

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

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

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 2/10/2021: general, 16,661.45; water, 3,469.50; electric, 6,273.48; sewer, 2,959.67; airport, 170.86; solid waste, 512.58; (22023) Eng Services, contract, 13,352.20; (22024) Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 98.88; Alpha Training, Tactics & Sales, uniforms, 752.22; Automatic Building Controls, repairs, 691.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchase & usage, 13,779.98; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 350.00; Cardmember Services, training/repairs/supplies, 401.24; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, supplies, 19.85; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 159.00; Cybercoach, repairs/supplies, 393.32; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 635.42; Ferguson Waterworks, supplies, 234.80; FSST, utility taxes collected, 480.72; GovOffice, contract, 700.00; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS., contract, 195.05; Greg's Welding, supplies, 149.60; Krull's Garage, repairs, 925.14; Lamb Motor Company, 2021 Ford Explorer/police, 37,087.00; M & H Communications, supplies, 21.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 69.27; Metron-Farnier, meters, 540.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 2,958.86; Moody County Enterprise, supplies/advertising, 277.08; Office Peeps, supplies, 191.46; Ottertail Power Company, airport electric, 380.72; Pic Pro, rebate check, 300.00; Postmaster, postage, 265.00; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 88.94; River's Edge Coop, gas/oil, 1,395.07; Royal River Casino, room, 88.50; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation, Special Tax Division, malt beverage license, 150.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 156.00; South Dakota 811, fax fees, 112.00; Staci Ackerman, police chief conference, 115.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 816.79; Titan Machinery-Sioux Falls, supplies, 722.00; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 759.04; Verizon Wireless, jet packs/cell phone, 883.29; Waxdahl NAPA Plus, repairs/supplies, 1,073.84; (22063). January EFT'S: Dakotacare, health insurance, 17,972.82; EFTPS, payroll taxes, 17,804.42; Missouri Basin Municipal Services, electric energy, 122,892.61; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, state sales tax, 8,940.12; US Dept. of Agriculture, water bond payment, 3,381.00; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment,

21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding an application for Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine license for Francis Wakeman III, dba Hunkake Café. There was no public input. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve the Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine license for Francis Wakeman III, dba Hunkake Café. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

Mayor Sutton informed Council that the second meeting of the Fire Station Design Committee and JLG Architects went well. They are defining parameters regarding size, design, wants, needs, and costs and will be meeting again next Tuesday. Mayor Sutton met this morning with Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Council, Board Members, and representatives from Indian Health Services (IHS) where discussion was held regarding upcoming FSST projects.

City Administrator Pederson shared information regarding the recent rolling blackouts associated with electric grid issues. Flandreau has thankfully not experienced any interruptions in service. An Emergency Energy Alert 3 was put in place by our energy supplier; it has been downgraded to 1 as of today. The HVAC system is down at the William J. Janklow Community Center due to a frozen boiler. Repairs have been made but it takes time to bring the system on line again. Preparation is ongoing for the required rural income survey in order to submit a CDBG application for the new Fire Station; it may be mailed to rural residential occupants as early as next week. A list of surplus items will be brought forward at the next meeting for approval.

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

Old Business: Mayor Sutton requested and was granted permission to change the order of agenda items to next discuss the Japanese Gardens Purchase Proposal.

City Administrator Pederson shared a letter from the US Department of the Interior that has information relative to contractual obligations the City has for the Park as a result of having accepted two Land and Water Conservation Fund grants. As a condition of receiving the grants, the City is obligated to perpetually encumber all City ground in the Park for use for public outdoor recreational purposes. Selling the Japanese Gardens Pavilion would constitute a conversion of park land use and would violate conditions of the grant contracts. Discussion was held regarding leasing the Japanese Gardens Pavilion to Kyle Haug, Parilly Property Trust as that may be an allowable alternative. Mr. Haug indicated he would like the opportunity if a lease agreement could be reached that protects all involved parties. City Administrator Pederson and City Attorney Bruning will research lease options that will satisfy all parties. Mr. Haug then provided an update on his construction progress on the two buildings he owns downtown.

Discussion was held regarding establishment of a priority list for Community Center Improvements that would best utilize the budgeted funds of \$65,000.00. Areas identified during the January 18<sup>th</sup> tour as prospective upgrade projects are Armory shower rooms; Armory floor replacement; cabinetry,

countertop and flooring in the kitchen at the Community Center; ceiling tile replacement, new flooring and LED lighting upgrades in the Community Center. City Administrator Pederson is hopeful that the flooring in the kitchen can be stripped and not need to be replaced. Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to use the budgeted funds of \$65,000.00 to replace one shower room in the Armory; replace the cabinetry and countertop in the kitchen; replace the ceiling tiles and upgrade to LED lighting in the Community Center. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall. Motion carried. Pederson will investigate if there is a rebate opportunity available for the LED lighting upgrade through MRES.

There was no New Business.

There were no Council Comments.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson  
City Administrator