

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: Mayor Dan Sutton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Shane Waterman, with IMEG Engineering, and Dale Eng.

Council President Brad Bjerke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton 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 Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 4/3/2024: general, 23,970.82; water, 1,776.16; electric, 6,675.68; sewer, 1,776.16; (25461) A-1 Portable Toilets, rental, 755.00; Access Systems Leasing, contract, 494.60; AMG Flandreau, police exam, 198.00; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Banner Associates, inc., professional fees, 1,036.80; Best Western Ramkota Hotel, conference, 103.84; Big Sioux Comm Water, 15,184.20; Brookings Engraving, fire dept., 2,635.00; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 4,956.30; Cardmember Services, supplies/dues, 3,348.19; Cintas, rentals, 448.33; Construction Products & Consultants, supplies, 130.25; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 1,879.80; Cybercoach, repairs, 1,214.09; D & D Small Engine Repair & Sales, supplies, 1,828.68; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 477.00; Ditch Witch Undercon, repairs, 215.27; Elm Customs, repairs, 1,017.71; Farmers Implement & Irrigation, 251.22; First Savings Bank, fire dept, 3,383.36; G & H Distributing, repairs, 95.33; Galls, uniforms, 449.04; Graybar Electric Co., repairs, 685.01; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS, contract, 165.11; Guardian Alliance Technologies, contract, 164.00; Hennager Plumbing & Heating, repairs, 495.00; JLG Architects, professional fees, 2,531.25; Justice Fire & Safety, repairs, 458.00; K & K Insurance Group, insurance, 600.00; Krull's Garage, repairs, 1,366.84; Luis Fernando Vargas, deposit refund, 250.00; Master Blaster, repairs, 242.97; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 273.19; Metron-Farnier, meters, 1,450.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 1,226.26; Missouri River Energy Services, contract 388.00; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training, 4,126.15; Moody County Auditor, contract, 15,065.00; Moody County Enterprise, advertising, 1,273.37; Moody County Register of Deeds, supplies, 4.00; Ottetail Power Co., airport electric, 294.44; Postage, 2024 presort, 320.00; Ramsdell F&M, rental, 3,250.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,928.40; Sanitation Products, repairs, 696.14; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, professional fees, 312.60; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 264.00; Sioux

Valley Environmental, supplies, 95.00; South Dakota 811, supplies, 72.80; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 415.26; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues, 120.00; US Bank, professional fees, 1,260.00; Verizon Wireless, phones/jet pack, 121.87; Waxdahl Napa Plus, supplies, 515.22; Wesco Receivables Corp., street lights/wire/supplies, 12,111.20; (25515). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist updated Council on current city projects. Renovations to the front of the City Office building have begun and are expected to be complete by late April. The new playground equipment at the Flandreau City Park is currently being installed. Updated brushed aluminum electrical poles have been installed at the City park, replacing the old electrical wooden poles. New concrete has been poured by the bath house at the Aquatic Center. Turnquist reported that he had attended the annual meeting of the Flandreau Development Corporation, along with Mayor Sutton and Finance Officer Kneebone. Conversations have also been had with Road Guy Construction on the City's dissatisfaction with the chip seal project that was completed last fall.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen 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: The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 620 was held. This is an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to approve Ordinance No. 620: Amending Official Zoning Map. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Shane Waterman, engineer from IMEG, presented information to Council about the timeline for the upcoming water and sewer project. It was decided by the Council to move forward with the bid process this spring, so work could still be done in 2024. Waterman informed the Council that they would right-size the project, depending on how the bid comes in. The project is expected to come in between 8-10 million dollars.

Administrator Turnquist gave Council Members an update on the first quarter sales tax, which is up 2% compared to the first quarter of 2023, but down 17% compared to 2022. First quarter figures for first and second penny are currently \$224,626.98 and bed, booze and board tax is \$9,617.49.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve pay request No. Ten (10) for Series 2023 Water Improvement project for professional fees for IMEG for \$26,600. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Yeaton to approve the aquatic center wage scale for the 2024 season. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve the placement of Tanner Christenson and Bruce Jensen on the Seasonal Employee Wage Scale at \$17.05/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City entered into a contract with Banner Associates for engineering services associated with the 2024 Chip Seal Project. Staff has identified the area to be subject to chip seal and fog seal, which includes 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, spanning from Industrial Road to Center Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Pipestone Avenue. Sealed bids will be received at the office of Banner Associates at 409 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S., Brookings, SD 57006 and will be publicly read at 1:00 p.m. on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Yeaton to approve the lease with Pitney Bowes for the City's postage machine, which will be billed at \$499.59 quarterly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to authorize the signature of the statement of work, memorandum of understanding and letter of commitment with Missouri River Energy Services to pursue grant funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Program. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Ekern shared an idea of placing roll-off dumpsters at the City Office parking lot as another option for city cleanup. Turnquist mentioned the possibility of doing this along with the fall cleanup day. More information will be shared as details are finalized.

The Council President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Brad Bjerke  
Council President

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator