

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 3rd, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, March 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, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen and Karen Tufty. Absent: Alderman Brad Bjerke and Alderman Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Planning Commission members Brian Bergjord, Margie Powers, Bart Sample and Mike Witte; Kelli Henricks with First District, Loria Bromeling, Judy Bromeling, and Todd Hinricher.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of February 18th, 2025. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 2/19/25: general, \$26,383.23; water, \$1,442.05; electric, \$6,017.82; sewer, \$3,323.34. (26579) AT&T Mobility, FPD phones, \$212.68; Betty VonEye, medical insurance, \$185.00; Big Al's Contracting, B&G Club concrete work, \$11,665.00; Booster Publishing, minutes/ads, \$400.00; Border States Electrical Supply, uniforms, \$150.90; Cannon Technologies, Inc., meters, \$443.04; Cenex Fleetcard, FPD gas/oil, \$1,417.32; Century Business Products, copier lease, \$431.75; Chase Amdahl, travel/conf. reimbursement, \$39.81; Cintas, First Aid cabinets refills, \$362.03; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, \$29.00; Claflin Excavating, LLC, emergency work, \$3,147.50; Core & Main LP, repairs/supplies, \$5,800.53; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., repairs, \$780.61; Delta Dental of SD, dental insurance, \$1,037.10; DGR Engineering, professional services, \$1,129.40; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., repairs/supplies, \$658.54; ELM Customs, repairs, \$9,064.25; Eng Services, hauling solid waste, \$15,504.00; FSST, utility taxes, \$708.12; Granicus, software, \$4,852.23; Graybar Electric Company, Inc., supplies-street light, \$11,217.90; Heiman Inc., battery packs, \$336.00; Helms & Associates, airport land acquisition, \$1,645.00; IIA Lifting Services, truck inspection, \$1,564.92; Jaymar, checks, \$509.80; K&K Insurance Group, Inc. Cardinals & Blue Teal insurance, \$636.30; Krull's Garage, repairs, \$1,995.96; Matt Joachims, Armory rental deposit, \$250.00; Moody County Abstract Co., MRES rebate, \$604.80; Moody County Enterprise, MRES rebate, \$226.80; Patriot Electric, Inc., MRES rebate, \$100.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, vision insurance, \$152.21; Pye Barker Fire & Safety, inspections, \$3,396.00; Ramsdell F&M LTD, propane & heater, \$749.40; SD Retirement System, retirement, \$12,698.10; SD Supplemental Retirement, supplemental retirement, \$50.00; Sparkle Car Wash, FPD car washes, \$3.60; Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, \$422.87; Studevant's Auto Supply, supplies, \$3,825.00; USA Bluebook, supplies, \$819.28 (26619). February EFT's: Avera

Health Plans, health insurance, \$13,170.19; City of Flandreau, city bills, \$8,303.92; EFTPS, taxes, \$21,128.03; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, \$173,602.81; Postmaster, postage to utility bills, \$449.36; SD State Treas-Sales Tax; taxes, \$13,303.41; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, \$21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

At this time, Planning Commission Chairman Brian Bergjord called the planning commission meeting back into session at 6:35. Bergjord informed the city council that the planning commission recommends the council approve Ordinance 628, which would rezone the fire station lot from industrial to commercial.

A Public Hearing was held for Ordinance No. 628, along with the first reading. The proposed ordinance will rezone from industrial to central commercial the following property: all of Block 14, except the E 100' of Lots 5-6-7-8-9-10-11, in Pettigrew's First Addition, and all of Block 5 of Railroad Addition, and all of Block 4 in Park Addition, to the City of Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota. Loria Bromeling, Judy Bromeling and Todd Hinricher were present for the public hearing. The public hearing was closed and the second reading will take place on March 17th, 2025. No council action was taken and Chairman Bergjord adjourned the Planning Commission at 6:39 p.m.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton expressed thanks to Moody County for their response letter to the City, allowing time for the city to develop an ambulance model. Sutton reported that the Boys and Girls Club is moving forward with the building of an Early Childhood Learning Center and a ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for their expansion project.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist also thanked the county for granting the city additional time to develop an ambulance model. Turnquist expects to have a plan ready for council review by mid-May. Turnquist reported on the successful legislative cracker barrel that was held at City Hall on March 1st, 2025. The city is currently hiring for a yard waste site laborer. Turnquist attended a meeting with Banner dealing with the proposed bike path, which will be bid next spring. The city is in the process of completing the 2023 audit with Ketel Thorstenson out of Rapid City. Ketel Thorstenson will also be completing the 2024 audit in July. There will be a pre-construction meeting for the upcoming water and sewer project on March 12th, 2025. The Local Board of Equalization will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, March 17th. Residents must have appeals to the City Office before March 13, 2025.

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

Old Business: The second reading of Ordinance 627: Electric Rates was held. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve Ordinance 627, which implements an approximate 5% increase to electric rates, being applied to the April utility bills. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

New Business: Kelli Henricks, from First District Association, did a pre-disaster mitigation plan review with the council. Council members filled out risk assessment worksheets and updated the city's information for FEMA and natural disaster coverage.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve a temporary on-sale alcoholic beverage license to Blue Jays for an event at the William J. Janklow Community Center for an event on March 29, 2025. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2025-03: Final Plat of Lots 3A and 4A in Block 1 of Brown's Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to authorize the city to switch from modified accrual basis accounting to cash basis accounting for financial reporting. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve the updated letter of engagement for audit services with Ketel Thorstenson. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Fargen to approve the placement of Miranda Wester on the Aquatic Center wage scale at Step 1, which is \$7,204.96 for the summer season. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator