

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Mike Fargen. Absent: Karen Tufty and Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Representatives from IMEG and Helms and Associates.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 pending a change. Tanner Harris' wage should have stated \$66,398.40, which is Step 3 of the Public Works Superintendent Scale. This clerical error will be corrected in the May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes and resubmitted to the Moody County Enterprise. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 5/3/2023; general, 21,781.26; water, 2,241.56; electric, 7,607.75; sewer, 2,241.56; (24369) Access Systems, agreement, 438.18; Amelia Knuth, misc, 126.26; Aquatic Center-Petty Cash, starting cash, 200.00; AT & T Mobility, phones-electric, 40.04; Big Sioux Comm Water System, purchase/usage, 13,618.92; Bobcat of Brookings, supplies, 1,089.70; Booster Publishing, advertising, 1,57.00; Bridgeway Counseling Center, testing, 475.00; Cannon Technologies, meters, 514.80; Cardmember Services, supplies/conference/dues, 1,667.42; Christiansen Complete water, supplies, 29.91; Cintas, rentals, 266.52; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, postage, 155.40; City of Sioux Falls, test samples, 43.50; Claflin Excavating, elevator demo cleanup, 41,221.50; Core & Majin LP, supplies, 318.81; Crystal Roberts, conference, 92.62; Cybercoach, labor, 672.49; Dakota Supply Group, box pad/transformer, 5,29.00; Ekern Home Equipment, labor/supplies, 2,467.83; FSST, utility taxes collected, 508.46; Fuller Paving, patching, 27,200.00; Galls, uniforms, 788.21; Graham Tire S.F. North, tires, 540.00; Guardian Alliance Technologies, dues, 40.00; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 8,660.77; Hillard/Sioux Falls, supplies, 828.61; Interstate Power Systems, service contract, 582.00; JLG Architects, professional fees, 1,743.75; Lyle Signs, supplies, 106.38; Matt Joachims, conference, 271.63; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 127.55; Mcleod's Printing & Office Supply, 195.61; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 1,414.14; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies, 850.82; Moody County Enterprise, advertising, 1,417.40; Moody County Register of Deeds, professional fees, 90.00; MRES, contract, 379.40; Office Peeps, supplies, 102.40; Ottertail Power Co., airport electric, 397.62; Postmaster, postage/utility bills, 400.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,642.94; Sanitation Products, repairs, 1,463.32; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation, malt beverage license, 1,350.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, repairs,

80.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 200.00; SDRS, fees/penalties, 209.54; Sheri Schauer, deposit refund, 250.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, contract, 213.14; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 308.00; Siteone Landscape Supply, repairs, 1,609.66; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues, 120.00; Trittech Software Systems, contract, 18,957.67; Van Diest Supply Co., west Nile, 3,997.20; Verizon Wireless, jet pack/phones, 128.64; (24423). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed the Council that he had been to several city meetings, including a tour of the Issaac Walton building and the Japanese Gardens at the City Park. City Officials are waiting for an update on the remodel project at the Japanese Gardens. Sutton contacted JLG Architect Firm regarding additional fees for the Fire Station, which have been pulled at this time. The Mayor reminds property owners to abide by the City's compliance rules as the Code Enforcement Officer will be making periodic visits to Flandreau in the upcoming months. Sutton observed a court hearing on behalf of the City regarding outstanding code violations. Sutton informed the public and Council that those Code Violations are still ongoing. Mayor Sutton also reported that there will be a clean up day for City residents in Flandreau on September 9th and that wood items only will be collected at this time.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed Council that the Code Enforcement Officer has been through the City and there are still several properties with code violations. Turnquist stated the new police officer Austin Thielke, who was recently hired, has put in his 2 weeks resignation. Amelia Knuth, another recent hire for the Police Department, is in her last week of field training. City Crews have been working on the Aquatic Center and the tentative opening date of June 5<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled. The Aquatic Center is still looking for a few more employees. Turnquist has been working on the Grant Agreement from The Wellmark Foundation and wants to thank the Riverside Park Days Committee for agreeing to donate funds to this project, along with contributions from FDC and the City.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: April Buller and Tucker Trout, from IMEG, presented information to the Council about an upcoming County Signing Project. This project comes at no cost to the City. Buller and Tucker will be doing a signage inventory for the City and the goal is to have all City signs replaced by the summer of 2025.

Shane Waterman, Engineer with IMEG, also gave the Council an update on the Chip Seal Project and reported that contract information has been given to Administrator Turnquist and the project timeline is on track. In late May or early June, there will be a Utility Project Kickoff Meeting regarding the upcoming Water/Sewer Project and surveying is expected to begin soon.

Corey Helms and Brooke Edgar from Helms and Associates informed Council members on the updates at the Flandreau Municipal Airport and the possible expansion project that has been in the planning stages for several years. Edgar stated Flandreau is nearing the end of the Environmental Assessment

Period and the next step for the City is to approve the hiring of an appraiser for Land Acquisition of approximately 50 acres, along with 16 acres of easement for land needed for expanding the runway and reconstructing the current Hangar Taxilane. Funds for this project will be reimbursed with 90% Federal Grant Funds, 3.5% State Grant Funds and 6.5% City Funds. Aldermen Ekern and Fargen shared concerns about funding an airport that is rarely used. Both Helms and Edgar stated the importance of having an airport and listed reasons of economic development and safety with air ambulance access as some of the top benefits of implementing the expansion project. Alderman Bjerke said the Airport has not been a burden to the City, as it has been self-sufficient due to farm-land rent and hangar rental fees.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the Land Acquisition Purchase with Helms & Associates. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve the 2023 Renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Dolgen Midwest, LLC Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage	817 W. Pipestone Avenue, W End Plaza Lot A Tract 1 West End Plaza Addition
Bar-X-Bar, Inc. Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage	118 N. Wind Street, Original Plat, Block 9, E-52' W-90' N- 1/2 Lot 13 and E-112' S- 1/2 Lot 13
Bar-X II Retail (On-Off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine	105 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave West, Original Plat, Block 9, E-52' W-90' N-1/2 Lot 13 and E-112' S-1/2 Lot 13
River's Edge Cooperative Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage	1100 W. Pipestone Avenue, Lot F of NE- 1/4 Section 29, Township 107, North Range 48
Maynard's of Flandreau Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine	108 N. Crescent Street, Original Plat, Block 10, E-100' Lots 13-14-15-16
Knuckleheads, Inc. Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage	111 N. Wind Street, Original Plat, Block 10, Lot 3
El Rinconsito, LLC Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine	200 E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, W-27-1/2' Lots 5-6, Block 7, Original Plat
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe- First American Mart Package (Off Sale) Malt Beverage	1001 S. Veterans Street, SW 1/4 Section 28, Township 107 North, Range 48 West, then West Line of SW 1/4 Section 28, Township 107 North, Range 48 West, East to SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 107 North, Range 48 West, a distance of 630 feet, then South parallel to West line of SW 1/4 Section 28, Township 107 North, Range 48 West to South line of SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 107 North, Range 48 West a distance of 630 feet then West along South Line of Section 28, Township 107 North, Range 48 West a distance of 630 feet

C2 W LLC  
Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage  
And SD Farm Wine

C2 W LLC dba Sioux River Spirits  
111 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, E-25' Lots 1-2-3 Block 10  
Original Plat

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve Tanner Christenson at Step 2 of the Seasonal Laborer Wage Scale at \$15.99/hourly and Leland Peterson at Step 2 of the Yard Waste Site Wage Scale at \$13.92/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

The City of Flandreau is responsible for managing the renewable energy certificates that are issued by WAPA. By designating Missouri River Energy Services to administer the City's Renewable Energy Certificates, the City will be in compliance with all regulations that require the accounting, tracking, and ownership of Renewable Energy Certificates.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to authorize the contract with MRES to Administer Renewable Energy Certificates for the City of Flandreau, South Dakota. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve 2023 Aquatic Center Seasonal Hires. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Isabella Pavlis	\$14.00	Megan Quarles	\$11.46
Lily Williams	\$10.80	Paisley Rentschler	\$10.80
Hailey Lahr	\$10.80	Karissa Nolan	\$11.94
Josie Hamilton	\$11.59	Hailey Williams	\$11.25
Breyana Ramirez	\$11.66	Sadie Iott	\$11.33
Hailienne Schepel	\$11.33	Annabella Olinger	\$11.33
Grace Krull	\$11.33	Abby Schoeberl	\$11.33
Nalani Beaulieu	\$11.33	Ella Hoffman	\$11.33
Lurick Dailey	\$11.33	Bailey Bergjord	\$11.00
Madison Bushkofsky	\$11.00	Eliana Fricke	\$11.00
Alyxandra Schepel	\$11.00		

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2023-15: Amending the Fee Schedule to Increase the Swimming Lesson Fee from \$20 to \$25. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator