

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the William J. Janklow Community Center.

Present: Mayor Mark Bonrud. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Bob Pesall, Dan Sutton, Karen Tufty, and Jason Unger. Absent: Donald Whitman. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Alderman Elect Mark Ekern; Alderman Elect Mike Fargen; Tony Reider, Flandreau Santee Sioux President; Adrienne Brant James, Turtle Island Learning Circle; and Brenda Wade Schmidt, Moody County Enterprise.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Pesall and seconded by Bjerke to adopt the proposed agenda. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Pesall, Sutton, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Whitman. Motion carried.

Council President Sutton presented Mayor Mark Bonrud with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service as Mayor and past Alderman, Ward Three. Council members joined Sutton in expressing appreciation to Bonrud for his years of service and commitment to the City of Flandreau.

A plaque of appreciation will be presented at a later date to Donald Whitman for his years of service as Alderman, Ward One, as he was absent at the meeting.

A public hearing was held regarding an application for a Retail (on-sale) Liquor License for Itzel Graham, dba El Rinconsito, LLC. There was no public input. Motion by Sutton and seconded by Tufty to approve the Retail (on-sale) Liquor License for Itzel Graham, dba El Rinconsito, LLC. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Pesall, Sutton, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Whitman. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Pesall to approve the minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Pesall, Sutton, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Whitman. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Pesall to approve the minutes of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Pesall, Sutton, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Whitman. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Unger to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 6/17/2020: general, 16,139.42; 3<sup>rd</sup> penny, 241.55; water, 3,700.05; electric, 5,841.80; sewer, 3,268.23; airport, 151.25; solid waste, 422.03; Payroll 7/1/2020: general, 15,772.98; 3<sup>rd</sup> penny, 241.56; water, 3,711.48; electric, 5,546.13; sewer, 3,322.78; airport, 153.74; solid waste, 365.59; (21394 Void) (21395) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 294.00; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 252.46; Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 105.50; Amanda Aadland, refund, 52.21; Ashtyn Bertram, summer rec/track/field, 500.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchase/usage, 17,312.61; Booster Publishing, advertising/supplies, 1,670.00; Boysen Insurance services, summer rec, 271.00; Brittany Ho, summer rec/soccer camp; Brookings

Engraving, desk wedges/plaques, 192.97; C & R Custom Repair, repairs, 621.65; Cardmember Services, supplies/repairs, 2,450.97; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil 1,196.71; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, postage, 14.59; Community Counseling Services, 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. subsidy, 1,900.00; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 317.30; Dakota Pump & Control, repairs, 4,294.06; Diamond Vogel Paints, supplies, 159.80; Elite Business Systems, contract, 337.21; Eng Services, solid waste, 13,601.40; Fastenal Company, facemasks, 235.20; Ferguson Waterworks, supplies, 246.33; FHS Volleyball, summer rec, 200.00; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., meeting/ training, 3,944.00; FSST, utility taxes collected, 339.94; Gillespie Outdoor Power Equipment, supplies, 525.94; Graham Tire S. F. North, repairs, 492.00; GreatAmerica Financial, contract, 190.55; Heiman, supplies, 30.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, repairs/supplies, 1,564.02; Interstate Power Systems, repairs, 534.00; Iott's Greenhouse, supplies, 656.67; Jade Trottier, refund, 110.21; Jaymar, utility bills, 1,662.74; Julio Ardon, refund, 70.73; Karen Gundvaldson, supplies, 135.95; Lori Williams, summer rec/volleyball, 100.00; M & H Communications, repairs, 408.00; Maddie Hursey, summer rec/track & field, 400.00; Mariana Pavlis, summer rec/wilderness camp, 250.00; Maximum Promotions, flags, 104.20; Megan Severtson, summer rec/basketball, 400.00; MidAmerican Research Chemical, supplies, 661.05; Office Peeps, supplies, 301.68; Outlaw Graphics, supplies, 286.00; Peter Harper, refund, 30.34; Principal Life Insurance, dental insurance, 919.03; R Place Kennel, K-9 expenses, 173.00; Rudy's Welding & Machine Shop, repairs, 139.00; SD Dept. of Envir & Nat Resources, annual fees, 1,000.00; SD Dept. of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 345.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 9,850.82; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 322.31; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 134.00; St Simon & Jude Catholic Church, rebate check, 826.29; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 282.13; Steve Drenth Constuction, repairs, 530.40; TLMV, Inc-DBA American Fence Co., fence, 5,541.07; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 1,181.85; Vadim Municipal Software, contract, 4.56; Vast Broadband, phone/cable/internet, 906.59; Verizon Wireless, jet packs/phone, 338.99; Vision Service Plan, vision insurance, 242.95. (21458) The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Pesall, Sutton, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Whitman. Motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard: Garrie Kills a Hundred addressed Council regarding safety issues in the community that he feels should be addressed, specifically, the Crescent Street Bridge, deteriorating buildings, and the toxicity level in the Big Sioux River. Jeff Weigel informed Council he protests the work of Dave Miller, the consultant contracted by the City for appearance code enforcement, who recently sent Mr. Weigel letters regarding code issues on his properties. Mr. Weigel feels appearance code ordinances do not apply to his property. He was informed he should contact Mr. Miller for further clarification as to why his property is in violation; he was also instructed to follow the proper procedure of appealing in writing to the City Council if he disagrees with the violations stated in the letters he received. Scott Anderson addressed Council stating he would like to see options concerning the Crescent Street Bridge other than the demolition action approved by Council.

Mayor Bonrud thanked Council for their support while he served as Mayor, indicating it has been an honor and privilege to serve the City of Flandreau and citizens for the past nineteen years. He also thanked previous Mayors and Aldermen as well as City Staff.

City Administrator Jeff Pederson wished Mayor Bonrud the best of luck and indicated it has been a pleasure to work with him for the past two years. Pederson shared that meeting via Zoom will now be replaced by meeting at the William J. Janklow Community Center in order to follow guidelines regarding safety and social distancing. Moving forward, internet will be installed at the Community Center and a method will be established to live stream Council meetings for those that wish to watch the meeting from home.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Pesall to approve the Administrative Reports. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Pesall, Sutton, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Whitman. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

City Administrator Jeff Pederson administered the Oath of Office to incoming Mayor Dan Sutton and incoming Aldermen Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, and Karen Tufty.

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, Karen Tufty, and Jason Unger. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Tony Reider, Flandreau Santee Sioux President; Adrienne Brant James, Turtle Island Learning Circle; and Brenda Wade Schmidt, Moody County Enterprise.

New Business: Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to appoint Alderman Bjerke as the Council President. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Bjerke to appoint Alderman Pesall as the Council Vice President. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Pesall to appoint Karen Gundvaldson as the City Finance Officer. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Jeff Pederson administered the Oath of Office to Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Unger to appoint Attorney Corey Bruning, Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, as the City Attorney. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Bjerke to designate the Moody County Enterprise as the official newspaper. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to designate the First National Bank of Flandreau as the official depository. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Presentation: Tony Reider, FSST President, on behalf of the FSST Executive Committee, tribal members, and City of Flandreau residents, indicated to Council that they wish to open dialog between the City of Flandreau and FSST for options regarding the Crescent Street Bridge. It is their wish to potentially purchase the bridge with the intent to research grant and funding opportunities to remove and replace the bridge and then reopen for vehicular traffic. Mr. Reider indicated that a time frame could be established during which the action needs to occur. He would like the opportunity to discuss the proposal with possible action at the next Council meeting. Alderman Unger indicated he will promote moving forward with a specific plan of action.

Adrienne Brant James, Turtle Island Learning Circle, shared with Council the launch of a new endeavor called Building Community Bridges, with the goal of building bridges, partnerships, and other connections among people, the natural environment, and history in Moody County. The intent is to create A River Bend haven, family retreat, or recreational stop for residents and visitors in a setting currently popular with river travelers, in the area that extends from the FSST Pow Wow grounds to Crescent Street. Turtle Island Learning Circle will be utilized to solicit funding for the proposal.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2020-04, A Resolution Adopting the Moody County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2020-2025. The following members voted aye Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with the Flandreau School District. The following members voted aye Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the Moody County Dispatching Services Agreement for 2021 in the amount of \$59,160. The following members voted aye Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty, that in consideration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the assessment of late fees will be eliminated and utility services will not be disconnected for utility bills due during the month of July, with review to take place at the first meeting in August to determine whether the temporary policy should be extended for an additional period of time.

Capital Improvement Plan updates were provided by City Administrator Pederson. An additional source of funding of approximately \$350,000 available thru the Cares Act Coronavirus Relief Fund may be available for capital improvements; this sum represents nine months of police payroll expenses. The golf course study was received today and copies were provided for review. Purchase cost for a heavy-timber pedestrian bridge costs were shared, and Pederson noted that there would be additional cost for installation of the structure. The dam study is progressing, and the City will soon be presented with four mitigation options with one to be selected and presented at 30% design level by November. The skateboard park is complete other than a bit of freshening up on the equipment. Fencing has arrived for the dog park;

installation will begin soon. Costs associated with the construction of a new fire hall were shared; volunteer firefighters have indicated they could complete the interior finish should the City proceed with construction. Pederson shared information regarding potential grant opportunities available. Mayor Sutton shared that he will be appointing a Site Selection Committee to research potential properties for the site for a new fire hall and will bring forth the committee names at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

There were no Council Comments.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Dan Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson  
City Administrator