

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 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 Tim Yeaton. Absent: Karen Tufty. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, Shane Waterman, with IMEG Engineering, Nicholas McBain with Boys and Girls Club, Police Chief Zach Weber, Police Officer Austin Thielke and members of the Moody County 4-H Robotics Teams.

Mayor Sutton asked for changes to the proposed agenda.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to move Final Plat of Lot 5 of Booster Club Addition, Preliminary Plat of Davis Addition, and Preliminary Plat of Flandreau Industrial Park Addition to the second item in new business on the agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to move Resolution 2023-06 to the third item in new business on the agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to add Resolution 2023-08 to the fifth item on the agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

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

The Local Board of Equalization convened at 6:00 p.m.

The City Council convened at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 3/8/2023; general, 24,962.13; water, 2,272.41; electric, 5,942.01; sewer, 2,272.41; (24203) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 187.59; Alpha Training & Tactics, guardian carrier, 1,084.96; Amaril Uniform Co., safety clothing, 895.43; American Legal Publishing, codification of ordinances, 3,201.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, purchase/usage, 13,738.27; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 539.91; Bridgeway Counseling Center, pre employment testing, 475.00; Christiansen Complete Water, supplies, 29.91; Cintas, mats/towels, 457.59; City of Sioux Falls. Bacteria water tests, 43.50; CNH Industrial Retail Accounts, fuel filter/loader, 110.00; Curt's Collision Center, repair, 738.25; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs, 786.69; Eng Services, haul snow/gravel, 3412.72; First Rate Excavate, curb stop replacement, 2,551.03; FSST, utility taxes collected, 275.03; Helms & Associates, professional fees,

6,60.76; Industrial Chem Labs, supplies, 110.86; M & T Fire and Safety, supplies, 105.00; Maria Dilia Morquez, deposit refund, 250.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 41.90; Metron-Farnier, meter extension one year, 442.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 4,136.44; Midwest and Surveying, plat booster club addition, 950.00; Missouri River Energy Services, AMI meter count, 372.60; Moody County Register of Deeds, vacate, 30.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 438.57; Ottertail Power Co., airport electric, 315.73; Patriot Electric, transfer switch/auto door/supplies, 17,780.73; Pitney Bowes Global Financial, quarterly charge, 504.63; Postmaster, postage, 300.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental & vision insurance, 1,416.87; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 3,184.19; SD Retirement System, retirement, 11,088.14; SD Supplemental Retirement, retirement, 100.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 246.00; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 496.04; Trittech Software Systems, annual maintenance fee, 6,904.89; Verizon Wireless, mobile jet packs/cell phone, 128.71; Waxdahl Napa Plus, supplies, 1,600.67; (24243). FEBURARY EFT'S: EFTPS, taxes, 21,262.07; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 148,102.11; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 11,735.10; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: Members of the Moody County 4H Robotics Teams presented information to the Council about their upcoming international competition that they qualified for. Erica Knippling, Robotics leader, along with team members Jillian Knippling, Amelia Pieper, Sierra Thielsen, Isabel Kulm, Rona Streitz, Creighton Hanson and Alex Nickel invited the Council and Flandreau Residents to attend their Open House on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the William Janklow Community Center to learn more about their program and upcoming competition. The "Alpaca" Team will be competing in Arkansas in May and the "Burritos" Team will be competing in Massachusetts in June.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that he has been in several meetings with Administrator Cohl Turnquist and Finance Officer Lori Kneebone regarding funding for the fire station. The Mayor also commended the young people involved with the Lego Teams and wished them well at their international competition, and recognized the Flandreau Girls Basketball Team and the Flandreau Wrestling Teams for their performances at the State Tournaments.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist updated the Council on the demolition of the Elevator and stated Claflin Excavating will be starting on the project this week. Erickson Salvage will also be taking down the Quonset and Storage buildings and work should be completed by mid-April. Turnquist shared information with Council about a possible Cops Grant, which is a federal grant with funds available to hire an additional police officer. Administrator Turnquist told Council he has received the Dispatch Agreement with Moody County and updated the Council on the Electric Meter installation, which has been an ongoing project for the last years, and is now complete.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Police Chief Zach Weber introduced Austin Thielke to the Council. Thielke came from Britton and stated he is excited for the opportunity to work in Flandreau.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve the placement of Austin Thielke at Step 3 of the Uncertified Police Officer Scale, which is \$21.38/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

The Planning and Zoning Board was unable to meet, so the plat information for tonight's meeting will be tabled until the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to table the Final Plat of Lot 5 of the Booster Club Addition, for the Boys and Girls Club of Moody County's Expansion Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to table the Preliminary Plat of Lots 10A and 11A in Block 2 of Davis Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to table preliminary plat of Lot 6 and Lot 7 of Flandreau Industrial Park Second Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve Resolution 2023-06, subject to final approval by the Planning and Zoning Board. Resolution 2023-06 is a resolution authorizing the transfer of Lot 5 of Booster Club Addition to Boys and Girls Club of Moody County. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Shane Waterman, with IMEG Engineering presented information about the Chip Seal Specification project and bid.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the contract from IMEG for Chip Seal Specification. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Administrator Turnquist shared with Council he received notification from Rural Development that the City will need an additional \$202,640 as contingency funds to satisfy their funding requirements for the fire station. The additional funds will be taken from the Electric Department Reserve, which Turnquist stated will not impact daily operations of the Electric Department. The Contingency funds will show as restricted and if these funds aren't needed, the money will revert back to the Electric Department.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2023-08, a Resolution Pledging Contingency Funds for the Fire Station Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to authorize the Step Increase for Public Works Employee Dustin Lau, placing him at Step 4 of the Public Works Operator Wage Scale at \$20.48/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to authorize the Step Increase for Public Works Employee Andy Wede, placing him at Step 3 of the Public Works

Operator Wage Scale at \$19.86/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

The City will be implementing an upgrade to the water and sewer infrastructure that is located in the south eastern portion of Flandreau. The total project cost for this upgrade is \$8,405,838, which will be funded by State Revolving Funds and American Rescue Plan Grant. The State Revolving Fund loans will be paid off through sales revenue bonds by approval of Resolution 2023-04 and Resolution 2023-05. Shane Waterman, with IMEG, stated he would “right size the project” if project costs come in over budget.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve Resolution 2023-04, a resolution giving approval for the Issuance and Sale of a Revenue Bond to Finance Drinking Water Facility Improvements. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Yeaton to approve Resolution 2023-05, a resolution giving approval for the Issuance and Sale of a Revenue Bond to Finance certain Sewer Facility Improvements. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Helm’s and Associates has presented the City with an Engineering Proposal to design the reconstruction of the hangar taxi lane at the Flandreau Municipal Airport. The total cost of the proposal will be split between federal funding, state funding, and a local match. The federal portion of the project will be approximately \$61,200. The state and local portions of the project will be approximately \$3,400 each. Discussion was had on the Flandreau Airport and Alderman Ekern questioned how much the airport gets used. Alderman Fargen asked if the plan from Helm’s and Associates was to expand the hangar taxi lane to the west, but the plan before the Council is to redesign and fix the current hangar taxi lane.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve Helms and Associates Proposal for Engineering Services for the Hangar Taxi Lane Redesign. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: Ekern. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to authorize the submission of AIP Grant Application with awarded funds designated for the design and reconstruction of the existing hangar taxi lane at the Flandreau Municipal Airport. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve the Right of Way Permit for Valley FiberCom. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to authorize the Retirement of Taxable Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2006 and Series 2016. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator