

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 1st, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the William J. Janklow Community Center, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, and Jason Unger. Absent: Karen Tufty. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; and Kyle Haug, Parlyly Property Trust.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Pesall and seconded by Ekern to adopt the proposed agenda. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the minutes of January 18th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 1/27/2021: general, 15,814.42; water, 3,453.31; electric, 5,981.87; sewer, 2,905.15; airport, 159.99; solid waste, 472.31; (21999) Adam LaBrune, trees/stump grinding, 625.00; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 341.38; Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 148.68; AT&T Mobility, phones, 215.80; Barr Engineering Co., contract, 2,375.50; Booster Publishing, minutes/block grant, 430.00; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,121.64; Cintas, rentals, 312.05; Elite Business Systems, contract, 337.21; Foremax, supplies, 95.00; Gillespie Outdoor Power Equipment, repairs, 57.58; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 10,490.13; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training, 3,375.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 166.74; Patriot Electric, supplies, 58.41; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, supplies, 195.48; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental insurance, 1,120.81; SD Dept. of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 90.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 10,512.51; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 265.09; Vadim Municipal Software, contract, 7.04; Vast Broadband, phone/cable/internet, 978.93; Vision Service Plan, vision insurance, 175.15; (22022). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard: Macy Williams, representing Happy Youngsters 4-H Club, shared with Council an update of their fundraising efforts for the purchase and installation of a handicap accessible door at the William J. Janklow Community Center. The Club has received \$1,500 from Sioux Valley Energy and a donation from Skroch Funeral Chapel of \$100. They have approximately half of the funds needed for the project with additional fundraisers in the coming weeks. After those fundraisers are complete and an updated estimate for the project is received, they will be requesting funds from the City for the remaining funds needed. City Administrator Pederson shared

that Missouri River Energy Services has a Community Event Sponsorship Program that will match 50% of what the City contributes toward the project.

Mayor Sutton informed Council that the first meeting of the Fire Station Design Committee and JLG Architects went well; meetings will take place every other Tuesday as the design process continues. The monthly meeting with the City, FDC and FSST took place today; a main topic of conversation was opportunities available and ideas to “brand” our community. A representative from the SD Department of Tourism was present to share ideas. FSST continues to work in Pierre regarding recreational marijuana and the associated planning. FDC is working on promoting and selling Southview Heights lots and has recently purchased additional property to sell or lease in the near future. A survey of the lots purchased for the new Fire Station will take place this week in order to work toward dividing the shared lot.

City Administrator Pederson shared that the dam project presentation will take place at the first meeting in March for the 30% design study. He suggested meeting in Council Chambers at the City Office and stream the presentation via Granicus. He has been looking for additional funding sources for the dam project. He and Randy Wilts met with Banner and Associates to make plans to open the area on the west side of the Cemetery by the tree line in order to make lots available for sale. A new road and water line will be installed by the Street and Parks Department.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Unger to approve the Administrative Reports. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Old Business: Kyle Haug, Parly Property Trust, shared his proposal to purchase the Japanese Garden Pavilion and renovate and restore the structure to its original state. He shared a written plan for building acquisition and renovation, including costs and timelines. More discussion and research will take place prior to Council taking any action.

New Business: Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Unger to approve a transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$125,000.00, which will be made in quarterly increments of \$31,250.00. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Discussion was held and comments from the public were heard regarding the restrictions that were placed on City facilities at the November 16th, 2020 Council meeting to take measures to protect City employees, elected officials, and the general public due to the level of COVID-19 spread in the State and community. Motion by Unger and seconded by Pesall to open use of the kitchen at the William J. Janklow Community Center via the normal reservation process for limited use for carryout fundraisers. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried. Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to increase the allowed number of persons per gathering at the William J. Janklow Community Center from 50 to 75 persons with a review of the policy to take place at the March 1st Council meeting. The following members voted

aye: Bjerke, Ekern, and Pesall. Nays: Fargen and Unger. Absent: Tufty.
Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Bjerke recognized the effort and work of Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson and City Staff to submit and claim funds made available to the City of Flandreau through the Local Government COVID Recovery Fund.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator