

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 1st, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 6:30 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, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist and Finance Officer Lori Kneebone.

Mayor Sutton asked for an addition to the agenda. Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to add a Step Increase for Tanner Harris to the last item of New Business. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of April 17th, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 4/19/2023; general, 24,130.95; water, 1,992.65; electric, 6,556.74; sewer, 1,992.65; (24331) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 540.00; AFLAC, insurance payable, 187.59; Alex Air Apparatus, repair, 874.14; Alpha Training & Tactics, clothing, 1,118.16; Amaril Uniform Co., safety clothing, 331.44; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Betty Von Eye, insurance, 164.90; BluePeak, phones/cable/internet, 872.67; Brookings Equipment, repairs, 822.21; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,661.76; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, 43.50; Claflin Excavating, elevator demo/water leak/sewer repair, 58,348.93; Core & Main, supplies, 45.91; Dave's Appliance Repair, repair refrigerator, 418.03; Eng Services, contract, 31,659.17; Gene Taylor, sewer/basement, 302.20; Graham Tire S.F. North, tires, 288.00; Great America Financial SVCS, agreement, 205.00; Jaymar, laser checks, 370.50; Jordan Rusk, refund, 52.71; K & K Insurance Group, cardinals insurance, 300.00; Krull's Garage, repairs, 995.38; Lodge at Deadwood, conference, 252.00; Metron-Farnier, services, 220.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 20.63; Millborn Seeds, supplies, 1,710.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 142.26; Patriot Electric, repairs, 321.88; Principal Life Insurance, dental/vision insurance, 1,176.76; SD Retirement System, retirement, 12,048.34; SDRS, penalty, 363.37; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, contract, 104.61; Stan Houston, repairs, 79.98; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 425.64; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 778.17; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 1,311.46; Wesco, supplies, 390.00; (24366). April EFTPS, taxes, 21,752.77; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 125,085.04; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 11,979.848; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed the Council that the National Day of Prayer is on Thursday May 4th at noon at the Courthouse and the Mayor will be reading the Governor's Proclamation. Sutton also commended everyone involved in the Spring Fling Event held in Flandreau on Saturday, April 29th. Mayor Sutton encourages everyone to check out all the local businesses and to continue to shop local.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the FAA recently approved the environmental assessment for the Airport. This is one of the first steps in the Airport Expansion Project. A representative from Helms & Associates will be at the May 15th Council Meeting to share additional information regarding this project. Turnquist also stated the City received grant funding from Wellmark for new playground equipment for the City Park. Special thanks to the Park Board, who will be donating \$25,000 and FDC who will donate \$5,000 to this project. Turnquist stated the City will contribute \$5,000 to the project, with an additional \$3,000 of in-kind funds towards the \$38,000 match grant. Turnquist is hoping the new playground equipment will be installed this summer. The City Park Campground officially opened on May 1st, 2023 and there is a new sign and registration procedures in place for the upcoming camping season. Residents can expect to see the Code Enforcement Officer in town more frequently. Turnquist gave an update on the Fire Station project, which is currently at a standstill, as the Contractor is waiting for a renewal of a SAM registration, which is a governmental requirement to obtain funding. The Airport Board met and discussed several items including an upcoming Fly-In Event to be held on July 9th.

Mayor Sutton also informed the Council that he will be asking the County Commission to consider assisting the Boys and Girls Club with a grant application. Sutton will be speaking at the County Commissioner's meeting representing the Boys and Girls Club. The expansion project for the Club has been temporarily put on hold as they work through the grant application process.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty 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: None.

New Business: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to appoint Brad Bjerke as the City Council President. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstention: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to appoint Karen Tufty as the City Council Vice President. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to appoint Corey Bruning as the City of Flandreau's Attorney upon his agreement. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Yeaton to appoint Lori Kneebone as the Finance Officer for the City of Flandreau. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to designate The Moody County Enterprise as the Official Newspaper for the City of Flandreau. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to designate the First National Bank of Sioux Falls as the Official Depository for the City of Flandreau. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to authorize the signature of the 2023 Moody County Fire Protection Agreement. The following members voted aye:

Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City will be working with First District Association on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and First District will be analyzing the City's existing zoning ordinances and zoning map. First District will also provide updated utility maps that will be utilized by City Staff.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for Zoning Agreement with First District Association. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the placement of Mike Smith and Bruce Jensen on the Seasonal Laborer Worker Wage Scale at Step 2 at a wage of \$15.99/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City of Flandreau received two bids for the 2023 Flandreau Asphalt Surface Treatment Project at the bid opening held April 26, 2023. The low bid was received from The Road Guy Construction Company, Inc. in the total bid amount of \$144,500.00. The second bid was from Bituminous Paving Inc. for \$176,090.00.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to award the 2023 Flandreau Asphalt Surface Treatment Contract to the low bidder, The Road Guy Construction Company, Inc. for \$144,500.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve a Step Increase for Public Works Superintendent Tanner Harris. Harris will be placed at Step 3 of the Public Works Superintendent Wage Scale at a wage of \$63,345.60/annually. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Council Comments. Alderman Bjerke informed Council about updates from the Airport Board Meeting. The Airport Board will be hosting a Fly-In Event on July 9th at the Airport, with the Boys and Girls Club serving breakfast, and area pilots showcasing their aircraft. Alderman Fargen inquired about the Landfill and Administrator Turnquist stated the City Landfill will be open on Saturday May 6th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and dumping is free during the month of May for City Residents. The City is looking for a part-time employee to manage the Landfill, if interested, please contact the City Office.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator