

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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 and Police Officer Tyler Wallert.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Ekern 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 Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 12/25/24: general, \$30,263.44; water, \$2,265.50; electric, \$5,153.20; sewer, \$2,265.52; (26419) Betty Von Eye, medical Insurance, 185.00; Booster Publishing, minutes/police Christmas ad, 505.00; Boys & Girls Club of Moody County, 2025 subsidy, 10,000.00; Cardmember Services, supplies/uniforms/equipment, 420.96; Catalis, LLC, dues, 787.50; Community Counseling Services, 2025 subsidy, 7,600.00; Crystal Theatre, 2025 subsidy, 8,000.00; DANR, dues, 2,500.00; Flandreau City Band, 2025 subsidy, 4,500.00; Flandreau Fridays, 2025 subsidy, 6,000.00; Flandreau Housing Authority, 2025 subsidy, 15,000.00; Flandreau Parade Committee, 2025 subsidy, 3,000.00; Flandreau Park Golf Club, 2025 subsidy, 10,000.00; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., training, 840.00; Interlakes Comm Action Program, 2025 subsidy, 900.00; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training, 540.00; Moody County Auditor, 2025 subsidy-library, 10,750.00; Moody County Historical Society, 2025 subsidy-museum, 10,000.00; Paul Cline, stone wall repair-park, 1,000.00; Rural Office of Community Services, 2025 subsidy, 8,500.00; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems, dues, 765.00; SD City Management Assoc., dues, 150.00; SD Firefighters Assoc, dues, 725.00; SD Government Finance Officers' Assoc., dues, 40.00; SD Municipal League, dues, 2,313.00; SD Police Chiefs' Assoc., dues/supplies, 880.00; SDML Workers' Compensation Fund, work comp, 24,790.00; SEAFOG, dues, 100.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supplies, 7.49; SYN-Tech Systems, repairs, 42.00; Titan Machinery-Pipestone, repairs, 107.00; (26450). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed council that he and Administrator Turnquist listened to a presentation about pending legislative litigation that would allow for cities to enact a sales tax (pending a community vote) to fund various community projects. There are several scheduled meetings in January, including the Housing

Authority Committee, Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee, and possibly the Ambulance Task Force.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed council that the Housing Authority Committee will meet on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the recent housing survey and Broad Street development project. The Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee will meet on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the cleanup progress at the dam and future plans for the area. Turnquist stated that city crews will begin renovations to the women's locker room area in the armory. The city council's next regular meeting in January will be Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30, due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, which the city office will be closed. Turnquist is waiting to meet with the FAA and Helms & Associates to discuss the airport land acquisition for the airport expansion project.

Motion by Bjerke 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: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2025-01: Establishing Salaries for 2025, which includes a 3% COLA wage increase for employees. Two new hires are included in the salary resolution; Public Works Operator, Donald Biles and Police Officer, Zachary Deal. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Administrator Turnquist shared information with the council about the 2024 fourth quarter sales tax revenue and stated numbers exceeded what was estimated for 2024. The City had a 2% increase in sales tax revenue in 2024 compared to 2023. Turnquist is pleased with the numbers and encourages residents to continue to shop local.

Council Comments: Additional discussion was had on projects at the Community Center. Five new exterior doors will be replaced at the William Janklow Community Center and discussion was had on the difficulty of the locks on the doors of the facility. Turnquist will look into a solution for the locks. Alderman Bjerke also stated the parking situation at the community center should be addressed, and a possible sidewalk or better access to the overflow parking area should be considered.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator