

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 4th, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, May 4th, 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; IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman, Public Works Superintendent Tanner Harris and Brian Hammer.

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

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the **Consent Agenda** to include the minutes of April 20, 2026, approval of Davin Carlson as full-time EMT, \$51,000/annually; Step Increase for Ralieggh Burk, Step 3, \$30.89/hourly, 2026-27 Malt Beverage Liquor License Renewals to the following businesses: Dollar General Store #10928; First American Mart, Bar-X Bar, Bar-X Bar II, Knuckleheads (Fatboys Bar), Maynards of Flandreau, C2W, LLC (Sioux River Spirits), Rivers Edge Cooperative, El Rinconsito, LLC, Julia's Latino Grocery Store, LLC, Family Dollar Store #33360; and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 4/29/26: general, 33,056.42; water, 4,294.74; electric, 8,019.97; sewer, 4,294.83; solid waste, 56.19. (27872) Alec Waters, utility deposit refund, 100.00. (27873) Shandon Reitzell, utility deposit refund, 50.07. (27874) IMEG, SRF sewer #11 / water #24, 23,480.00. (27875) A-1 Portable Toilets, portable toilet rentals, 765.00; Amaril Uniform Company, work clothing, 108.00; Amazon Capital Services, EMS supplies / capital outlay, 1,015.69; AT & T Mobility, FPD aircards/MiFi, 214.70; Automatic Building Controls, FFD annual cellular monitoring contract, 540.00; Avera Flandreau Hospital, EMS supplies, 6.14; Betty Von Eye, Medicare reimbursed, 202.90; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 1,407.60; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, EMS supplies, 855.78; Boys & Girls Club of Moody County, BES commercial rebate, 1,513.30; Cenex Fleetcard, FPD/EMS gas/oil, 2,333.03; Colman Building Center, supplies, 110.25; D & D Small Engine Repair & Sales, LLC, repairs, 4,140.48; Dakota Playground, wood chips, 5,385.00; Dave's Appliance Repair LLC, repairs, 175.50; Delta Dental of South Dakota, dental insurance, 1,358.60; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 870.40; Donny Biles, safety glasses reimbursed, 227.00; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., EMS remodel work, 7,778.13; Eng Services, Apr. 2026 hauling solid waste, 16,311.12; Leah Dailey, Comm. Ctr deposit reimbursed, 250.00; Lodge at Deadwood, FPD hotel for conference, 345.00; Metron-Farnier, LLC, water meters service plan, 1,450.00; MidAmerican Energy, armory gas bill, 362.41; PCC Ambulance Billing Service, Mar. 2026 EMS billing, 758.39; Pitney Bowes - Purchase Powers, postage refill, 357.87; Principal Life Insurance Company, vision insurance, 151.20; Public Health Laboratory, water tests, 187.00; Quality Oil, repairs/supplies, 273.40; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation, '26-'27 malt beverage license fees, 1,650.00; SD Retirement System, retirement contributions, 24,792.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement contributions, 252.92; Sioux Valley Environmental, Inc., pool repairs, 6,090.28;

Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, 503.41; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 31.96; Tanner Harris, personal expense reimbursed, 21.22; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies/capital outlay/urban redevelopment, 1,323.68; ULINE, park benches / supplies, 6,160.54; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, repairs, 8.16; WESCO Receivables Corp, supplies, 427.08 (27914). April 2026 EFT payments: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 16,363.72; City of Flandreau, utilities, 7,320.93; EFTPS, payroll taxes, 44,847.75; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 138,602.94; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 489.53; SD State Treasurer, sales tax, 11,611.69; US Dept. of Agriculture, water/sewer, 21,487.00 The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held on a temporary alcoholic beverage license for on-sale liquor for the Flandreau Volunteer Fire Department for a chislic feed to be held at the new fire hall on May 30th, 2026. No public input was held. Mayor Sutton closed the public hearing.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the temporary alcoholic beverage license for on-sale liquor to the Fire Department for event on 5-30-26 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton attended the Boys and Girls Club's Open House for the Early Childhood Learning Center and expressed thanks to all partners involved and the city council for their support of the project.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist provided an update to the Council regarding several upcoming community events, including the Firemen's Chislic Feed scheduled for May 30; an Ambulance Open House at the Old Fire Hall on May 29 at 6:00 p.m.; and the closure of the City Office in observance of Memorial Day on May 25. Turnquist also reported that he attended Flandreau High School's Academic Awards Night, where he presented the Missouri River Energy Power Lineman Scholarship to senior Kody Kneebone. In addition, repairs to the lettering on the tornado shelter have been completed. Turnquist further noted that he, along with Mayor Sutton and electric department staff, will attend the Missouri River Energy annual meeting on May 6-7 in Sioux Falls.

Alderman Ahlers inquired about the City's plans for mosquito control. Public Works Superintendent Harris responded that City crews will begin spraying once mosquito activity is observed. Alderman Bjerke commended the City's mosquito control efforts during the previous year.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty 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: Flandreau resident Brian Hammer presented information to the Council regarding plans for an upcoming car show. Hammer requested approval for a partial closure of Main Street on July 18 to accommodate the event, which is anticipated to take place in the late afternoon and early evening. Additional details will be provided as the event date approaches.

Shane Waterman of IMEG Engineering provided an update on the utility improvement project. Crews have been working on Center and Wind Streets and have completed installation of the water main in that area. Paving is anticipated to begin soon. Waterman reported that the project remains on schedule for completion by October 2026. Additional project updates are available on the City's

website, and the next public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 12:00 p.m. at the City Office.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the Pay Request #11 from H&W Contracting for the utility improvement project, Sewer Portion: \$198,028.39 and Water Portion: \$249,614.63. The city will be using allotted ARPA funds of \$171,590.58 to pay towards the sewer portion and \$179,352.99 to pay towards the water portion. The total pay request for DANR will result in Pay #10, Sewer: \$26,437.81 and Water: \$70,261.65. After this pay request, the city's ARPA funds will be spent completely. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Sewer Lining Project: City staff has identified issues with a section of sewer main and has requested a quote from Coreline, LLC for descaling, jetting, cleaning and lining of approximately 400 linear feet of 6-inch sewer main. Completing this work proactively will mitigate the risk of system failure, reduce the likelihood of emergency repairs, and ensure continued reliable sewer service to affected residents.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve the sewer lining project at the estimated cost of \$64,000, to be paid with funds from the sewer department. 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 approve the 2025 Annual Report prepared by Ketel Thorstenson, LLC. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the mutual aid agreement between Flandreau EMS and Pipestone County Ambulance. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the 2027 Dispatch Agreement with Moody County. The dispatch agreement fee is based on a formula, which has been revised by Moody County, with projected 2027 costs to be \$71,568.93 for the City, \$20,753.46 for FSST, and \$88,158.62 for the County. This is an increase of around \$4,000 for the city's share. No council action was taken. The City Council is expected to act on this matter at the next council meeting.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve the yard waste site agreement with the City of Egan, which includes a \$1,000 fee payable to the City of Flandreau, paid by the City of Egan, which allows Egan residents to access the Yard Waste Site during normal operation hours and throughout the regular season. 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 7:23 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator