

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

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 18th, 2026

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, May 18th, 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; IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman; Ambulance Director Wes Hall and Police Sargeant Raleigh Burk.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers 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 May 4th, 2026; approval of Harper Mousel and Diamond Roy, Lifeguard, Step 2: \$14.85/hourly; Adrianna Hanford, Lifeguard, Step 1: \$14.42/hourly and to allow for the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 5/13/26: general, 32,633.59; water, 3,753.51; electric, 7,841.41; sewer, 3,753.40; solid waste, 338.24. (27915) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 86.99; Aquatic Center – Petty Cash, Summer 2026 Opening Cash, 200.00; AT & T Mobility, EMS Aircards/MiFi, 174.89; Aura Godoy, Comm. Ctr Deposit Reimbursed, 250.00; Automatic Building Controls, 2026 FFD fire alarm inspections, 369.58; Banner Associates, Inc. professional fees, 325.00; Big Sioux Community Water System, April 2026 water purchases, 17,493.19; Bluepeak, substation phone service, 52.62; Booster Publishing, publishing/advertising, 450.00; Border State Electric Supply, supplies, 35.00; Bound Tree Medical, LLC., EMS supplies/uniforms, 1,762.52; Cardmember Services, supplies/travel/contract/agreement, 5,751.64; Century Business Products, City Office & EMS copier leases, 542.73; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank exchange, 27.91; Cintas, first aid/rugs/linens, 799.73; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, 52.74; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 370.31; Curt's Collision Center, supplies/repairs, 164.50; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs/computer upgrades, 1,328.97; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc. supplies/repairs, 243.20; GreatAmerica Financial Services, FPD copier lease, 177.92; Greg's Welding, Inc., supplies, 540.06; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 3,163.50; Helms & Associates, airport runway design, 10,459.54; Hillyard, Inc., supplies, 803.68; Interstate Power Systems, Inc., generator repairs, 669.05; Jacob Pulscher, personal expense reimbursed, 40.97; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 338.20; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 1,300.56; Missouri River Energy Services, AMI meters & monthly fees, 393.60; Moody Conservation District, grass seed & flower mix, 795.00; Moody County Auditor, 2026 1st & 2nd Quarter payment for dispatch, 31,656.66; Moody County Enterprise, publishing/advertising, 1,603.83; Nippon Sanso Matheson, Inc., EMS supplies, 306.37; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, 182.20; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, 176.11; Outkast Construction LLC, repairs, 2,200.00; Outlaw Graphics, tornado shelter repairs, 305.00; Plunkett's Pest Control, general pest control program, 227.00; Rebekah Hoffman; Comm. Ctr deposit reimbursed, 250.00; River's Edge Cooperative,

gas/oil, 3,458.66; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Elect. Dept. '26 Silverado insurance, 587.61; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 254.92; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, April 2026 animal control fees, 269.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electricity, 189.00; Sparkle Car Wash, Inc., FPD car washes, 17.78; Steve's Tire & Service, Inc., EMS repairs, 179.34; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 68.00; Tamra Rice, BES rebate, 96.00; Taunya Kruse, Comm. Ctr deposit reimbursed, 250.00; Transunion Risk and Alternative, FPD investigative data access, 120.00; ULINE, desk/Comm. Ctr tables & chairs, 6,751.41; USA Bluebook, supplies, 1,330.45; Valley Fibercom, phones/internet, 912.92; Verizon Wireless, iPad/phones/jet pack, 139.45; WESCO Receivables Corp., supplies, 263.47 (27970). (27971) H & W Contracting, LLC, ARPA Pay 11, 447,643.02. 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 property assessments, including nuisance abatements for Rudy's Welding and the property owned by Travis Kuhnel. The assessed amount for Rudy's Welding is \$51,500, and the assessment for the Kuhnel property is \$15,858.94. No public comments were received. Mayor Sutton then closed the public hearing.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that he, along with Administrator Turnquist, attended the MRES Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls where Flandreau was a featured city. Sutton noted that this is National EMS Week and thanked all EMS staff for their time and dedication. June 19th will be the annual Flandreau Friday's event in downtown. Sutton and Turnquist met with the Housing Authority Committee to discuss Broad Avenue Development. Land, now known as the Koch Addition, was deeded over to Dakota Layers for the two nine-unit apartment complex, with work expected to begin soon. Occupancy in one of the units is anticipated to be available in the fall.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed the council that a bid has been received for the bike path project for \$393,455. Work will begin in the summer of 2026. Turnquist will be out of the office for the rest of this week attending a conference. The EMS Open House will be held at the old fire hall on May 29th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The fire department will be having their annual chislic feed on May 30th, and the Casey Wilson Memorial Rodeo will be held on June 5-6, with a street dance to be held downtown on June 6th. Turnquist stated that the Housing Authority has committed \$30,000 to the establishment of a road in the Broad Ave Development. Additional costs for the road will be presented to council at a future meeting.

Motion by Yeaton 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 proposed 2027 Dispatch Agreement with Moody County was discussed. City staff recently met with representatives from the City of Watertown, who provided information regarding the potential transition to a regionalized dispatch service model. The City has also been in communication with Moody County officials concerning this option. Further discussion is anticipated at the County Commission meeting scheduled for May 19. No decisions have been made at this time. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available during ongoing discussions.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to table the 2027 Dispatch Agreement with Moody County. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke,

Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty (via phone) to approve Resolution No. 2026-09: Assess Costs for Nuisance Abatement Properties. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

IMEG Engineering representative Shane Waterman provided an update on the utility improvement project, noting that work is progressing on schedule. Discussion included the removal of trees, which will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Waterman also requested patience from residents within the project area, as access—particularly along Broad Avenue—may be temporarily limited while crews begin road milling operations. Additional project information is available on the City’s website. The next public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at noon at the City office.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty (via phone) to approve the special alcoholic beverage license to The Merc for the Casey Wilson Memorial Rodeo Street Dance from 7:00 PM on June 6th to 1:00 AM on June 7th. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Local National Guard Unit has requested to reserve the Aquatic Center for a staff appreciation event on July 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Council recently amended the pool party policy to allow private events only on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Despite this provision, Turnquist recommended approval of this special request as a gesture of appreciation for the Guard members’ service to the community.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to approve the request of the National Guard Unit to use the Aquatic Center and Picnic Shelter Area for their appreciation event on July 12th, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: Fargen. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a potential golf cart ordinance. Administrator Turnquist presented a draft framework outlining the conditional allowance of golf carts on city streets. Proposed provisions include requiring operators to possess a valid driver’s license, maintain appropriate insurance coverage, and obtain a permit issued by the City. Council members directed Administrator Turnquist to prepare a formal ordinance for consideration at a future meeting, to proceed through the standard first and second reading process.

Council Comments: Alderman Yeaton recognized the local Police Department for their positive and engaging interactions with children in the community.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator