

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 4th, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on March 4th, 2024 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, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Flandreau resident Tina Glover.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to approve the minutes of the special joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board on February 20th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 20th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 2/21/2024: general, 34,605.25; water, 2,298.30; electric, 6,896.50; sewer, 2,298.30; (25304) SM Installation LLC., refund, 89.30; (25305) Del Carmen Yolanda, refund, 34.38; (25306) Tala Whiteskunk, refund, 100.00; (25307) Mason Schoenfelder, refund, 3.09; (25308) Adam Feste, pick up parts, 16.06; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 107.12; Alba Valladares, CC deposit refund, 250.00; Alpha Training & Tactics LLC & Sales, uniforms, 1,109.70; Amaril Uniform Co., safety clothing, 65.55; AT & T Mobility, phones 212.68; Automatic Building Controls, repairs, 806.00; Avera Occupational Medicine, drug screen/annual fee, 102.50; Backhaus Excavation and Underground, water repair, 6,000.00; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance, 174.70; Bluepeak, phone/cable/internet, 922.94; Booster Publishing, advertising, 535.00; Cannon Technologies, meters, 5,516.00; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,701.80; Colliers Securities, professional fees, 400.00; Core & Main LP, supplies, 2,817.76; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 819.00; Dakota Riggers & Tool, supplies, 59.00; Dave's Appliance Repairs, repairs, 75.00; Ditch Witch Undercon, repairs, 292.45; Elm Customs, repairs, 1,451.35; Eng Services, contract 16,534.10; First Savings Bank, interest payment fire station, 2,614.59; FSST, utility taxes payable, 671.07; Geotek Engineering & Testing Services, professional fees, 1,601.50; Graybar Electric Co., supplies, 7,728.21; Hawkins, supplies, 60.00; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 8,337.11; IMEG, prof fees, sewer improvement project, 10,660.00; Karl Emergency Vehicles, equipment for new police vehicle, 18,568.40; Krull's Garage, repairs, 1,650.91; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 21.25; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training, 535.00; Moody County Sheriff, professional fees, 95.00; Onsolve, code red renewal, 1,823.26; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, contract 504.63; Principal Life Insurance Company, dental & vision

insurance, 1,003.18; Ramsdell F & M, 20 yard bucket, 330.00; SD Municipal League, conference, 300.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 13,597.26; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sewer Equipment Co. of America, repairs, 1,878.68; South Dakota 811, supplies, 1,248.00; Sparkle Car Wash, supplies, 51.08; Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, 469.38; Stuart C. Irby Company, supplies, 780.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 96.64; Titan Machinery, repairs, 205.00; Two-Way Solutions, repairs, 170.43; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 810.81; Tyler Technologies, contract, 180.00; Underground Threads, promoting the City, 320.00; Wesco Receivables, supplies, 889.59; (25360). February EFT's; Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 10,558.65; City of Flandreau, city bills, 7,340.31; EFTPS, taxes, 25,900.28; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 172,271.05; Postmaster, postage for mailing city bills, 416.56; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 12,051.89; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed the Council that the Farmer's Market is looking at moving locations to the Museum Grounds for their summer season. Further information will be shared with the Council once more details are figured out. Sutton also congratulated the Flier Athletic Teams for their successful seasons and wished Good Luck to the Flandreau Girls Basketball Team as they compete in the State Tournament in Brookings on March 7-9.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the Flandreau Development Corporation has been awarded a \$681,000 grant from the DOT to compose a recreational trail, with construction to begin possibly in 2026. Turnquist, along with Mayor Sutton, Alderman Fargen and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Chase Amdahl, recently met with Kyle Haug at the Japanese Gardens to view the renovations. There has been a slight shift in the building, which has caused the floor to buckle. Haug is looking into fixing the floor and is hoping to have the Japanese Gardens operational soon. The Boys and Girls Club recently submitted their grant application for \$500,000 for the Proposed Child Care Center Facility. Turnquist and Mayor Sutton have been working with Brookings Engraving on a plaque that will be placed in the newly constructed fire station, which will list the names of people involved with the construction of the new facility, along with the current list of firemen. The old playground equipment at the City Park has been removed and will possibly be sold on surplus, or reused in other parks throughout the City. The new equipment will be installed by Dakota Playground within the next few weeks. Turnquist reported that the local Board of Equalization meeting will be held on March 18th at 6:00, prior to the Council's regular meeting. Anyone who wishes to appeal will need to fill out a petition prior to March 14th and submit to the Finance Officer at the City Office. Turnquist also thanked the current members of the Council whose terms were up and took out petitions to serve again in their current capacities. Members of the Council and Planning and Zoning Board will be meeting with Todd Kayes to start reviewing the Zoning Ordinances.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Administrator Cohl Turnquist shared a presentation with the Council about the changes in FEMA's Flood Plain Maps. The biggest changes to note for the City is that the Flandreau City Park and the Flandreau Golf Course are now considered high risk. The City will be working on updating their flood plain ordinances to include a flood insurance study and a flood insurance rate map. The new maps will be adopted in the winter of 2025. Anyone with questions about the new maps is encouraged to view the presentation on the city's website or contact Turnquist with questions.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve pay request number nine from WS Construction for the new fire station for \$168,075.55. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve pay request number nine for Series 2023 Water Improvement Project for professional services to IMEG for \$10,320. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the bid for the City Park Concession Stand to Tom and Kinsley Hansen for \$363.00 for the 2024 Summer Season. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ahlers to approve the Step Increase for Public Works Operator Dustin Lau, placing him at Step 6 at \$22.48/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the placement of Roy Bledsoe at Step 1 of the Seasonal Wage Scale which is \$16.07/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve the quote from Austreim's Landscaping for improvements to the landscaping at the Aquatic Center for \$3,200 and the Main Street Pocket Park for \$5,690. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried. Alderman Fargen stated he agreed the project should go through, but thought the City could have saved money by using City owned equipment and City Staff. Mayor Sutton said he had been approached about adding a possible stage to the pocket park area, which is being considered.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the contract with Banner & Associates for a multi-community chip seal project for a fee not to exceed \$7,850. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Adam McClary as a new member of the Flandreau Fire Department. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator