

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 15th, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in special session on Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 5:34 p.m. via Zoom Conference.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Jason Unger. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Ron Koth, Tom MacDonald, and Matt Peterson, Barr Engineering; Brenda Wade Schmidt, Moody County Enterprise; and numerous interested parties.

A presentation of the 30% Design Concept for Dam Alternative 1B – Full Dam Removal with Rock Features, was made by Ron Koth, Tom MacDonald, and Matt Peterson of Barr Engineering Co. The project consists of completely removing the existing dam and installing several rock features in the river between the existing dam and the downstream Crescent Street bridge. The rock features are intended to promote riverbank stability, provide fish habitat and angling features, and provide an interesting feature for paddlers on the river. Project needs, objectives, timelines, hydraulic evaluations and modeling of preferred Alternative 1B were highlighted. Also shared was information regarding the impacts to upstream areas: the bank by Avera Hospital, the Highway 13 bridge, Flandreau City Park and the Golf Course. Mid-range cost estimate at this time is \$1,507,790. The next step for the project is public engagement with the 30% design layout. Following that would be the final design process, permitting and bid documents as well as seeking potential cost-share partners for this safety and infrastructure project. A discussion and question session took place upon completion of the Barr Engineering presentation.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. The Regular City Council meeting will be held at 6:30 at the City Council Chambers.

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke (6:35 p.m.), Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, Karen Tufty, and Jason Unger. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; and Brittany Ho, representing Flandreau Fridays Committee. The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to adopt the proposed agenda. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

The Local Board of Equalization convened at 6:32 p.m.

The City Council convened at 6:33 p.m.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Pesall to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 3/10/2021: general, 22,177.01; water, 1,295.55; electric, 4,489.43; sewer, 1,295.55; airport, 178.53; solid waste, 267.80; (22092) Moody County Abstract Co., land for new fire station, 171,383.05; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, plates/title transfer, 15.00; Alpha Training & Tactics LLC & Sales, uniforms, 762.22; Amaril Uniform Co., uniforms, 331.85; Barr Engineering Co.,

contract, 3,350.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water usage, 70.00; Booster Publishing, ads, 720.00; Cardmember Services, supplies/dues, 6,620.38; Christiansen Complete Water, supplies, 26.83; City of Brookings, tiles/landfill, 95.48; City of Flandreau, postage, 19.21; Cybercoach, repairs, 381.24; Ekern Home Equipment, supplies/repairs, 3,306.50; Flandreau Veterinary Clinic, K-9 expense, 177.92; FSST, utility taxes collected, 511.91; Government Brants Shared Services, contract, 100.00; Great America Financial SVCS, contract, 195.05; Justice Fire & Safety, fire extinguisher inspections, 2,122.50; Maynards, supplies, 495.29; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 3,109.77; Moody County Enterprise, minutes/hearing, 157.96; OnSolve, contract, 1,575.00; Ottetail Power Co., electric, 612.21; Patriot Electric, repairs, 6,005.86; Pitney Bowes-Leasing, qtlly charges, 504.63; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage, 500.00; Postmaster, postage, 265.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,890.87; SD Dept of Labor, Unemployment Ins Division, professional fees, 422.90; SD Dept. of Envir & Nat Resources, discharge permit, 2,500.00; SD Supplemental Plan, retirement, 242.31; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 261.00; Sparkle Car Wash, vehicles, 15.98; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 286.54; The Sherwin Williams Co., paint, 291.67; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 620.53; Verizon Wireless, jet packs/cell phone, 163.58; Waxdahl Napa Plus, repairs/supplies, 690.96; Wesco, supplies, 8,559.21; WW Tire Service, repairs, 80.64; (22131). February EFT'S: Dakotacare, health insurance, 17,972.82; EFTPS, taxes, 18,818.25; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 119,810.32; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 9,628.57; 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: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

Mayor Sutton requested and was granted permission to change the order of agenda items to next discuss the street closure request from the Flandreau Fridays Committee.

Brittany Ho, on behalf of the Flandreau Fridays Committee, informed Council she had recently received a Bush Grant and intends to use some of it for an event for the community that highlights diversity in Flandreau through art and dance. The Flandreau Fridays Festival of Nations Event will be held in the downtown area and will be free to the public. In addition to performers, there will be food and craft vendors with alcohol consumption in a fenced and restricted area that would require wristbands to enter. The committee has reached out to all businesses in the vicinity of the event and has received positive feedback and support. The committee is requesting authorization to close part of 2nd Avenue between Center and Crescent Streets and part of Wind Street between Pipestone and 2nd Avenues for the Festival of Nations Event on June 25th from 3:00 PM to 12:00 PM. Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to allow closure of the requested streets on June 25th, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 12:00 PM. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Sutton informed Council that the Fire Station Design Committee continues to work with JLG Architects for design and cost estimates for the new Fire Station. A meeting will be held later this week. Mayor Sutton requested Council members view a house on 3rd Avenue that has profanity posted on an exterior wall as he had received a complaint. Janii White contacted the Mayor with a snow complaint requesting the Ordinances be amended. The Mayor has received a citizen request to install handicap access at the City Office.

City Administrator Pederson updated Council on renovations at the Community Center. Ceiling tile and light replacement is nearing completion; the City will receive a 20% rebate from MRES for the new lighting. A public hearing will be held on March

29th at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers for the Flandreau Fire Station Construction Project as required to submit an application in the amount of \$500,000 for a Community Development Block Grant. A low-moderate income survey is currently being conducted prior to grant submission as well. Federal legislation for the American Rescue Plan passed last week. The City is eligible for approximately \$400,000; more information is forthcoming regarding allowable use of the funds.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to approve the contract with IMEG for a Topographic Survey of the parcel of land recently purchased from Dave and Deb Ahlers for development of a new Fire Station and potential future development elsewhere on the property. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Tufty to approve the contract with Epoxy Co. LLC to remove the tile, prepare the floor, and install a new epoxy surface in the kitchen as well as the small auxiliary rooms located on each side of the kitchen at the Community Center. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Bjerke to table the award of the contract for the armory shower renovation to allow additional time for bid submission. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Sutton informed those present that Don Ulwelling and Bruce Clark have resigned from the Planning and Zoning Board; he thanked both for their many years of dedicated service to the City of Flandreau. Upon recommendation from Mayor Sutton, a motion was made by Pesall and seconded by Unger to appoint Kendra Eng and Mike Witte to the Planning and Zoning Board. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve a pay rate of \$19.68 per hour for newly certified Police Officer Nicole Mattern, effective February 27th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Bjerke requested that COVID restrictions at the Community Center be lifted and allow citizens to make their own choice regarding attendance at events held there. The item will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator