

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 21st, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21st 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, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; Police Chief Zach Weber, Joshua Weston, Wakinyan Brushbreaker, Ashdaehn Smith-Kuhnel and their families.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Mayor Sutton asked to move the Community Hero Awards Ceremony after Visitors to be Heard. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to adopt the amended agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of February 6th, 2023, with the correction of changing Alderman Bjerke to present, not absent. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 2/8/2023; general, 27,053.80; water, 2,124.48; electric, 4,896.17; sewer, 2,124.48; (24117) Access Systems, contract, 376.49; Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 11,870.02; AMG Occupational Medicine, mro/lab, 35.18; Avera Flandreau Medical Center, lab-dot, 140.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water usage, 100.00; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 21.75; Cardmember Services, professional fees/conference/supplies/training, 2,679.54; City of Sioux Falls, test samples, 43.50; Cybercoach, repairs, 4,414.69; Das Flex, admin fee, 189.60; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 437.86; Eng Services, haul snow, 1,113.75; Equipment Blades, curved gr blade, 3,631.28; Eugene Taylor, conference, 150.00; Flandreau Public Schools, rebate check, 7,019.82; FSST, utility taxes collected, 341.50; GovOffice, Accounts Receivable, advertising, 1,430.00; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS, contract, Hali-Brite, repairs, 141.51; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 2,385.28; JLG Architects, professional fees, 3,582.40; Kibble Equipment, cutting edge, 850.00; M & H Communications, repairs, 359.23; Maynards of Flandreau, Supplies, 492.83; Metron-Farnier, service extension one year, 1,130.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 4,472.31; Missouri River Energy Services, 901.36; Missouri River Energy Services, contract, 367.40; Moody County Enterprise, advertising, 528.40; Office Peeps, supplies, 207.10; Ottertail Power Co., airport electric, 334.56; Patriot Electric, supplies, 511.88; Ramsdell F&M, propane, 105.98; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 4,805.84; Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, repairs, 1,402.50; SD Firefighters Assoc, dues, 50.00; SD Municipal Electric Association, conference, 150.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 100.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, professional services, 104.61; Staci Ackerman, spring sheriff's/police conference, 115.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply,

repairs, 37.98; T & R Electric Supple, transformer, 21,389.73; Vadim Municipal Software, contract, 9.92; Waxdahl Napa Plus, repairs/supplies, 102.57; Wesco, supplies/safety clothing, 12,230.35; (24162) February EFT'S: EFTPS, taxes, 22,344.39; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 157,174.32; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 10,532.24; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton and Police Chief Zach Weber presented Community Hero Awards to Joshua Weston, Wakinyan Brushbreaker, and Ashdaehn Smith-Kuhnel. The boys' quick action and bravery led to the rescue of a local resident who was in need of help. The boys were given certificates, Flandreau Bucks donated by FDC, and took a picture with the Mayor, Police Chief and City Council Members. Their families were also present.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that he and Administrator Cohl Turnquist had recently met with business owners and community residents about law enforcement concerns. The Mayor is looking to re-establish a Public Safety Commission. Sutton also gave an update on the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and reported the current PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement between FSST and the City is under review, along with financial consideration from the tribe for a capital contribution to assist with the Fire Station Project. The tribe should also be notified soon on grant funding for replacement of the Crescent Street Bridge.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed the Council that the Planning and Zoning Board met prior to the Council meeting on the 21st and passed 3 Conditional Use Permits and one Variance Request. Conditional Use Permits were granted to Bethany Thielsen for an in-home daycare, Boys and Girls Club of Moody County to expand their current building for continued use of a private club, and Bruce Allen to operate a used car dealership at 200 East Pipestone Ave. A Variance Request was approved for The Boys and Girls Club of Moody County for their expansion project. An asbestos test has been done at the Elevator and once results are received, the demolition process can proceed in preparation for the fire station construction. Turnquist also informed the Council and residents that City Crews will be out plowing at 4:00 am and residents are encouraged to remove their cars from the streets.

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

Public Hearing: Resolution No. 2023-03. Partially Vacating the Unnamed Road Dedication North of 26 Feet North of the Southern Boundary of the Road Dedication Running Parallel to the Section Line of 21-107-48, Bounded on the North Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 4 of the Booster Club Addition, and Extending East a Distance of 243.16 Feet, City of Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution No. 2023-03, partially vacating the unnamed road dedication of the Booster Club Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Old Business: Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to approve the selection of the City of Flandreau Logo. The following members voted aye: Ahlers,

Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Residents should expect to see the new City Logo on their Utility Bills and other documentation received from the City Office.

New Business: Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to accept the Park Concession Stand Bid of \$333.00 from Tom and Kinsley Hansen for the 2023 Season. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to accept the Cemetery Land Bid of \$1,450.00 from Michael Johnson. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to adopt a new Aquatic Center Wage Scale, which addresses the change in minimum wage laws, and competition in the market. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to approve the appointment of Carrie Sanderson and Jason Unger to the Housing Corporation Board. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve a Step Increase for Chase Amdahl to Step 4 of the Public Works Operator Scale with a wage of \$21.10/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the Fire Station Project and Alderman Bjerke stated the need for a safe and functional fire hall is real. Bjerke declared the cost is quite high, due to state mandated building codes, Covid related shut-downs, and delays caused by Rural Development.

Motion by Bjerke to accept the low bid with no alternates, seconded by Alderman Ekern.

Mayor Sutton opened the floor for discussion on pending motion. Alderman Yeaton said he supported adding Alternate 2 because of the need for additional storage and the importance of having everything in one location. Yeaton also feels the additional debt is manageable. Alderman Ahlers agreed with including Alternate 2, which is the addition of the mezzanine, as he sees a need for more storage. Alderman Fargen suggested using a back room for storage or possibly adding an outdoor storage building and supports accepting the low bid with no alternates.

Motion by Bjerke to amend the pending motion. Amending the motion to accept WS Construction's Base Bid of \$2,947,000 along with the Alternate 2 bid of \$72,000. Seconded by Ekern. A roll call vote was called for by Sutton. Ahlers: Aye; Bjerke: Aye; Ekern: Aye; Fargen: Nay; Tufty: Aye; and Yeaton: Aye. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Mayor Sutton informed Council that a handicapped accessible door has been installed at the City Office.

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

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator