

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, Karen Tufty, and Jason Unger. Absent: Brad Bjerke. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Kelley Ramsdell; and Kyle Haug, Parly Property Trust.

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

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Pesall to approve the minutes of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Abstain: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 4/7/2021: general, 21,661.44; water, 1,233.47; electric, 3,935.83; sewer, 1,233.47; airport, 169.57; solid waste, 254.36; (22168) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 341.38; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchase, 30,002.10; Cardmember Services, supplies/conference, 559.18; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, postage, 18.62; Duininck, repairs, 532.50; Eng Services, solid waste/contract, 13,728.59; MidWest Synthetic Turf Professionals, supplies, 800.00; Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, repairs, 770.00; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, transfer plates, 5.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 10,597.78; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 168.00; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 265.09; Vadim Municipal Software, maintenance fee, 6,262.97; Verizon Wireless, jet packs/cell phone, 145.30; Vision Service plan, insurance, 216.75; (22183). (22184) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 303.00; Barr Engineering Co., contract, 9,748.50; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water usage, 74.95; Booster Publishing, minutes/supplies, 509.00; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 1,516.77; Brian Welbig, CC refund, 250.00; Cintas, rentals, 312.05; Cybercoach, repairs/supplies, 1,382.65; D & D Small Engine Repair & Sales, Hustler Vanguard mower/blades, 25,282.42; Dakota Diamond Retrievers (Holist Sutton), rebate check, 318.48; Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply, supplies, 315.00; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 2,223.29; Farmers Implement & Irrigation, repairs, 364.26; Flandreau Veterinary Clinic, K-9 expenses, 229.92; FSST, utility taxes collected, 582.85; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS, contract, 195.05; JLG Architects, professional fees, 6,805.75; Locators & Supplies, supplies, 113.46; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 21.17; Metron-Farnier, meters, 90.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 2,917.99; MN Municipal Utilities Assoc., training, 3,375.00; Moody County Enterprise, minutes/advertising, 298.42; Ottertail Power Co., electric, 287.67; Postmaster, postage, 265.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,643.27; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; South Dakota 811, message fees, 28.00; Sparkle Car Wash, supplies, 24.98; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 197.83;

Two Way Solutions, decals/lite/siren, 9,467.03; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 630.51; U.S. Bank, professional fees, 1,200.00; Vadim Municipal Software, contract, 22.08; Waxdahl NAPA Plus, supplies, 244.18; Missouri River Energy Services, meter count fee & participation, 5,099.40; (22219). March EFT'S: Dakotacare, health insurance, 17,972.82; EFTPS, taxes, 19,298.30; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 128,600.74; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 11,978.10; US Dept. of Agriculture, water bond payment, 3,381.00; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

Mayor Sutton indicated the Fire Station Task Force will meet tomorrow to finalize design of the new fire station; information for the public will follow. The Mayor stated that no final decision has been made regarding the dam; there will be a public meeting at which the architect and other involved parties will be present to answer questions. The City continues to meet with FDC and FSST regarding signage throughout the community. Friends of Big Sioux River are sponsoring a river cleanup on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. City employees will assist with removal of debris. Anyone interested is encouraged to assist with the river and bank cleanup effort.

City Administrator Pederson encouraged Council to visit the Community Center to view the new kitchen flooring. Pederson does not have a recommendation yet for the armory shower remodel; one bid has been received that is higher than anticipated and review of the budget is necessary. Ron Koth, Barr Engineering, has indicated that Game, Fish and Parks may be providing assistance with expense for the final design phase of the dam. A community input session regarding the dam is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Jason Ramsdell, Golf Course Board, shared with the City Administrator potential uses for the \$20,000.00 budgeted for the golf course for improvements.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Kelley Ramsdell addressed Council regarding the placement of a crosswalk at the intersection of Pipestone Avenue and Wilson Street as a means to provide a safe route to the school based on findings from the Healthy Hometown Initiative Study completed in 2018. The SD Department of Transportation (DOT) conducted a traffic count of the intersection and has approved placement of the crosswalk at Pipestone Avenue and Wilson Street. DOT will install and maintain the crosswalk should the City decide to move forward with the project. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Pesall to move forward with a contract with the SD Department of Transportation to install and maintain a crosswalk at the intersection of Pipestone Avenue and Wilson Street. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried. Alderman Tufty thanked Ms. Ramsdell for her efforts in providing a safe route to school for community children.

Review and discussion of the lease of the Japanese Gardens Pavillion to Parly Property Trust was held. City Administrator Pederson highlighted areas that may need modification in order to move forward and finalize negotiations for

the lease. Kyle Haug, representing Parlly Property Trust, shared his opinion regarding the modifications. Major consensus of the Council was to have the City Attorney and Counsel for Parlly Property Trust, working with Pederson and Haug, develop a draft contract for review and potential action at the next Council meeting.

A bid opening was held on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the hay land lease at the airport. One bid was received as follows:

Randy Johanson (Triple J Hay)                      \$110.00 per acre

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Unger to accept the bid from Randy Johanson (Triple J Hay) for \$110.00 per acre. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried. Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to address access to the hay land with adjacent farmers. After discussion, Ekern withdrew his motion.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Unger to approve wages for 2021 seasonal staff as follows: Park Laborer: Jim Eng, \$14.26 per hour; Cemetery Maintenance Worker: Bruce Jensen, \$12.70 per hour; and Landfill Laborer: Leland Petersen, \$12.43 per hour. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Unger requested an update on the opening of the Aquatic Center; City Administrator Pederson will provide information to all Council members via email after visiting with the Aquatic Center Manager. Alderman Unger updated Council on Avera Hospital Board news indicating the COVID-19 vaccinations are going well, they are encouraged by what they have seen, and their goal is a comfortable level of risk. Unger encouraged people to obtain the vaccination. Alderman Ekern suggested that consideration be given to the placement of a mid-crosswalk on Pipestone Avenue between the Moody County Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson  
City Administrator