

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on July 17<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 (via phone), Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, Scott Ganschow, Nicole Roggenbuck, David Prokulevich, Liz Scharton, Caitlyn Drietz and Susan Ahlers.

Mayor Sutton asked for an addition to the Proposed Agenda, adding an Executive Session for Contractual Purpose to the last item of New Business.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve the addition of an Executive Session to the proposed agenda. The following members coted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, pending a change due to clerical error. The July 5<sup>th</sup> minutes should have stated that Alderman Fargen voted nay on the \$3/hourly differential wage increase for Aquatic Center Hourly Employees. This change will be made to the July 5<sup>th</sup> minutes and republished in the City's official newspaper. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: (24568) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 350.00; Access Systems, copier agreement, 464.92; AT & T Mobility, phones, 40.04; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchase and usage, 20,782.16; Bobcat of Brookings, supplies, 431.97; Booster Publishing, June council minutes, 250.00; Border States Electric Supply, splice kit, compression conn/quick, 937.03; Cardmember Services, supplies, 1,495.11; Chesterman Company, supplies, 1,004.95; Christiansen Complete Water, supplies, 29.91; Cintas, rentals, 484.33; Code Enforcement Specialists, services, 499.45; Cole's Petroleum Inc, aviation gas, airport, 5,056.20; Core & Main, industrial quick-mark, 958.57; Cybercoach, labor, tech support, 135.00; Dakota Pump & Control, service call, casino lift station, 969.39; Dakota Supply Group, seal oil tight for 2", 217.18; Dave's Appliance Repair, service fridge at pool, 135.25; Einspahr Auto Plaza, repairs, police vehicle, 356.84; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept, meetings/trainings, 3,320.00; GreatAmerica Financial Svcs, copier agreement, 205.00; Helms & Assoc, airport grants/agreements, 10,336.38; Hillyard, filter sensor, 270.13; IMEG, professional fees Series 2023 water/sewer project, 75,000; Iott's Greenhouse, flowers, 998.55; Iowa State University, first aid/CPR training, 60.00; Jerry's Electric, fire hall

transformer, 20,485.00; JLG Architects, professional services fire station, 2,531.25; May Construction, boring line, 3,673.48; Maynards, supplies, 4,885.85; Meierhenry Sargent, professional services Series 2023 Sewer Project, 27,760.87; Metron-Farnier, Verizon wireless service, 1,390.00; Mid-American Energy, gas/oil, 148.06; Missouri River Energy Services, registration fee, AMI meter count fee, 3,480.40; Moody County Auditor, 3<sup>rd</sup> qt dispatch agreement, 16,003.00; Moody County Enterprise, advertising, 785.66; Owen Parsley, track camp, 400.00; Patriot Electric, meter change out, 2,332.59; River's Edge Coop, gas/oil, supplies, 2,635.36; SD Supplemental Retirement, Kneebone and Sherman, 100.00; Sioux Valley Energy, solid waste electric, 143.00; Sparkle Car Wash, vehicle washing, 50.64; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, mini fuse assortment, toolbox new truck, 1,877.35; Transunion Risk and Alternative, contract, 120.00; Verizon Wireless, phones/jet pack, 128.64; Waxdahl Napa Plus, air filter, wrench, 47.68; Wesco, supplies, street light, 6,656.84; WS Construction Management, pay app no. 1 for new fire station, 39,490.80 (24616). 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 thanked the community for supporting the Airport Fly-In Event that took place on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor and Administrator Cohl Turnquist will be meeting with the City Attorney on some ongoing legal matters. Sutton and Turnquist will also be meeting with Banner Engineering and a Developer on a possible multi-living facility, which is a collaborative project with the Flandreau Housing Authority Committee. Sutton encourages residents to get out and support all of the upcoming community events, including the Moody County Fair, which will be held this week, Riverside Park Days, which will be held during the first weekend in August, and the Crystal Theatre's annual Pie Sale, which will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed Council that he is working with the Flandreau Development Corporation and Banner Engineering to resubmit a Letter of Intent for the Recreational Trail Project, which had previously been put on hold. Turnquist stated that August/September is budget season for City Officials, and encourages anyone with ideas or budgetary requests to reach out to him at the City Office. Finance Officer Kneebone and Turnquist will be presenting the proposed 2024 budget to the Council at a Budget Workshop at the August 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. Turnquist also thanked everyone for supporting the Airport Fly-In, with special thanks to Alderman Bjerke and the Airport Board members, Mayor Sutton and Boys and Girls Club, and all the volunteers who helped make the event successful. Turnquist encourages residents to attend the Moody County Fair Parade on Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> and Riverside Park Days, the first weekend of August, along with the Crystal Theatre Pie Sale on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Turnquist thanked City Crews for their attention to detail, and said staff are focusing on smaller projects, such as face lifts to several picnic shelters and weeding and maintaining park areas throughout the community.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty 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: None.

New Business: David Prokulevich, along with other members of the Moody County Ambulance Service, asked Council Members to give them first chance at the opportunity to purchase the current fire station. The City is planning to sell the current fire station, once the new one is built and everything is moved. Prokulevich stated they would like to improve their quarters to help with recruitment and stated interest in purchasing the current fire station to house the Ambulance Service. Plans would be to renovate the space to allow for improved living quarters, and more space for their daily operations. The Moody County Ambulance is currently located behind the Sherriff's Office, which Prokulevich stated, is less than ideal. City officials plan to keep this in mind when the time comes to sell the current fire station.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve a Street Closure Request from the Flandreau Booster Club for a Fall Sports Rally on August 15, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. First Avenue from George Billam Drive to North 12<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed for this fundraising event. 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 Fargen to approve the reselection of Nelson Valuation Services, LLC as the Review Appraiser for the Airport and Shaykett Company, Inc as the Airport Appraiser. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Fargen, Tufty, and Yeaton. Nays: Ekern. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve placing Ben Ballard on the Aquatic Wage Scale at a wage of \$11.33/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke (via phone), Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Caitlyn Drietz and Susan Ahlers, representing the Moody County Museum attended the Council meeting and invited Council Members to come and tour the museum, and possibly hold a meeting there. The Moody County Historical Society has turned in a subsidy request to the City of Flandreau for the 2024 budget. Ahlers and Drietz spoke about the happenings, updates and events taking place at the museum.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to go into Executive Session for Contractual Purposes at 7:07 p.m. 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 Tufty to come out of Executive Session for Contractual Purposes at 7:46 p.m.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator