

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
July 19th, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, July 19th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall (via conference call), Karen Tufty, and Jason Unger (6:54 p.m.). Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; and Brenda Wade Schmidt, Moody County Enterprise.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of July 6th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them:

The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard: None

Mayor Sutton indicated he felt the Public Meeting for the Fire Station went well. He commended City Administrator Pederson for the financial information he shared, JLG Architects for their thorough presentation of the design, and Fire Chief Peters for his discussion regarding the need for the new facility. Also of concern is the increase in COVID cases, specifically the Delta variant, throughout the country. While it has not yet impacted the Flandreau area, it will need to be closely watched and monitored.

City Administrator Pederson reiterated the Mayor's comments regarding COVID, indicating signs are still posted and procedures in public buildings for sanitization are still in place.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement for increased funding from the City and GFP for the completed Flandreau Dam Evaluation. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City Administrator outlined the process to apply for long-term funding from Rural Development to assist with financing the cost of the new Fire Station. Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to authorize the submission of application materials for a Rural Development Loan for the new Fire Station. The following

members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to approve the Settlement Agreement with Eng Services for a breach of the Solid Waste Agreement between Eng and the City. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Pre-Budget Planning discussion was held. Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson shared property and sales tax revenue history as well as projected revenue for 2022. City Administrator Pederson discussed the need to contract with a codifier to update all City Ordinances. He feels the aging Aquatic Center may need some maintenance in the upcoming budget year and the golf course will once again need an appropriation for maintenance/improvements. Numerous items were shared by the Mayor and Aldermen for discussion and/or potential additions to the 2022 budget year: an employee wage review, Police Department review, new pickleball court, updated grave location board at the cemetery, dam beautification, bike path asphalt repair, community branding, radar speed signs, and employee uniforms. The Proposed Budget will be reviewed by the Council at a Special Meeting the last week in August, followed by further review and passage in September.

Council Comments: None

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to go into executive session for a personnel matter at 7:39 p.m. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Tufty to come out of executive session at 7:48 p.m. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator