

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in a special session on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: Brad Bjerke. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, Bill Nibbelink, Randy Clements, Dawson Blum, Mike Blum, Brandon Peters, Marv Schoenwetter, Don Peters, Leighton Blum, Holist Sutton, David Feske, Dale Eng, and John Eng.

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

Mayor Dan Sutton thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared some background information about the fire station project. Sutton stated that on August 6, 2020 there was an appointed committee that began to plan the fire station. A task force selected JLG Architect firm to develop the plans and several meetings and tough decisions have been made along the way.

Administrator Cohl Turnquist also thanked everyone for coming. Turnquist explained that three bids were received and opened at City Hall on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Bids were based on General Construction costs, with additional pricing for the three alternate projects. Alternate 1 consists of an Antique Fire Truck Bay, Alternate 2 is a Mezzanine for additional storage, and Alternate 3 is a sprinkler system. Allen Construction had a base bid of \$4,115,850; Alternate 1, \$161,600; Alternate 2, \$83,500; Alternate 3, no bid. Visions Construction had a base bid of \$2,943,000; Alternate 1, \$241,000; Alternate 2, \$115,000; Alternate 3, \$10,500. WS Construction had a base bid of \$2,947,000; Alternate 1, \$200,144; Alternate 3, \$25,700. Turnquist explained that per South Dakota Codified Law, the lowest bid must be awarded. Turnquist also presented a financial breakdown of possible scenarios if Alternates are included in the project. The Council will determine if any Alternates should be selected to accompany this project on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 and their regular meeting.

Several members of the Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance and speaking on behalf of the Fire Department were Fire Chief Don Peters and Volunteer Fireman Mike Blum, who have been active in the planning process. Fire Chief Don Peters thanked everyone involved to make this project a reality. Peters stated there is great need for a building large enough to house everything under one roof for the Department. Chief Peters requested Alternates 1 and 2 be included in the project. Volunteer Fireman Mike Blum stated the need for extra storage space as being a top priority for the Department. The Antique Fire Truck Bay is also important to the Fire Department as they want to showcase their LaFrance Fire Truck, which is a historical piece of equipment and represents the brotherhood felt amongst firemen. Peters and Blum expressed concerns about the cost of the project, and Peters suggested some cost saving solutions he hopes will be considered as the project moves forward. Blum also stated the current plans

are not big enough for the Department's needs and wants to make sure there is enough room for expansion and planning for the future.

Alderman Fargen stated that at this point, he is not inclined to go with the Antique Bay, due to the increased cost and thought the money saved by not doing the Bay would be better served by upgrading or purchasing additional equipment for the Fire Department. Alderman Ahlers agreed and suggested adding the Antique Bay in the future as more funds become available. Alderman Tufty mentioned using valued engineering to cut costs. Alderman Ekern stated that Category 4 building structure rules have changed, which is why certain building materials are necessary for this project to ensure safety. Administrator Turnquist also informed the group that International Building Code laws must be followed. Bill Nibbelink stated that certain building materials and safety precautions are required to ensure funding from Rural Development and suggested possibly fundraising the additional funds needed for Alternate Costs.

Mayor Dan Sutton stated this project is long overdue and has been a top priority for the Council. Sutton stated he thinks the final plan is functional and within a budget that is attainable.

No official action was taken at this meeting and a bid is expected to be awarded at the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 council meeting.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator