

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 3rd, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on June 3rd, 2024 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 (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; City Attorney Corey Bruning; Shane Waterman, April Buller, with IMEG Engineering, Anna Duncan and Carleen Wild.

Administrator Turnquist asked for a change in the proposed agenda to change Executive Session from Contractual to Legal.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to adopt the amended 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 May 20th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 5/29/2024: general, 31,014.59; water, 1,899.04; electric, 6,958.77; sewer, 1,899.06; (25697) A-1 Portable Toilets, rental, 520.00; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 107.12; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Automatic Building Controls, contract, 600.00; Betty Von Eye. medical insurance, 174.70; Big Sioux Comm Water System, repair/park, 98.14; Blue Peak, phone/cable/internet, 942.62; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 1,252.68; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 2,125.00; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,767.11; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, 29.00; Consolidated Electrical Distributor, repairs, 504.45; Core & Main, storm drain/repairs, 1,465.77; Dakota Pumping, repairs, 300.00; Dan Sutton, flowers/pocket park, 94.37; DANR-Fiscal Office, safe drinking water, 1,000.00; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 2,604.50; Elm Customs, repairs, 463.40; Eng Services, contract, 15,534.40; FSST, taxes collected, 596.64; Gabriel Frias, summer rec/soccer camp, 400.00; Graybar Electric Co., supplies, 2,517.24; Hawkins, supplies, 1,566.50; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 1,137.50; Karissa C. Blum, summer rec/science camp, 400.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 25.82; Midwest Land Surveying, professional fees, 1,050.00; Moody County Sheriff Office, professional fees, 90.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 244.04; Pictometry International Corp., contract, 4,000.00; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage, 200.00; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, contract, 504.63; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental & vision insurance, 1,193.98; Quality Oil, supplies, 781.20; Sarah Benting, deposit refund, 250.00; SD Dept of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 148.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 18,461.69; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sioux Valley Environmental, repairs, 53.00; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 497.12; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repairs/supplies, 640.70; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 291.09; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 31,803.20;

(24939). May EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 11,104.18; City of Flandreau, city bills, 7,716.68; EFTPS, payroll taxes, 36,997.49; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 111,488.34; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 420.21; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, 11,402.40; US Dept. of Agriculture, Water & Sewer loan 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 reported that Moody County was awarded \$740,000 from the State for the Community Block Grant Application they sponsored for the Boys and Girls Club's Early Childhood Learning Center, which is projected to be approximately a 3.2-million-dollar project. Mayor Sutton and Finance Officer Kneebone will be signing the final close-out loan papers for the new Fire Station in early July. City Staff are working with the Fire Department to plan an open house celebration at the new fire station. A tentative date of Wednesday, June 26th is being planned. Events will include building tours, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and a meal will be provided between the hours of 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sutton thanked organizers of the successful Bulls and Babes Rodeo Event, which was held in Flandreau on June 1st. Sutton also reported that a pedal-bike group came through Flandreau on Saturday June 1st. Snacks were provided, courtesy of the City, Flandreau Development Corporation and volunteers from the Moody County Museum. Sutton presented a certificate of appreciation to Anna Duncan, recognizing her 18 years of service to the Moody County Resource Board.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist started his report by allowing Alderman Tufty to speak on a new recycling idea. Tufty suggested adding an additional recycling bin to residents for twigs, sticks and yard debris. Tufty thinks this would help people keep their yards clean, especially if residents are without a truck or a way to haul out their yard debris. This idea will be researched further. Administrator Turnquist reported that he had been contacted by Helms & Associates, and was told the Federal Aviation Administration will now be funding future projects at 95% instead of the previous amount of 90% funding. This could benefit the City as plans are underway for a possible airport runway expansion project. Administrator Turnquist encouraged residents to get out and vote at the Primary Election, held Tuesday, June 4th, 2024. Administrator Turnquist was informed by FEMA that the window to appeal the changes in the flood plain mapping system is now a 90-day appeal window. The appeal window begins on June 12th. Turnquist is consulting with IMEG Engineering on this matter.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern 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 Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the Step Increase for Police Officer Trey Andrews, placing him on Step 5 of the Certified Police Officer Scale at \$26.86/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve Pay Request No. Twelve (12) to WS Construction for the new Fire Station for \$247,996.94. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve Pay Request No. Thirteen (13) to WS Construction for retainage for the Fire Station for \$153,945.29. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on placing a 16 x 16-foot portable stage at the Main Street Pocket Park, to provide a green space and an entertaining option for residents in the downtown area. Carleen Wild spoke in favor of adding the stage, stating it would be an inviting space for people and would be a boost to Flandreau businesses. Alderman Fargen spoke against the idea, stating he would rather the City be able to sell the lot to a potential business owner, considering Flandreau already has eight parks in town. After much discussion on the topic, a motion was made by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve installing a stage area made out of treated lumber at the Main Street Pocket Park at the approximate cost of \$1,000. The new stage will be constructed and installed by City Staff. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: Fargen. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 621 was held. This is an ordinance establishing hours at all City Parks to be open to the public from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with exceptions to the city campground, and/or for special events approved by the City Administrator. Alderman Bjerke suggested extending the hours to 11:00 p.m. No council action was taken at this time and the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 621 will take place at the next City Council meeting, which will be held on June 17th, 2024.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve Resolution 2024-05: Dissolving TIF 5. 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 Resolution 2024-06: Dissolving TIF 7. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to approve replacing the two yield signs at the intersection of West 2nd Avenue and North Henry Street to stop signs. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on having a possible traffic study done in the future to improve the clarity and consistency of the signage in town.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the Special Projects and Maintenance Technician job description and wage scale. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to approve the placement of Jacob Pulscher on Step 1 of the Special Projects and Maintenance Technician wage scale at \$24.00/hourly. 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 Roger Janssen, Scott Ramsdell, Frank Wakeman III, Dean Elverud, Don Peters, Karen Tufty and Mark Ekern to the Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee. Mayor Sutton and Administrator Turnquist will also be on the committee. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Engineer Shane Waterman from IMEG Engineering presented information to the Council pertaining to the Bid Opening held May 30th, 2024 for the Flandreau Utility Improvement Project. Six total bids were received, with the lowest coming in at \$7,165,910.31 and the highest at \$9,943,435.00. There was a difference of \$48,000 between the two lowest bidders. No council action was taken at this time.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to go into Executive Session for a Legal Matter at 7:38 p.m. 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 come out of Executive Session for a Legal Matter at 8:22 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator