

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 1st, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, June 1st, 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 and Marc Burggraff.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Fargen 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 Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the **Consent Agenda** to include the minutes of May 18th, 2026, along with part-time EMS Life Insurance Coverage through Aflac for the following employees: Aydin Chhet, Randy Clements, Abby Entringer, Brian Ewoldt, Lindsay Heiter, Kolyn Kirkham, Avery Lewison, Erin McSherry, William O'Connell, Wade Quick, Marvin Schoenwetter, Sydney Settles, Karlie Ten Eyck; approval of Tyton Peters to the Flandreau Volunteer Fire Department; step increase for Jacob Pulscher to Step 3, \$27.67/hourly and to allow for the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll of 5/27/26: general, 34,970.63; water, 4,178.68; electric, 7,924.38; sewer, 4,178.71; solid waste, 337.11. (27972) SD LIEAP, energy assistance refund, 46.98. (27973) Victoria Olson, utility deposit reimbursed, 150.00. (27974) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 1,105.00; Amazon Capital Services, EMS supplies/capital outlay, 1,917.80; AT & T Mobility, FPD aircards/MiFi, 214.70; Avera Occupational Medicine, labs, 75.40; Betty Von Eye, Medicare reimbursed, 202.90; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, EMS supplies, 196.49; Cenex Fleetcard, FPD/EMS gas/oil, 2,461.06; Chesterman Company, supplies, 34.50; Cohl Turnquist, mileage reimbursed, 608.82; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., repairs, 2,704.86; Dan Sutton, mileage reimbursed, 62.78; Delta Dental of South Dakota, dental insurance, 1,358.60; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 121.50; Dollar General – Regions 410526, supplies, 10.40; Eng Services, contract/agreement, 16,621.81; Ewert Recreation Center, lifeguard training, 1,620.00; Flandreau Flower Shoppe, supplies, 93.46; Hawkins, Inc., supplies, 3,220.80; Helms & Associates, airport land acquisition, 1,850.00; IMEG, professional fees, 2,522.95; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 71.61; Missouri River Energy Services, 2026 annual meeting, 375.00; Moody County Auditor, EMS funds collected, 45.00; Paul Lewis, Comm. Ctr deposit reimbursed, 250.00; PCC Ambulance Billing Service, ambulance billing, 4,201.31; Pitney Bowes – Purchase Powers, postage, 1,057.87; Principal Life Insurance Company, vision insurance, 151.20; Public Health Laboratory, water tests, 748.00; Ramsdell F&M LTD, contract services/supplies/repairs, 5,327.55; Renae Lahr, Comm. Ctr deposit reimbursed, 250.00; SD Retirement System, retirement contributions, 15,740.50; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 244.24; Sioux Valley Environmental, Inc., pool repairs, 969.00; Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, 518.81; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 317.93; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies/repairs, 472.72; WESCO Receivables Corp., supplies, 713.80 (28010). (28011) Danielle Deuchar, utility refund, 88.69. (28012) Pervez Hai, utility refund, 60.41. May 2026

EFT payments: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 17,154.16; City of Flandreau, city bills, 6,819.49; EFTPS, payroll taxes, 28,089.96; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 124,792.40; Postmaster, UB postage, 488.12; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, sales tax, 12,070.41; 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: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton encouraged residents to participate in the upcoming election by exercising their right to vote on Tuesday, June 2. He announced that the Flandreau Fridays event will be held on June 19. Mayor Sutton also reported that he and other community volunteers will be planting flowers throughout the city park. Additionally, he noted that several benches within the park are scheduled to be replaced as part of ongoing park improvement efforts.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist expressed appreciation to the Flandreau EMS and Flandreau Fire Department for hosting two successful community events over the past weekend. He reported that the 2026 Chip Seal Project has been completed. Turnquist also stated that he, along with Public Works Superintendent Harris and Alderman Fargen, will be visiting a slurry seal project in the Brookings area to evaluate the process and determine whether it may be a viable option for future street maintenance projects in Flandreau. City staff will be meeting with a representative from Safety Benefits to conduct a Loss Control Survey and review the City's safety procedures. Turnquist further reported that the Aquatic Center officially opened for the season on June 1. Additionally, a quote has been received for the installation of a new sprinkler system and seeding at the new fire hall. He reminded residents that yard waste disposal fees are now in effect and will remain in place through the fall season.

Alderman Fargen inquired about the pumps at the pool, which are all currently in working order. Alderman Ahlers asked about the timeline for the sidewalk at the community center, which will hopefully be completed in time for the Moody County Fair.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers 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: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to take the 2027 Dispatch Agreement with Moody County off the table for discussion. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Administrator Turnquist, along with Mayor Sutton and Alderman Fargen, met with Moody County staff to discuss the feasibility of using the City of Watertown for a new dispatching agency. Turnquist reported that nothing has been decided, and all parties are currently gathering information to see if this would be a viable option. Another meeting with city staff and a representative from Watertown will be held on Wednesday, June 3. Turnquist recommends no council action at this time as more questions need to be addressed.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to table the 2027 Dispatch Agreement with Moody County. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

New Business: Due to a scheduling conflict, IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman was unable to attend the meeting. Project updates can be found on the city's website, along with recent meeting videos. The next public meeting for project updates will be on June 10 at 12:00 PM at the city office.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve Utility Improvement Project Pay Request 12 to H&W Contracting, Sewer: \$341,617.96, which will be paid using ARPA Grant funds, and Water: \$265,673.16, which will be paid using remaining ARPA Grant funds of \$186,224.46 and SRF Loan funds of \$79,448.70. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve SRF Pay Requests for payment to IMEG Engineering; Sewer #12: \$31,040 and Water #25: \$35,370. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Marc Burggraff, representing the newly formed Moody County Recreation Association Board, provided an update on The Warehouse Project, which is anticipated to open on June 15. A tentative open house has been scheduled for June 12 to showcase the facility to the public. Burggraff requested a \$15,000 contribution from the City to assist with the purchase of exercise equipment for the community fitness center. These funds were previously allocated to the Boys & Girls Club for fitness equipment associated with its new facility; however, the funds were ultimately not needed and were returned to the City. In addition to the requested contribution, the City has provided approximately \$40,000 in in-kind services and support toward the completion of The Warehouse Project.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the \$15,000 subsidy request to The Moody County Recreation Association Board for the purchase of exercise equipment. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 641 was held, which would permit the use of golf carts on city streets.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to amend the language of Ordinance No. 641 in section 73.51 Regulations, (5) to say; operation of golf carts shall only take place during daylight hours. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried. Administrator Turnquist will make the appropriate changes to the Ordinance before the second reading, which takes place on June 15.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve the Road Haul Agreement with Moody County. 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 7:20 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator