

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 15th, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on July 15th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Mayor Dan Sutton, Alderman Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Police Chief Zach Weber, Dale and Linda Christensen, Jim and Brenda Doyle.

Council President, Brad Bjerke, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Finance Officer Kneebone requested to amend the minutes of July 1st, 2024 due to a clerical error, the amount of \$527,020 should be paid to First Savings Bank for interim construction loan, not \$659,017.13.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the change to July 1st, 2024 minutes, allowing \$527,020 to be paid to First Savings Bank for interim construction loan for the fire station. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the amended minutes of July 1st, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 7/10/2024: general, \$39,001.33; water, \$2,229.63; electric, \$7,203.81; sewer, \$2,229.69; (25852) A-1 Portable Toilets, toilet rentals, \$680.00; AT & T Mobility, phone utilities, \$425.36; Big Sioux Community Water System, water usage, \$18,145.02; Booster Publishing, minutes/advertising, \$450.00; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, \$2,147.21; Cardmember Services, supplies/travel/conference, \$5,956.90; Chesterman Company, pool supplies, \$1,005.00; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank exchange, \$29.91; Cintas, mats/towels, \$448.34; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, \$30.80; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs, \$6,300.04; Dakota Pump & Control Co. Inc., lift repairs, \$1,602.04; Daniela Ramos Vazquez, community center deposit refund, \$250.00; Ditch Witch, supplies, \$144.85; EDM International, Inc., subscription, \$290.00; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., supplies, \$265.58; First Savings Bank, interest payment fire station loan, \$5,697.53; Fuller Paving, asphalt repairs, \$6,270.00; Graybar Electric Company, Inc., supplies, \$267.05; GreatAmerica Financial Services, copier agreement, \$165.11; Hawkins, Inc., supplies, \$1,495.25; Hillyard, supplies, \$915.94; IMEG, professional services, \$28,690.00; Industrial Chem Labs, supplies, \$469.25; Iott's Greenhouse, flowers, \$1,079.78; Jessica Jewett, community center deposit refund, \$250.00; Justice Fire & Safety, repairs, \$4,100.00; M & H Communications, pager supplies, \$286.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, \$980.91; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, \$2,693.68; Missouri River Energy Services, contract/agreement, \$388.40; Moody County Enterprise,

minutes/advertising, \$1,353.79; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, \$71.94; Overhead Door Co of SF, Inc., repairs, \$685.72; Pitney Bowes – Purchase Powers, supplies, \$300.00; Ramsdell F&M LTD, supplies, \$1,052.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, \$2,091.75; Schoenfish & Co. Inc., professional fees, \$100.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, \$200.00; Sioux Valley Energy, utilities, \$209.00; SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC, supplies, \$381.73; South Dakota 811, message fees, \$116.55; Stan Houston, supplies, \$3,589.97; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repairs, \$213.98; Syn-Tech Systems, Inc., repairs, \$48.00; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues/subscriptions, \$120.00; Two-Way Solutions, Inc., repairs, \$150.00; Tyler Lumbar Company, supplies, \$3,356.89; Valley Fibercom, internet/phone utilities, \$776.57; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$166.85; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies, \$367.98; Wesco Receivables Corp, meter testing, \$9,160.00; (25904). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the newly formed Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee had their first meeting and will be focusing on making incremental improvements to the dam. The Housing Authority Board will meet on July 23rd to go over a proposal for a possible housing development on Broad Avenue. Community Subsidy requests for the 2025 budget were due to the City office on July 15th by 5:00 p.m. There will be a budget workshop with the council on Monday, August 19th, to begin discussing the proposed 2025 City Budget. Turnquist reported on an unexpected repair to one of the Fire Department's brush trucks. Turnquist will present funding options to pay for the repair at the next council meeting.

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: City residents Dale and Linda Christensen and Jim and Brenda Doyle voiced safety concerns over fireworks being ignited in their neighborhood over the July 4th holiday. Discussion was had on rules and regulations of commercial grade fireworks. Police Chief Weber was present to answer questions relating to this topic. Weber reported that there were no firework complaints to the police department on July 4th. The City's fireworks ordinance was provided to all in attendance. Alderman Fargen suggested banning fireworks in city limits as a possible solution to the problem. Council President Brad Bjerke said more information is needed, especially on defining commercial grade fireworks, and that this topic should be revisited again once more information and research is gathered. No council action was taken at this time.

The City of Flandreau was recently informed that the audit firm Schoenfish & Co. LLC, will no longer be providing audit services to the city. A request for proposal for audit services will be sent out to several audit firms as the City begins looking for a new audit firm.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the request for proposal for audit services. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve Pay Request Number Eleven (11) for \$8,050.00 for professional services to IMEG Engineering for the Series 2023 Water Improvement Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:04 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to come out of Executive Session for Personnel at 7:12 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve hiring David Schliinz part-time at \$47.01/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Fargen inquired about the City's audit process, which is currently on a bi-annual basis. The City's last 2-year audit was completed for years 2021-2022. The City also completes an Annual Report each year. All audit and annual reports can be found on the City's website.

The Council President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Brad Bjerke
Council President

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator