812.50; Big Sioux Community Water System, airport/park water usage & Comm. Center deposit reimbursement, 380.00; Bluepeak, electric substation phone, 52.62; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, EMS supplies, 495.52; Century Business Products, office/EMS copier leases, 537.32; CINTAS, first aid box refills/rugs/linens, 822.41; City of Sioux Falls, water samples, 52.74; Core & Main LP, supplies, 755.85; Creative Tile and Flooring LLC, EMS bay remodel, 1,120.00; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs, 2,931.49; Dollar General – Regions 410526, supplies, 35.60; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., repairs/demo, 226.95; Eng Services, 221 E. 2nd Ave demo, 51,500.00; Galls LLC, FPD uniforms, 440.99; GreatAmerica Financial Services, FPD Copier, \$177.92; Hawkins, chlorine cylinders, 40.00; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 2,023.50; Jacob Pulscher,

personal expense reimbursed, 29.99; Lexipol LLC, EMS dues/subsription, 1,041.84; Liberty Blades, LLC, supplies, 784.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 431.12; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 1,901.55; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, 33.16; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, 206.32; Pictometry International Corp., contract/agreement, 4,000.00; Plunkett's Pest Control, rodent control program, 146.02; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil/supplies, 2,021.09; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 291.28; Steve's Tire & Service Inc., EMS repairs, 359.82; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 880.93; Trittech Software Systems, annual software fees, 23,925.79; Uline, supplies, 203.76; Valley Fibercom, phones/internet, 917.57; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies/repairs, 237.22; WESCO Receivables Corp, supplies, 2,280.36; WW Tire Service, Inc., repairs, 120.00 (27871). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed the council that a notice of quorum has been posted for the Clubhouse Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 24th at 11:00 a.m. Administration has selected the 4th full-time EMT, making that department fully staffed. Concrete work around Community Drive is expected to be completed and the road reopened to thru traffic by April 27th. City crews will be posting signage and striping the road, along with sprucing up the asphalt parking lot around the community center. The Aquatic Center will open for the season on June 1st. The City Campground will be open on Friday, April 24th. The Yard Waste site will be opening for the season on Wednesday, April 22nd, weather permitting. The Flandreau EMS will be having an open house at the new ambulance garage (old fire hall) on Friday, May 29th. The public is invited to tour the updated facility, and a pork loin meal will be served, with free-will donations being accepted.

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

Old Business: The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 640 was held, which would move the appointment of municipal officers to align with the newly adopted election date. Appointment of Officers will now take place at the first regular meeting in July each year.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve Ordinance No. 640. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Shane Waterman of IMEG Engineering provided an update on the utility improvement project. He reported that construction activities resumed during the first week of April. Crews are currently working at the intersection of Broad and Center Streets and are expected to proceed next to the intersection of Center and Elm Streets. The tentative schedule calls for asphalt paving to begin on May 18, with approximately 8 to 10 blocks within the project area to be completed at that time. Waterman noted that the project has not experienced any weather-related delays to date. The first public meeting was held on April 15 at 12:00 p.m. at the City Office. Additional project information is available on the City's website. The next public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at 12:00 p.m.

Waterman also provided an update on the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Outfall Manhole Inspection Report. The full report is available on the City's website. Waterman explained that, in the short term, IMEG recommends replacement of Manhole No. 1 due to the planned construction of the bike trail near Veterans Drive and Broad Avenue, as the existing structure may be vulnerable to potential impacts from construction activity. The inspection report stated that the City's remaining nine manholes will also require replacement; however, completing this work in phases may be a more financially responsible approach.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Yeaton to approve the SRF Pay Requests for the Utility Improvement Project, Sewer #11: \$7,760 and Water #24: \$15,720. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2026-07: Final Plat of Lot 1 in Block 1 of Koch Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2026-08: Declaring Surplus Property of two obsolete fire department vehicles, a 1996 GMC Pumper Truck and a 2005 Ford F-250 Brush Truck. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Turnquist shared the 2026 quarterly sales tax revenue report, which is up 1.9% compared to 2025's first quarter.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the Letter of Engagement with Ketel Thorstenson to prepare the 2025 Annual Report. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Council President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Brad Bjerke
Council President

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator