

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 5th, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen and Karen Tufty. Absent: Brad Bjerke and Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Jason Ramsdell with the Flandreau Golf Course.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of June 20th, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 6/28/2023; general, 44,002.83; water 2,618.35; electric 7,896.00; sewer, 2,618.35; solid waste, 203.60; (24531) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 187.59; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Betty Von Eye, insurance, 164.90; Bluepeak, phones, 872.62; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 290.16; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,889.40; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, postage, 51.44; Crystal Hanson, training, 99.96; Dakota Pump & Control Co., repair, 1,197.96; Dan Sutton, supplies, 175.73; EDM International, dues, 290.00; Elizabeth Pavlis, summer rec, 600.00; Eng Services, contract, 16,357.18; Flandreau Park Golf Club, 2023 subsidy, 30,000.00; Galls, uniforms, 134.56; Hawkins, supplies, 2,381.21; IMEG, seal coat, 600.00; Industrial Chem Labs, supplies, 220.92; Jennifer Sundermeyer, summer rec, 400.00; Kolby Peters, summer rec, 300.00; Melissa Opsahl, summer rec/supplies, 595.51; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 1,787.83; Office Peeps, supplies, 142.08; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance, 1,075.94; River Thru Ag Services, supplies, 330.00; SD Dept of Health Public Lab Services, testing, 57.00; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, plates/title fees/shipping, 26.70; SD Retirement System, retirement, 11,278.70; SD Supplemental Retirement, retirement, 100.00; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 475.24; Sturdevant's Auto Supplies, 14.78; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 1,710.48; Wesco, supplies, 17,478.84; Jacob Huber, refund, 42.07; Cassidie & Jacob Smilloff, refund, 56.60; Hoanganh Lumibao, refund, 64.25; Judy Birnbaum, refund, 4.10; (24567). June EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 9,553.10; EFTPS, taxes, 28,271.99; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 126,86.66; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 18,177.23; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton was pleased with the turnout at Flandreau Fridays and thanked the committee members, city crews, and volunteers that made it a great

event. Sutton also reported that the ground breaking ceremony for the new fire station was a success and thanked everyone involved in making this project a reality.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist is encouraging residents to attend the Fly-In Event that will be held at the Flandreau Municipal Airport on Sunday, July 9th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. The Boys and Girls Club will be serving breakfast and there will be various aircraft flying-in and available to view. Turnquist also informed Council that Royce Williams, “The Story of One Versus Seven”, will be speaking at the Moody County Museum on July 9th at noon. Turnquist was also pleased with the turnout at the fire station ground breaking and is excited for the project to get underway. Administrator Turnquist gave the Council an update on the Wellmark Playground Grant that the City was granted, with \$38,000 of funds expected by early fall. Turnquist thanked the Flandreau Park Board for their \$25,000 donation and the Flandreau Development Corporation for their \$5,000 donation to this project. Turnquist hopes to have new playground equipment installed at the Flandreau City Park this fall or next spring

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Jason Ramsdell, representing the Flandreau Golf Course, asked the Council to reconsider taking over the operations of the Course as a Municipal Golf Course. Ramsdell informed Council about updates to the course stating the golf board has re-seeded the greens twice and they are still working on this. They have hired Precision Irrigation for repairs to the current irrigation system, along with 3 employees, and Bluestone Landscaping, who reports weekly to assist with course needs. Ramsdell is asking the City to take over operations of the Course, but if that isn’t an option, the Golf Board is seeking financial support once again. Alderman Ahlers asked Ramsdell if they have considered reaching out to businesses for Corporate Sponsorship to help with improvements and Ramsdell stated they haven’t in a few years, but it’s a possibility. The Golf Board appreciates any and all donations from local businesses, for items like the flower boxes, but says bigger sponsors would be needed to help with improvements to the course. The Council will continue to discuss this topic as 2024 budget preparations begin.

Finance Officer Lori Kneebone reported that invoices have been submitted to the City from IMEG Engineering and Meierhenry Sargent, LLP for professional services pertaining to the Series 2023 Water and Sewer Improvement Projects. A total of \$65,680.00 has been requested to cover the invoices for IMEG and Meierhenry, which will be paid from the Drinking Water Project Revenue Borrow Bond, Series 2023. Similar invoices have been submitted pertaining to the Clean Water (Sewer) Project, which will be paid directly from the Sewer Fund and won’t require a loan drawdown at this time.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve Payment Request No. 1 for Series 2023 Water Improvement Project in the amount of \$65,680.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Kneebone stated the first pay request has been submitted by WS Construction for general requirement work submitted on the new Fire Station

totaling \$39,490.80. The request has been approved by JLG Architects, and now awaits City and USDA Approval before a payment is issued.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Payment Request No. 1 to WS Construction in the amount of \$39,490.80 for the new Fire Station. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Tanner Harris has submitted a request to administration to purchase a Vivax Sewer Camera System which would assist public works staff with inspecting sewer related issues. The new camera system would allow staff to stream live video and capture videos and photos of damaged or clogged sewer lines. Alderman Fargen agrees with the purchase and says this tool has been needed for some time. Alderman Ekern asked for a second quote on the camera system.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Fargen to approve the purchase of a new camera system for up to \$15,888, with Administrator Turnquist obtaining another quote before making the purchase, with purchasing funds allocated out of the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to authorize the Mayor to sign the State Financial Assistance Agreement for the Taxi Lane Redesign of the Flandreau Municipal Airport. Authorization of the agreement is necessary for the City to access the State's portion of funding for the taxi lane redesign. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: Ekern. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve Nelson Valuation Services as the Airport Land Appraiser, as recommended by the Airport Board. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: Ekern. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2023-17: Amending Resolution 2023-16. Resolution 2023-17 mentions the full amount needed to fund the Fire Station Project adequately, with the total principal borrowing amount listed as \$2,025,750. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve Resolution 2023-18: Final Plat of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 9 of Southview Heights Addition to the City of Flandreau, Moody County South Dakota. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve Resolution 2023-19: Final Plat of Lot 8 of Flandreau Industrial Park Second Addition, with the recommendation of Lot 7 and Lot 8 becoming one Lot at a later date, as advised by the Planning and Zoning Board. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.

Due to some staffing shortages at the Flandreau Aquatic Center, a proposal has been prepared to offer a weekend/holiday pay differential of \$3 per hour. The \$3 per hour differential will be added to the previously approved wage for each individual employee and will be exclusive to hours worked during holidays or weekends. Alderman Fargen is not in favor of this proposal and Alderman Ahlers stated the need for employers to be flexible to maintain employees.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve a \$3/hour differential wage increase for Aquatic Center Hourly Employees who work holidays and/or weekends for the 2023 Season. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern and Tufty. Nays: Fargen. Absent: Bjerke, Yeaton. Motion carried.
Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator