

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 16th, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on January 16th, 2024 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 and Deputy Finance Officer Crystal Hanson.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to adopt the proposed agenda. 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 approve the minutes of January 2nd, 2024. 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 allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 1/10/2024: general 24,862.20; water 2,071.48; electric 6,382.35; sewer, 2,071.48; (25162) Access Systems Leasing, contract, 449.31; Alpha Training & Tactics LLC & Sales, uniforms, 1,130.66; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchases/usage, 14,612.42; Booster Publishing, advertising, 320.00; Border States Electric Supply, meters, 1,563.55; Cardmember Services, supplies/contract/utilizes/uniforms 3,568.87; Central Square Technologies, dues, 270.66; Christiansen Complete Water, supplies, 29.91; City of Sioux Falls, test samples, 29.00; Cybercoach, repairs, 222.49; Dakota Supply Group, meters, 465.99; Elan City, radar speed sign, 9,350.00; Elm Customs, repairs, 2437.46; First Savings Bank, fire station loan interest, 910.19; Flandreau Veterinary Clinic, professional fees, 40.00; Galls, uniforms, 326.78; Graham Tire SF North, tires/repair, 282.00; Hansen-Thomas, street repair, 1,020.41; Hydro Klean, lift station cleaning, 2,520.00; Jerry's Electric, transformers, 19,215.00; JLG Architects, prof fees, fire station construction, 2,710.29; M & T Fire and Safety, supplies, 2,577.00; Metron-Farnier, meters, 200.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, billing, 250.00; Plunkett's Pest Control, professional fees, 137.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,540.55; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sharon Wilts Dailey, decorations, 2,435.27; Sioux Valley Energy, water bill, 134.00; Southeast Firefighters Association, dues, 50.00; Sturdevant's Auto, supplies, 724.15; Transunion Risk and Alternative, contract, 120.00; Tyler Lumber Comp., supplies, 389.83; Verizon Wireless, phones/jet pack, 12.85; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 302.40; (25203). 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 reported that Alderman Tufty and Administrator Turnquist attended a meeting with Boys and Girls Club representatives regarding the child care grant. Sutton also expressed his condolences to the Rusk family, as long-time city employee Genette Rusk recently passed away.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the Housing Corporation is working with Banner and Associates on a topography survey for possible development on Broad Street. Turnquist has been attending meetings with Boys and Girls Club regarding the child care grant and plans to have a representative from Boys and Girls Club attend an upcoming Council Meeting to explain the child care grant in more detail. Administrator Turnquist stated the Northern Plains Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The South Dakota Department of Transportation Commission will meet on January 25, 2024 to consider the City's application for the recreational trail that was submitted in October. The Commission will determine whether the project will be fully funded, funded at a lower level, or not selected for funding. A cooperative agreement with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is being reviewed by the Tribe. Another change order will be coming for the fire station to accommodate for the commercial washer and dryer that will be installed in the new fire station.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers 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. 618 was held.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve Ordinance No. 618, an Ordinance establishing Electric Utility Rates for customers. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve Pay Request No. Seven (7) for Series 2023 Water Improvement Project for \$32,510 for Professional Fees. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve a Step Increase for City Administrator Cohl Turnquist placing him at Step 3 of the City Administrator Wage Scale at a salary of \$91,059.30/annually. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2024 Municipal Election, which will be held on Tuesday, April 9th. Vacant positions will be Mayor for a term of four years, one Alderman from the First Ward for a term of four years, one Alderman from the Second Ward for a term of four years, one Alderman from the Third Ward for a term of two years, one Alderman from the Third Ward for a term of four years. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 26th, 2024 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Finance Officer no later than the 23rd day of February 2024.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve Resolution 2024-02, which establishes a Restaurant Liquor License Fee at \$2,500 and a renewal fee at \$1,200. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve Resolution 2024-03, which allows for an Amendment to the 2024 Budget to purchase elevator property. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to approve the proposal with Schoenfish & Co, Inc. to prepare the 2023 Annual Report for the City of Flandreau

at a fee not to exceed \$5,000. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Fargen. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Code Enforcement Specialist. 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 7:03 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator