

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (via phone), Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Shane Waterman from IMEG Engineering; and Dale Eng.

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

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 6/12/2024: general, 38,627.92; water, 2,083.54; electric, 6,644.74; sewer, 2,083.54; (25740) Victoria Castillo, utility refund, 150.00; (25741) A-1 Portable Toilets, rental, 680.00; Access Systems Leasing, contract, 970.39; Austreim Landscaping, aquatic center/pocket park, 8,890.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchases/usage, 12,762.15; Booster Publishing, advertising, 360.00; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 1,300.42; Cardmember Services, prof fees/supplies/conference, 2,446.58; Chesterman Co., supplies, 512.50; Cintas, rentals, 448.34; Claflin Excavating, snow removal/repair, 9,778.13; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 39.36; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 4,618.45; Cybercoach, repairs, 438.75; Dakota Pump & Control Co., repairs, 21,637.23; Dakota Supply Group, supplies, 656.19; David Schlinz, spraying substations, 245.00; Dusty's Custom, training, 45.02; First Savings Bank, debt service, 4,309.07; Flandreau Bakery, fire dept open house; cookies, 135.00; Galls, uniforms, 113.24; Goldeneye, sewage ponds sprayed, 300.00; Graybar Electric Co., supplies, 9,528.47; Greatamerica Financial SVCS, contract, 165.11; Hawkins, supplies, 337.50; Heiman, supplies, 1,695.24; IMEG, professional fees, 12,660.00; JLG Architects, professionals fees, 5,484.37; Julia Fargen, summer rec/volleyball camp, 400.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 1,671.00; Megan Severtson, summer rec/basketball camp, 400.00; Missouri River Services, annual meeting/contract, 613.80; Moody County Enterprise, advertising, 1,494.94; Office Peeps, supplies, 191.32; Ottetail Power Co., airport electric, 247.72; Owen Parsley, summer rec/ track, 400.00; Patriot Electric, repairs, 531.21; Ramsdell F&M, supplies, 99.84; Resco Electric Utility Supply, supplies, 588.36; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 3,032.16; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electric for water/sewer, 205.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repairs/supplies, 153.90; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues, 120.00; Uline, furniture/new fire hall, 19,483.45; Valley Fibercom, internet, 99.98; Verizon wireless, ipad/phones/jet

pack, 166.85; Vereris, spray/West Nile, 1,921.82; Waxdahl Napa Plus, supplies, 372.77; Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue of SD, health insurance, 739.50; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 1,727.50; Zach & Allison Zephier, rebate check, 300.00; (25791). (25792) Dan Peters, deposit refund, 250.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 1,351.19; Nancy Dahmen, food/fire dept open house, 658.50; Vesperis, spray/West Nile, 261.62; (25795). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for a new Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine Liquor License to Latino Grocery Store, for Nitza Rubenstein at the address of 212 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Flandreau, SD. Legal description: E 75' Lot 4 & Lots 7-8-9 & W-20' Lots 16-17-18, Block 7, Original Plat, Flandreau, SD 57028. No public input was heard.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve the Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine Liquor License to Nitza Rubenstein for a Latino Grocery Store. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton invited council members and city residents to attend the Fire Station Open House on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A free community meal will begin at 4:30 and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held around 5:30 p.m. Sutton and Administrator Cohl Turnquist met with Anna Duncan and discussed the cemetery. The Mayor will be re-appointing a cemetery committee that would meet quarterly to discuss concerns and upkeep of the cemetery. Todd Meierhenry from Sioux Falls will be assisting the Housing Authority Committee on a possible housing development on Broad Avenue. No official plans have been decided at this point. The Mayor reported that he is pleased with the landscape improvements that have been done at the Main Street Pocket Park. Sutton also encouraged residents to attend the Flandreau Fridays Event, which will be held in downtown Flandreau on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist also invited council and residents to the Fire Station Open House on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Turnquist mentioned the Flandreau Fridays event which will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> in downtown Flandreau. Turnquist and Finance Officer Kneebone have begun prepping for the 2025 Budget. A quarterly sales tax revenue report will be available for council review at the next council meeting. Turnquist also thanked Flandreau resident, Kris Johnson, for purchasing an AED machine that will be placed at the Flandreau City Park in memory of Kris's brother, Jon Scofield.

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

Old Business: The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 621; Establishing City Park Hours was held. City Attorney Corey Bruning spoke to the Council about setting hours for the park via motion versus an ordinance and the importance of posting signage stating the hours the parks are open to the public. Aldermen Bjerke and Fargen spoke against the proposed ordinance. Administrator Turnquist stated establishing hours at the city parks could cut down on vandalism and loitering. After much discussion, council determined they needed more information

and discussion on the proposed Ordinance, so a motion was made to table this topic.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Bjerke to table proposed Ordinance No. 621; Establishing City Park Hours to be open to the Public. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve temporary on-sale special alcoholic beverage licenses for the Flandreau Fridays event on June 21, 2024, with a rain date of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from the hours of 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm to the following establishments: Bar X Bar, The Filling Station, and Fat Boys Bar. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve temporary on-sale special alcoholic beverage licenses for the Flandreau Athletic Hall of Fame Street Dance to be held on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from the hours of 4:00 p.m. on July 6<sup>th</sup> to 2:00 a.m. on July 7<sup>th</sup> to the following establishments: Fat Boys Bar, Bar X Bar and C2W, LLC. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the Step Increase for Adam Feste, placing him on Step 4 of the City Electrician Wage Scale at \$36.13/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to approve the Memorandum of Agreement: Establishment of Shared Interest for Early Learning Center, between the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, City of Flandreau, and the Boys and Girls Club of Moody County. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to into Executive Session on a Legal Matter at 7:12 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Fargen to come out of Executive Session on a Legal Matter at 7:36 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to award the Flandreau Utility Improvement Contract to H & W Contracting, LLC, of Sioux Falls, SD for a total bid amount of \$7,165,910.31. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for the Flandreau Utility Improvement Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to allow IMEG Engineering to post Flandreau Utility Improvement Project Bids publicly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Tufty inquired on the status of the renovations at the Japanese Gardens. Administrator Turnquist read an email that he received from Kyle Haug, explaining that the renovations are ongoing, but they have had a few setbacks, including an undeterminable bubbling of the floor.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator