

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 18, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on March 18, 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, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Brad Lingen, MRES, Electric Superintendent, Ryan Sherman, Linda Rosaasen, Scott Ramsdell, Byron Solem, Roger Janssen, Marc Burggraff, David Pulscher and Bruce Thoreson.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to adopt the proposed 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 March 4th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 3/6/2024: general, 23,126.17; water, 1,852.84; electric, 6,980.88; sewer, 1,852.84; (25361) Access Systems Leasing, contract/agreement, 521.96; Ahlers Automotive, backhoe repair, 83.00; Amaril Uniform Company, uniforms/safety clothing, 936.79; Avera Flandreau Hospital, drug screening test, 294.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchases/usage, 16,443.02; Border States Electric Supply, SOL stripper, primary pedestal, Uvicator, tools, 2,682.78; Cardmember Services, supplies, 3,713.46; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank, 31.91; Cintas, mats/towels, 388.34; City of Sioux Falls, bacteria water test, 29.00; Construction Products & Consultants, SDS hammer/anchor/concrete, 905.54; Core & Main, submersible pump, 2,031.69; Cybercoach, Inc., tech support, labor, 581.98; Dakota Supply Group, sewer supplies, 45.99; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs, 1,671.11; ELM Customs, T-2 ladder truck repairs, 1,778.95; Graybar Electric Company, street lights, connections, supplies, 3,231.59; GreatAmerica Financial Svcs, contract/agreement, 187.11; IIA Lifting Services, digger & bucket inspection, 1,195.43; JLG Architects, prof fees, fire station, 2,109.38; JM Test System, rubber gloves, 101.50; Justice Fire & Safety, 1,637.50; Landscape Structures, playground equipment, 68,349.98; Lowell Johnson, rebate check, 25.00; May Construction, directional bore, 1,020.41; Maynards, supplies, 170.18; MC & R Pools, Lau/Harris, training, 730.00; Merchant J T & S, Zollner/tuition, 550.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 4,853.28; Missouri River Energy Services, AMI monthly fee, 387.40; MC Enterprise, advertising, 632.09; Office Peeps, office supplies, 646.40; Ottertail Power Company, elec bill, airport, 290.59; Plunkett's Pest Control, rodent control program, 137.00; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 400.00; Powerplan OIB, thermostat, 35.34; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,677.27; Sanitation Products, sweeper broom repairs, 860.00; SD Supplemental

Retirement, supp. retirement plan, 100.00; SF Two Way Radio Service, APX8000, 978.07; Sioux Valley Energy, electric bill, 230.00; Sioux Valley Environmental, Inc., gas detector, 970.00; Sparkle Car Wash, wash vehicles, 118.36; Stuart C. Irby Company, altec wall assembly, 2,401.95; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 589.37; Syn-Tech Systems, Inc., keys for airport, 123.00; T & R Electric, clean up leak fin area, 1,500.00; Titan Machinery, loader parts, 816.21; Tom Boyd, rebate check, 25.00; Transunion Risk and Alternative, phones/police, 120.00; Trey Andrews, training, 141.65; Verizon Wireless, cell phones/jet pack, 121.87; Waxdahl Napa Plus, supplies/repairs, 1,960.14; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, health insurance/Von Eye, 739.50; Wesco Receivables, supplies, 213.61; White Cap, L.P., cold patch, 1,437.31 (25416). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: Flandreau resident Linda Rosaasen inquired about a City cleanup day. Administrator Cohl Turnquist stated he plans to reach out to the National Guard for assistance with the City-Wide Clean Up. The last city clean up was held in September 2023 and wood items were collected. It is likely metal type items will be collected in the 2024 city clean up. More information will be shared as details develop.

Mayor Dan Sutton praised first responders, city police, and city staff for their assistance in the recent loss of his mother-in-law.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the new playground equipment at the City Park will likely be installed by Dakota Playground the third week of April. City staff will be doing the groundwork for the new playset. Turnquist has been collaborating with Fire Chief Don Peters on possible finance options for an updated fire engine truck for the department. Turnquist stated he had been in contact with Jason Ramsdell from the Flandreau Golf Course and Ramsdell plans to come to the next council meeting to discuss updates and details surrounding the Golf Course. The first of several joint meetings, led by Todd Kayes from First District, on reviewing the City's Zoning Ordinances, will take place on Tuesday, March 19th at noon. Committee members include Mayor Sutton, Administrator Turnquist, Finance Officer Kneebone, City Attorney, Corey Bruning, Aldermen Ahlers and Fargen, and Planning and Zoning Member Bart Sample. Turnquist reported that the City Office will be closed for the Easter Holiday on Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st.

Mayor Sutton informed Council that he, along with Turnquist and Fire Chief Peters, are working with JLG Architects on developing signage for the new fire station.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Administrator Cohl Turnquist led a discussion about the future of the Flandreau Dam. Turnquist asked what the community's vision is for the future of the area. Alderman Ekern shared his vision of making the area surrounding the dam a recreational destination. Mayor Sutton stated he plans to contact the BIA to get an update on the funding for the replacement of the Crescent Street Bridge. Resident Scott Ramsdell spoke in favor of updating the Flandreau Dam and surrounding areas and suggested forming a committee to

make plans to improve the area. Bruce Thoreson agreed that the area needs to be cleaned up, but expressed concerns over it becoming a park. Roger Janssen also spoke in favor of cleaning up the area surrounding the dam and agreed with forming a committee to discuss the future of the Flandreau Dam. Byron Solem expressed concerns about removing the dam. Alderman Bjerke stated no one is talking about removing the dam, but rather updating the area to make it safer by adding signage, railings, increased maintenance and other improvements. David Pulscher agreed that more could be done to improve the safety of the area surrounding the dam. Marc Burggraff inquired about the ownership of the land north of the dam. Turnquist and Sutton thanked everyone for their comments and Mayor Sutton will work with Turnquist on the possibility of developing a committee to continue discussions about the Flandreau Dam and surrounding area. No council action was taken at this time.

Brad Lingen, from Missouri River Energy Services, presented the Council with information about a Meter Data Management Program, which gives staff and city residents more access to data relating to their electric meters. Grant funds are available through the Department of Energy to help fund this program. MRES is encouraging their members to take advantage of the program. More information will be shared with the Council at upcoming meetings. No council action was taken at this time.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve the placement of Emma Peters as the Summer Recreation Director on Step 2 of the Summer Recreation Director Wage scale, which is \$4,107.54/annually. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the placement of Lori Williams as the Aquatic Center Manager on Step 2 of the Aquatic Center Wage Scale, which is \$7,169.55/annually. 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 approve the Step Increase for Public Works Operator Andy Wede, who will be placed at Step 5 of the Public Works Operator Wage Scale at \$21.84/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve the Placement of Zach Ridgway at Step 2 of the Certified Police Officer Wage Scale, which is \$24.82/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments:

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator