

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on 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, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: Mike Fargen. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Electric Superintendent Ryan Sherman.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Mayor Sutton asked for a change in the proposed agenda, moving the Executive Session on a Legal Matter before the Executive Session on a Personnel Matter.

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

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 12/27/2023: general, 21,738.70; water 2,005.97; electric 6,094.94; sewer, 2,005.97; (25100) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 187.50; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance, 174.70; Blue Peak, phones/cable/internet, 872.69; Boys & Girls Club of Moody County, 2024 subsidy, 10,000.00; Cannon Technologies, hardware annual/software fees, 9,551.00; Catalis, LLC, annual hosting fee, 2,006.80; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,343.20; Cintas, rentals, 448.34; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, supplies, 7.46; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 485.01; Cole's Petroleum, aviation gas, 6,609.60; Community Counseling Services, 2024 subsidy, 7,600.00; Crystal Theatre Cultural Assoc., 2024 Subsidy, 8,000.00; DANR-Fiscal Office, drinking water dues, 2,500.00; Eng Services, contract, 15,674.39; Flandreau City Band, 2024 subsidy, 4,500.00; Flandreau Fridays, 2024 subsidy, 6,000.00; Flandreau Parade Committee, 2024 subsidy, 3,000.00; Flandreau Park Golf Course, 2024 subsidy, 30,000.00; FSST, utility taxes collected, 523.48; Galls, police uniforms, 326.78; Graybar Electric, supplies, 786.55; Hawkins, supplies, 60.00; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 610.00; IMEG, sewer improvement project, 29,510.00; Industrial Chem Labs, degreaser, 495.55. Interlakes Comm Action Program, 2024 subsidy, 900.00; Iworq Systems, contract, 2,250.00; Karl Chevrolet, police vehicle, 41,407.00; Kelly Jo Scofield, comm ctr deposit, 250.00; Metron-Farnier, meters, 10,038.87; Michel Stump Grinding, stump grinding, 1,426.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 24.58; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training/member dues, 1,590.00; Moody County Historical Society, 2024 subsidy, 9,000.00; Moody County Resource Center, 2024 subsidy, 10,750.00; Patriot Electric, supplies, 17.00; Pitney Bowers Global Financial Services, qtly charges, 504.63; Principal Life Insurance Co., 1,007.36; Ramsdell F&M LTD, com center floor/propane, 688.65; Riverside Park Days, 2024 subsidy, 4,000.00; Rural Office

of Community Services, 2024 subsidy, 8,000.00; SD Assoc. of Rural Water Systems, annual dues, 765.00; SD City Management Assoc., 2024 membership dues, 150.00; SD Dept. of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 92.00; SD Government Officers' Association, 2024 membership dues, 40.00; SD Municipal Electric Association, 2024 membership dues, 2,147.00; SD Municipal League, 2024 Municipal membership dues, 2,259.45; SD Police Chiefs' Association, 2024 membership dues, 200.00; SD Retirement Systems, retirement, 11,425.48; SDML Workers' Compensation Fund, workers compensation fund, 22,490.00; SEAFOG, 2024 dues, 100.00; Standard Insurance Com., life insurance, 468.64; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repair/supplies, 94.32; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 14,118.68; (25155). Deposit Refunds, SM Installation, LLC, 78.15; SM Installation, 76.90; Rhiannah Wasson, 67.00; Rosemary Schipper, 91.47; (25156-25159). December EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 15,831.57; City of Flandreau, city bills, 6,146.62; EFTPS, taxes, 19,821.17; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 124,745.09; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 9,767.33; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed Council that he, Administrator Turnquist and Finance Officer Kneebone had toured the new fire station, which is progressing nicely. Mayor Sutton wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Council and City Staff for their hard work and dedication to the City of Flandreau.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist stated that he and City Attorney Corey Bruning had spoken with Helms & Associates on the Airport Expansion Project. The land appraisals have been completed and the City will be moving forward on land negotiations for the purchase of additional land needed for the expansion project. The Boys and Girls Club Community Childcare Grant is the topic of an upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Turnquist stated he is also impressed with the progress at the fire station. The Housing Corporation has authorized a topography survey of the Broad Ave lot for possible development. They will be looking at drainage issues and property lines. A Cooperative Agreement with Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe has been put together which encompasses fire protection, along with utility services rendered by the City. The draft has been sent to FSST for review.

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

Old Business: The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 617, Restaurant Liquor Licensing Provisions and Issuance Procedures was held. Council will determine the fee for the license and a Resolution will be passed at upcoming meeting.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve Ordinance No. 617, Restaurant Liquor Licensing Provisions and Issuance Procedures. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the amendment to DGR Engineering GIS Mapping Agreement with the direct cost of \$17,500 for online setup, conversion, training, and annual licensing fee. The

following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the Street Light Pole Upgrade, which would replace wood utility poles with aluminum finish poles in a phase-in approach, replacing 10-15 poles per year. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2024-01, which establishes salaries for city employees for 2024 and includes a 3.5% cost-of-living increase that was previously approved in the 2024 Appropriation Ordinance in September of 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 618, Electric Rate Increase was held. After completing a rate study with Missouri River Energy Services, it is recommended that the City implement a 5% annual increase over a three-year period that would apply to all three categories of electric rates, including residential, small-commercial, and large-commercial customers. The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 618 will be held at the next regular Council meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. City residents are encouraged to take advantage of energy rebates and pick up a free LED lightbulb at the City Office.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve Pay Request No. Seven (7) from WS Construction for the new fire station for \$520,271.67. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to go into Executive Session on a Legal Matter at 7:15 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to come out of executive session on a Legal Matter at 7:51 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to go into an executive session on a Personnel Matter at 7:52 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to come out of executive session on a Personnel Matter at 8:12 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator