

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in special session on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

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; and Holist Sutton, Team of Angels.

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

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Fargen to approve the minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Equalization Meeting. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Abstain: Bjerke. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty 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; (22132) AT&T Mobility, phones, 215.80; Cannon Technologies, service fee, 6,562.50; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,653.73; Cintas, mats/bar & kitchen towels, 312.05; Climate Systems, com center, 637.20; Community Counseling, subsidy, 1,900.00; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 95.50; Elifeguard, supplies, 1,358.40; Elite Business Systems, contract, 389.33; Ferguson Waterworks, supplies, 350.23; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., fire calls/meetings/repairs, 5,078.00; Granicus, contract, 3,918.72; JLG Architects, professional fees, 13,252.50; Kenney Acoustical Tile, 14,657.00; Lamb Motor Co., police vehicle, 35,553.00; Loiseau Construction, deposit refund, 250.00; M & H Communications, supplies, 754.00; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, supplies, 149.31; Metron-Farnier, meters, 6,055.64; Moody County Historical Society, subsidy, 7,000.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 328.78; (VOID 22153) Postmaster, first class presort #3, 245.00; Randy Sabers & Assoc., Cardinals baseball insurance, 251.25; SD Dept. of Health Public Lab Services, water samples, 45.00; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, plates & title transfer, 15.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; Stan Houston, propel lifts/com center, 1,090.00; T & R Electric Supply Co., transformer, 20,542.00; Tricia Kills-A-Hundred, deposit refund, 250.00; Two Way Solutions, police vehicle, 12,638.75; Vast Broadband, phone/cable/internet, 886.46; Wesco, metering, 375.00; Wilma Ahlers, deposit

refund, 250.00; Jenifer Benson, refund, 163.00; (22167). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to remove the public hearing for the City of Flandreau Fire Station Construction Project from the agenda. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

Mayor Sutton shared that he has had numerous discussions with parties interested in the construction of the new fire station. He shared that the City is still committed to the new fire station and is working on final design; there is plenty of time to finalize and submit a grant application to CDBG this fall. There has been a lot of interest regarding progress on the dam; those that inquired were assured that we are still in the design stages and no decision has been made at this time.

City Administrator Pederson seconded comments made by the Mayor regarding the dam and indicated interested parties may view supporting documents posted on the City's website. No bids have been received yet for the armory shower renovation. Flooring in the Community Center kitchen will be removed and new epoxy flooring will be installed next week. Cabinets will be ordered after a decision is made regarding how many cabinets are required to store items needed by those that rent the facility. The new ceiling tiles have greatly improved acoustics and the new lighting is a huge improvement. Both water and electric meter change outs are moving forward. An electric department intern has been hired for the summer and will begin work at the beginning of May; he will assist with dismantling the unused overhead wires. City Administrator Pederson is working with Bart Sample regarding National Guard assistance for a clean-up day this fall. Pederson also reminded interested parties of the assistance program whereby the City will pay up to 50% of the cost of residential sidewalk replacement.

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

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the restrictions that were placed on City facilities at the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Council meeting to take measures to protect City employees, elected officials, and the general public due to the level of COVID-19 spread in the State and community. Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to lift all restrictions at the William J. Janklow Community Center for all events scheduled to take place after April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

New Business: Holist Sutton, on behalf of the Team of Angels, requested authorization to close Wind Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue south to the drive-thru lane at the First National Bank ATM Site, on future Thursday nights that the current "Chase the Ace" event sponsored by the Team of Angels is being held. Discussion was held after which Pesall made a motion, seconded by Tufty to authorize City Administrator Pederson, upon request by the Team of Angels, to

allow closure of Wind Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue south to the drive-thru lane at the First National Bank ATM Site, on future Thursday nights from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm during which time the “Chase the Ace” event sponsored by the Team of Angels event is being held, with the understanding that closure of the street must be requested prior to each Thursday night event and closure will no longer be allowed once the “Chase the Ace” event concludes. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the issuance of temporary liquor licenses to those establishments that hold a liquor license to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the area of the closed street during the “Chase the Ace” events. Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson updated Council on the applicable rules for issuance, indicating a liquor establishment may, upon approval of Council, be issued one temporary license for numerous Thursdays at specified times with stipulations as deemed appropriate by Council. Liquor establishments interested in a temporary permit are encouraged to apply for approval at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve Contract No. 19-UGPR-4043 among the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), and the City of Flandreau, which provides terms and conditions for Bill Crediting Program Arrangements among the parties. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to cancel the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried. The next Council Meeting will be held April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mayor Sutton briefly discussed a request that is forthcoming from “Friends of Big Sioux”.

A list of City property that is no longer in use was provided to Council requesting they declare all items as surplus property to be sold at a joint auction with Flandreau Public Schools late this spring or early summer. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to declare all listed property as surplus to be sold at auction. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to approve a 2021 seasonal wage of \$6,965.00 for Aquatic Center Manager Michelle Ten Eyck. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve a 2021 seasonal wage of \$3,990.00 for Summer Recreation Director Josh Edlund. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to approve a pay step increase for Police Officer Gabriel Frias, to \$20.77 per hour effective March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to approve a pay step increase for Police Officer Taylor White, to \$21.87 per hour effective March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty.  
Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Bjerke shared that he had recently attended an event at the William J. Janklow Community Center and was very impressed with the acoustics and improved lighting.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Gundvaldson  
Finance Officer