

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 3rd, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, February 3rd, 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 Tim Yeaton. Absent: Karen Tufty. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Bret Severtson, Chris Wiese, Marc Burggraff, Brittany Bennett and City Attorney Corey Bruning.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the minutes of January 21st, 2025. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 1/22/25: general, \$31,251.06; water, \$1,337.16; electric, \$5,739.25; sewer, \$3,190.98; (26501) Ever Morales Gomez, utility refund, 131.35; (26502) Brent Whiteman, utility refund, 100.00; (26503) Alpha Training & Tactics LLC & Sales, uniforms, 22.50; Amaril Uniform Co., safety uniforms, 896.52; American Legal Publishing, contract, 5,549.19; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Best Western Ramkota Hotel-Rapid City, conference, 379.15; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance, 185.00; Booster Publishing, minutes, 650.00; Border States Electric, supplies, 106.95; Cardmember Services, supplies/contract/dues, 2,030.93; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,298.57; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 1,389.04; Dakota Pump & Control, repairs, 705.50; Dale Eng, deposit refund, 250.00; DANR, professional fees, 250.00; Delta Dental of South Dakota, dental insurance, 1,206.60; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 1,257.90; Eng Services, contract, 15,193.92; FSST, utility taxes/solar credit, 6,637.86; Galls, supplies, 429.60; Graham Tire SF North, 146.00; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 3,770.00; Jaymar, supplies, 2,043.14; JC Ramsdell Enviro Services, rebate check, 6,733.72; Lamb Motor Co., ford pickup, 53,478.00; Maguire Iron, contract, 2,175.00; Metron-Farnier, equip/meters, 480.00; Mid-American Energy, gas bills, 1,814.17; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training, 4,270.75; Moody County HWY Dept., rebate check, 624.24; Office Peeps, supplies, 283.44; Patriot Electric, repairs/rebate check, 2,239.02; Principal Life Insurance Co., vision insurance, 138.67; Ramsdell F&M LTD, heater aquatic center, 2,949.66; SD Dept. of Public Safety, repairs, 400.00; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, plates/title, 26.70; SD Retirement System, retirement, 12,535.90; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 492.17; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repairs, 33.98; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 1,454.65; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 108.80; (26542). January EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 13,874.40; City of Flandreau, city bills, 8,010.05; EFTPS, taxes, 22,205.78; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 154,079.18; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 446.75; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes,

12,520.71; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for a new retail (on-off sale) wine and cider alcoholic beverage license to Family Dollar. No public input was had.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke to approve the retail (on-off sale) wine and cider alcoholic beverage license to Family Dollar #33360, located at 910 W Pipestone Ave, Flandreau, SD. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for a special alcoholic beverage license for the Flandreau Baseball Association for an event to be held on February 15th, 2025 at the William J Janklow Community Center. Bret Severtson told council the Cardinals baseball team will be having a fundraising bean bag tournament with the Flandreau Baseball Association operating the bar.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve the special alcoholic beverage license to the Flandreau Baseball Association. The following voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton attended a meeting regarding the Boys and Girls Club proposed early childhood learning center. The project is on a hold, while funding sources are being secured. The Housing Authority Committee will meet again on February 5th to discuss the possible housing development on Broad Avenue. The Ambulance Task Force will meet for the final time on Thursday February 6th at 5:30 to form a recommendation for the City Council regarding the operation of the ambulance service.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the city is hiring for a pool manager and all positions at the Aquatic Center. City crews have finished demolition on the women's locker room at the armory. A new pickup arrived for the public works department, which was budgeted out of the sewer department in the 2025 budget.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bret Severtson, Chris Wiese, Marc Burggraff and Brittany Bennett presented information to council about a proposed youth recreation center. The group is proposing to build a facility that is accessible for youth to train and pursue their passions. The design is for an 80' X 150' pole shed with 18' sidewalls. The group is currently working on financing and fundraising and looking for a location for the new facility, with the Duncan Elevator site as one of their top choices. The group asked the council to make a decision regarding the Duncan Elevator site within six weeks. No council action was taken at this time.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 626 was held. This is an ordinance that would extend the cable television franchise agreement with Mediacom until April 1, 2030. No council action was taken and the second reading of Ordinance No. 626 will be held on February 18th, 2025.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the placement of Emma Peters on the Summer Recreation Director Wage Scale at Step 3, \$4,335.86. The following voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve Resolution 2025-02, which establishes financing for the purchase of a 2007 International Fire Engine, with funds coming from these sources; \$50,000 from the city's vehicle replacement fund, \$100,000 loan from the Electric Fund, with a 10-year term, and 1% interest rate, \$50,000 loan from the Sewer Fund, with a 10-year term and 1% interest rate. The following voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to go into Executive Session for a legal matter at 7:24 p.m. The following voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to come out of Executive Session for a legal matter at 7:37 p.m. The following voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to authorize the acceptance and signing of mutual release of all claims related to all past work with H & W Contracting, LLC. The following voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator