

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, March 1<sup>st</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, Bob Pesall, and Jason Unger. Absent: Karen Tufty. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Jessica Lewis and Jillian Knippling, Happy Youngsters 4-H Club; Jessica Hovland and Janii White, Visitors to be Heard.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to approve the minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Pesall to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 2/24/2021: general, 17,209.06; water, 3,479.36; electric, 6,002.08; sewer, 2,982.79; airport, 152.96; solid waste, 458.88; (22064) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 341.38; Amaril Uniform Co., safety clothing, 996.94; AT&T Mobility, phones, 215.80; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,392.57; Cintas, mats/towels, 312.05; Elite Business Systems, contract, 341.13; Eng Services, contract, 13,729.33; First District Assn of Local Govt, dues, 2,688.55; Flandreau Development Corp, 2021 subsidy, 20,000.00; Heiman, helmet/name panel, 430.76; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 2,098.02; JLG Architects, fire station/design, 3,255.00; Metron-Farnier, meters, 1,130.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 99.77; Patriot Electric, supplies, 470.47; Pedro Antonio Menjivar, refund, 2.00; Principal Life Insurance Co, dental insurance, 1,120.81; R Place Kennel, K-9 expenses, 196.00; Ramsdell F&M, propane, 1,061.26; SD Dept of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 45.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 10,801.16, SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; Simon Henriquez, refund, 8.49; Solomon Corporation, refund, 100.00; Stan Houston, supplies, 129.43; Standard Insurance Co, 265.09; Vast Broadband, phone/cable/internet, 866.58; Vision Service Plan, vision insurance, 216.75; (22091). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Mayor Sutton requested and was granted permission to change the order of agenda items to next discuss the funding request from Happy Youngsters 4-H Club.

Jessica Lewis and Jillian Knippling, Happy Youngsters 4-H Club, requested funding of approximately \$2,000.00 to complete their fundraising project to install handicap-accessible doors on the outside entrance of the William J. Janklow Community Center. City Administrator Jeff Pederson shared that the City has received approval from Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) for a Community Event Sponsorship grant of 50% matching funds up to \$1,000.00. He also recommended a double door system. Motion by Unger and seconded by Bjerke to

approve the request from Happy Youngsters 4-H Club for funding up to \$2,000.00 and seek matching funds from MRES. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard: Jessica Hovland, Flandreau Bistro, requested of Council that she be allowed to install a parklet in one of the parking spots in front of the Bistro to allow for outdoor seating as weather allows, indicating it would be removed during the winter months to allow for snow removal. She was instructed to work with the City Administrator and then present a formal proposal. Janii White requested Council reconsider revising the Ordinance regarding snow removal and plowing of City streets; parked vehicles that are not moved cause an issue due to snow accumulation when the streets are plowed.

Mayor Sutton informed Council that the Fire Station Design Committee and JLG Architects continue to work on design structure and cost estimates for the new First Station. No final design or costs have been made yet, but every effort is being made to design a structure we can be proud of, provides needed size and capacity, and meets the needs of today and the future while doing it in the most cost-effective way possible. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Sutton attended the round table discussion with FDC and FSST this morning to share ideas and project progress of all entities.

City Administrator Pederson informed Council that preparations have begun to open the Aquatic Center on schedule; discussion has taken place with the manager regarding safety measures and sanitization. Projects at the Community Center are progressing nicely. Ceiling tile has been removed, the gridwork is being painted, and City staff will be installing new tile next week as opposed to having the installation done by the vendor resulting in a cost savings of approximately \$4,500.00 which will be used for vent replacement. High efficiency LED lighting is being installed. Kitchen flooring cannot be stripped and cleaned so alternatives are being investigated. There may be the option of epoxy sealing the concrete floor once the tile has been removed. An official proposal will be made at the next Council meeting by a group that wishes to hold a multi-cultural event celebrating diversity that would require street closures the day of the event. Pederson also shared that the next Council meeting will feature the dam presentation.

Motion by Pesall 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: Discussion was held regarding the restrictions that were placed on City facilities at the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 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 Ekern and seconded by Unger to lift restrictions on kitchen use at the William J. Janklow Community Center and allow food to be served on premises for up to 75 persons. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Pesall, and Ekern. Nays: Bjerke and Fargen. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried. Restrictions will be revisited as deemed necessary.

New Business: Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve Resolution 2021-04, A Resolution Regarding the Plat of Tract 1 and 2 of Whipkey Addition. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Bjerke to establish a program for an Electric Lineman Internship Position for summer 2021 and authorize the City Administrator to determine the hourly compensation necessary to recruit a student for the position. 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 approve the application for a temporary on-sale liquor license submitted by Mad Mary's for the Loiseau Construction Safety Meeting to be held at the William J. Janklow Community Center on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

There were no Council Comments.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson  
City Administrator