

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 17, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on April 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

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

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

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of April 3rd, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 4/5/2023; general, 23,256.07; water, 2,029.24; electric, 5,224.98; sewer, 2,029.24; (24285) Principal, Dental and Vision Insurance, 1,176.96; Access Systems, copier agreement, 992.37; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchase, 14,196.32; Booster Publishing, advertisements, 800.00; Border State Electric, supplies, 232.25; Brock White Company, asphalt cold patch, 949.86; Cardmember Services, misc supplies/repairs, 4,190.14; Cintas, rugs/towels/mops, 484.33; City of Brookings, landfill, 22.50; City of Flandreau, petty cash, 114.92; Core & Main, blue marking paint, 102.59; Coreline, service call, jetting/opening, 1,224.49; Curt's Collison Center, windshield repair, 174.95; Ekern Home Equip, repairs, 1,193.78; FSST, Utility taxes for March, 566.84; Galls, Inc, elite duty belt, Granicus, encoding software, 4,238.49; GreatAmerica Financial Svcs, copier agreement, 205.00; Guardian Alliance Tech, software license, 62.00; IIA Lifting Services, safety inspections, 1,157.86; IMEG, prof services-2023 seal coat, 5,400.00; JLG Architects, fire station documents, 1,743.75; M & H Communications, reprogram, 20.00; Maynards, supplies, 185.90; Mid-American Energy, gas bill, 2,481.78; Missouri River Energy, AMI meter count-March 2023, 379.20; MN Municipal Utilities, safety management program, 3,929.75; Moody County 4H Leaders Assoc, megawatt sponsorship scholarship, 1,000.00; Moody County Auditor, 1st and 2nd qt dispatch payments, 32,006.00; Moody County Enterprise, advertisements, 1,223.41; Ottertail Power Company, airport electric, 690.72; Outlaw Graphics, police tahoe graphics, 600.00; Overhead Door Company, repair door, replaced springs, 1,387.76; Patriot Electric, supplies, 1,057.40; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 300.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 2,476.73; Schoenfish & Co, 2022 annual report preparation, 4,500.00; SD Government Finance Office, finance officer school registration, 75.00; SD Supplemental Retirement, 100.00; Sioux Valley Energy, solid waste, 55.00; Thompson Transformer, transformer, 2,500.00; Transunion Risk and Alt, police-contract, 120.00; Tyler Technologies, software maintenance fees, 449.00; US Bank, admin fees for electric bond, 1,260.00; Verizon Wireless, jet pack and cell phones, 128.71; Wesco, transfer grounding wire, 184.00 (24330).

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

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed Council that he and Administrator Cohl Turnquist had met with several Flandreau Residents with questions about the Flandreau Police Force. Sutton is recommending that a Public Safety Commission be formed which would include members of the City Council, Community, Police Force, Mayor and City Administration. The Public would be able to share concerns with the Public Safety Commission members who can make recommendations to Administration and the City Council. More information about the forming of a Public Safety Commission will be addressed at future Council meetings and the Mayor is hoping to have the Commission in action by June or July. Mayor Sutton also asks the public to be patient as summer activities, such as the opening of the Aquatic Center and Summer Rec Camps, may be pushed back due to the extension of the Flandreau Public school year. Sutton informed Council that the Flandreau Development Corporation will host their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 3:00 at JJ's Coffee Shop.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed Council that he is hoping to open the Aquatic Center around Memorial Day, with limited hours, due to the extension of the Flandreau Public School year. The City is in need of more lifeguards, and anyone interested should fill out an application on the City's website, or speak to Aquatic Center Manager Lori Williams. He also stated that Summer Recreation Director Emma Peters will have the Summer Rec Schedule finalized soon. Turnquist encourages Council Members and residents to support the FDC by attending their Annual Meeting on April 19th at 3:00 at JJ's Coffee Shop. The Council was informed by Turnquist that Wyatt Resmen has accepted another position and the City will be advertising to hire a Journeyman/Apprentice Lineman to replace Resmen. Funds were approved in the 2023 Budget to hire American Legal Publishing for the Recodification of the City's Current Ordinances and Turnquist has received the first draft, which is being reviewed by City Attorney Corey Bruning. The Fire Protection Contract with Moody County was discussed and Turnquist shared the Contract sent to the County in September was not signed. A new Contract was sent back to the City and the Council will need to take action on this matter at the next Council meeting. Turnquist reported that the Fire Station Construction Contract has been signed by both WS Construction and City Officials, but not by Rural Development. There are still a couple items needed from WS Construction before RD will sign, but Turnquist is hopeful a preconstruction meeting with all parties will be held soon. Administrator Turnquist shared that the Airport Board will be meeting on April 24th at 4:00 at the City Office.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve Resolution 2023-13: Final Plat of Lots 10A and 11A of Block 2 of Davis Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve Resolution 2023-14: Final Plat of Lot 6 and Lot 7 of Flandreau Industrial Park Second Addition. The

following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to approve the placement of Amelia Knuth on Step 5 of Uncertified Police Officer Wage Scale at \$22.68/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Report. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Mayor Sutton asked Turnquist about the opening of the new Family Dollar Store and Turnquist said the shelves are being stocked and expects an opening soon. Alderman Ahlers inquired about the Elevator Demolition Project, and Turnquist stated the project is nearly complete. Alderman Fargen asked if the Police Force is now fully staffed and Turnquist stated the Police Department is fully staffed, but one of the new officers will be attending training in the fall.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator