

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on June 5<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, Mike Fargen, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, Curt Puetz, Sargeant Rob Neuenfeldt, Trey Andrews, Amelia Knuth, Caitlyn Christy, David Lillibrige, Adam Day, Serena Pederson, Itzel Graham, Emily Pieper, and Yancie Harris.

Mayor Sutton asked for 2 additions to the proposed agenda. Lizzie Pavlis, Aquatic Center hire will be added to the last item of New Business and an Executive Session for Personnel will be the last item on the Agenda.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 5/17/2023; general, 23,480.84; water, 2,113.41; electric 6,794.44; sewer, 2,113.41; Payroll 5/31/2023: general 34,980.83; water 1,337.88; electric 6,516.10; sewer, 2,337.88; solid waste, 203.60; (24424) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 640.00; AFLAC, supplement insurance, 187.59; Ahlers Automotive, repair, 83.00; AT & T Mobility, phones, 252.72; Betty Von Eye, insurance, 164.90; Bluepeak, phone/cable, 872.66; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 3,087.50; Cardmember services, supplies/repairs, 2,491.69; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,726.31; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, postage/billing cards, 61.56; Claflin Excavating, removal of elevator concrete, 11,356.63; CNH Industrial Retail Accounts, inspection/brake accum pressure/ elbone, 7,878.83; Core & Main LP, meter horns, 670.30; Dan Sutton, flowers for planters, 160.29; Ditch Witch Undercon, locator, 2,474.08; EMBE lifeguard training, 2,070.00; Govoffice, email service, 37.50; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, supplies/pool, 432.85; JLG Architects, professional fees, 43,481.25; Krull's Garage, repairs, 1507.32; Metron-Farnier, Verizon wireless service extension, 220.00; Mid-American Energy, electric, 724.60; Missouri River energy services, annual meeting registration, 150.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 18.38; Patriot Electric, repairs, 42.20; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Power, postage, 500.00; Ramsdell F&M, supplies/rental, 7,712.35; SD Dept of Transportation, crescent street bridge, 72,322.64; SD Dept of Health Public Lab, sewer, 780.00; SD Municipal League, budget training, 60.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sewer Equipment Co of America, repair, 171.57; Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation, lifeguard training, 185.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 153.00; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 476.24; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 1,078.04; TE Underground, boring at

Indian School, 23,200.25; Thompson Transformer Service, transformers, 13,198.00; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies, 3,467.18; Underground Threads, logo design, 150.00; Vadim Municipal Software, Ebilling, 9.12; Wesco, supplies/box pad, 6,276.70; (24465). (24466) Eng Services, contract, 15,674.39; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental & vision insurance, 975.12; SD Retirement System, retirement, 16,379.45; (24468). May EFT'S: EFTPS, taxes, 43,172.28; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 110,492.83; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 7,835.98; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: Sargeant Rob Neuenfeldt introduced two new police officers to the Council. Amelia Knuth and Trey Andrews are both recent hires for the City of Flandreau Police Department and were present at the meeting and stated they are both happy to be working in Flandreau.

Curt Puetz, from Vertical Vision out of Brookings spoke to the Council about doing aerial photo coverage of the construction of the new Fire Station. Puetz proposes to fly a drone camera over the construction site once a week during the project and take aerial pictures of the progress of the project. There is no cost to the City or WS Construction for this service.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to allow Curt Puetz from Vertical Vision to supply aerial photography of the Fire Station Project, pending approval by WS Construction. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Mayor Dan Sutton thanked volunteers Val Smith, Mary Beth Sutton, Cohl and Dacey Turnquist and Lori Kneebone for helping plant the flowers on main street. City Crews and volunteers will take care of the watering duties throughout the remainder of the summer months. Sutton gave an update on the Fire Station project. The final paperwork has been sent to Rural Development's National Architect to review. Mayor Sutton is hoping to have a ground breaking ceremony soon. The Housing Authority Committee is planning to meet at the end of June and address the housing needs of the City. Sutton informed Council that additional apartment complexes are a need.

Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed Council that the Flandreau Aquatic Center had its opening day on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Turnquist thanked the Public Works Department, Aquatic Center Manager Lori Williams and the staff of the Aquatic Center for all the preparation work getting ready for opening day. The state and county will no longer be licensing golf carts, so Turnquist requested that the Council begin to think about a possible City Golf Cart Policy. The Planning and Zoning Board met at 5:15 on June 5<sup>th</sup> and approved four variances and one conditional use permit. Vally Fibercom has been locating in Flandreau, and residents are encouraged to pull the flags when mowing, and place them back in their yards when finished.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Caitlyn Christy with the Boys and Girls Club presented information to the Council about the Club's Annual Raffle Drawing, which is currently taking place. Five hundred tickets are being sold for \$30/each for the chance to win an Old Hickory Playhouse Shed or \$3,000 cash. There will be an event at the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday June 28 at 5:30 with a free meal, games, prizes, and other family activities, with the grand prize drawing to be held at 6:30. You do not need to be present to win. If you're interested in purchasing a ticket to support the Boys and Girls Club, you can check local businesses or contact a member of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

Yancie Harris and other members from the Flandreau Fridays Committee were in attendance promoting the Annual Flandreau Fridays Event, which will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-9:00 in downtown Flandreau. There is a rain date scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>. Harris presented Council members with a tentative schedule of events, which includes live entertainment, several different vendors, along with specials from local businesses. Flandreau Fridays Committee Members thanked the City for their financial support of this event and encourages all residents to attend this fun evening celebrating the different cultures and diversities within the City of Flandreau. A street closure is being planned for portions of 2<sup>nd</sup> street between Center St. and Crescent St. and part of Wind St. between Second St. and Pipestone Ave. from 2:00 pm through 11:00 pm on the day of the event. Committee members are working with local business owners to ensure their businesses can still be accessed during business hours.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve the proposed Street Closure Request for Flandreau Fridays. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Tim Austin spoke with Council Members about adopting the International Property Maintenance Codes, specifically chapters one through three. By adopting the International Property Maintenance Codes, Austin would have the authority to condemn properties and to more efficiently do his job. Austin and City Administrator Cohl Turnquist currently work together to determine Code Violations, which would not change if the new maintenance codes are adopted. Austin praised the citizens of Flandreau for being respectful and pleasant to work with. Austin told Council not to eliminate the City's current Code Enforcement Ordinances, but to supplement the current ordinances by adopting the International Property Maintenance Codes. Alderman Bjerke expressed concerns about some of the Codes being too "heavy-handed". Alderman Tufty agreed that adopting more codes, but not enforcing all of them, could lead to problems.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Bjerke and seconded by Alderman Fargen to consider adopting Chapters One through Three of the International Property Maintenance Code Manual, upon further Council Review. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried. More discussion on adopting additional enforcement codes will take place at the next council meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> during the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 613.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 613 was held. Ordinance No. 613 is an Ordinance for adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code Book.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 614 was held. Ordinance No. 614 is an Ordinance that amends existing Title 13 Traffic Code.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2023-16, Amending Resolution 2022-16. Resolution 2023-16 amends the principal borrowing amount from First Savings Bank for the Fire Station to include the additional \$475,000, which will allow the City to issue bonds for a total principal amount of \$1,950,750. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Yeaton. None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the Step Increase for Police Officer Raleigh Burk, placing him at Step 4 of the certified Officer Scale at a wage of \$24.80/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve the placement of Trey Andrews at Step 3 of the Certified Police Officer Wage Scale at \$24.62/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve the placement of Roy Bledsoe and Earl Decoteau at a wage of \$11/hourly to assist the Parks Department with routine maintenance and other duties as assigned. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve the placement of Eshiah Morrow on the Aquatic Center Wage Scale at a wage of \$11.33/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the placement of Lizzie Pavlis on the Aquatic Center Wage Scale at a wage of \$11.94/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter at 8:10 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to come out of Executive Session on a Personnel Matter at 8:25 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

#### Council Comments

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator