

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in special session on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Park for the dedication of the new Skate Park and Dog Exercise Park.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Brad Bjerke and Jason Unger. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Bruce, David, and Marilyn Allen; Anna Duncan; Flandreau residents; and Brenda Wade Schmidt, Moody County Enterprise.

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

Mayor Sutton shared background information regarding the Skate Park and Dog Exercise Park. He thanked Bruce Allen for the donation of the equipment installed at the Skate Park. Mayor Sutton also thanked Jessica Hovland and Hovakah Bosin for their donation of a park bench that has been placed in the new Dog Exercise Park. Lastly, Mayor Sutton thanked City Administrator Pederson and Randy Wilts, Park Superintendent, for the large parts they played in the planning and construction of the new parks, which will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Anna Duncan provided information to those present regarding history of Duncan Park which was created in the late 1980s. She shared a letter written in 1986 by the Gene Knock family, descendants of the Duncan family, commending the City for creating a park for future generations to enjoy and shared fond memories of hours of enjoyment on the vacant lot long before it became Duncan Park.

Bruce Allen and his children were present to share the history of the skating equipment that they donated to the City, and to thank the City for providing a location for the equipment to be utilized and enjoyed by the youth of the community.

City Administrator Pederson talked about Duncan Park, indicating the two new additions better utilize the large area of green space and are wonderful improvements for residents to use and enjoy. He highlighted features of the Dog Exercise Park, such as the holding area used to leash and unleash pets prior to entering the exercise enclosure, and the attractive fencing material. The fencing material was purchased and then installed by City employees; he thanked Randy Wilts for his hard work in overseeing and creating the new Dog Exercise Park.

A ribbon cutting was held for the Skate Park with Bruce Allen cutting the ribbon and also one for the Dog Exercise Park with former Mayor Mark Bonrud cutting the ribbon.

Door prizes of two leashes and two sets of skating safety equipment were given away.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Fargen to recess the City Council Meeting at 5:57 p.m. and reconvene for regular session 6:30 p.m. at the William J. Janklow Community Center. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Unger. Motion carried.

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the William J. Janklow Community Center.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, Karen Tufty, and Jason Unger (via phone until arrival at 7:35 p.m.). Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Corey Bruning, City Attorney; Nicole Biever, Boys and Girls Club; Steve Pulscher, Pulscher Farms Addition; and Brenda Wade Schmidt, Moody County Enterprise.

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

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

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: (21502) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 341.38; Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 642.25; Applied Concepts, repairs, 588.25; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 1,337.50; Buffalo Ridge Concrete, supplies, 126.00; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,258.12; Colman Building Center, supplies, 107.50; Derek Genzlinger, summer rec/football, 200.00; Elite Business Systems, contract, 358.74; Eng Services, contract, 13,574.00; FSST, utility taxes collected, 611.33; Grace Johanson, summer rec/golf, 630.00; Granicus, contract, 4,500.00; Heiman, supplies, 30.00; Julia Flute Player, refund, 93.92; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 112.89; Moody County Auditor, dispatch service, 14,790.00; Moody County Conservation Dist., deposit refund, 250.00; Patriot Electric, repairs/supply, 1,138.05; Pitney Bowes, postage & supplies, 500.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental insurance, 1,045.42; Ramsdell F&M, supplies, 441.00; Reyna Gama Rodriquez, refund, 1.84; SD Dept. of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 45.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 14,852.80; SD Supplemental Retirement, retirement, 342.31; Standard insurance, life insurance, 273.61; Vadim Municipal Software, contract, 4.88; Vast Broadband, phone/cable/internet, 915.32; Verizon Wireless, 339.92; Vision Service, vision insurance, 242.96 (21532). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

Nicole Biever, Chief Development Officer of the Boys and Girls Club, shared the Club mission, vision, and values. She shared information regarding

measurable items accomplished in 2019 and statistics on youth served, civic impact, programming, community collaborations, and changes in funding. Ms. Biever highlighted how City funding impacts the Moody County Boys and Girls Club and asked Council to please consider their funding request when preparing the 2021 Budget.

Mayor Sutton shared that the City has been awarded the Crescent Street Bridge demolition grant, and thanked City Administrator Pederson, Department of Transportation Staff and Commission for their work on the grant. The dedication of the Skate Park and Dog Exercise Park took place earlier at Duncan Park; he once again thanked City Administrator Pederson, Randy Wilts, and Bruce Allen for the roles they played in making it happen. Lastly, he wished Alderman Mark Ekern a happy birthday.

City Administrator Pederson informed Council that budget preparation is underway. He asked that Council consider options for the COVID funds allocation from the State of South Dakota prior to the next Council meeting in anticipation of the budget presentation. He shared that Mayor Sutton is also celebrating a birthday tomorrow.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: First Reading of Ordinance No. 599, An Ordinance Establishing a Discretionary Formula for the Assessment of Property Taxes on New Structures and Additions Within the City of Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota, was held.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Fargen to deny the request for waiver of sidewalk requirement submitted by Steve Pulscher for Pulscher Farms Addition. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Fargen, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: Ekern. Abstain: Pesall. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Bjerke to request that Steve Pulscher submit a letter of assurance to the City of Flandreau Planning and Zoning Commission for completion of sidewalks in Pulscher Farms Addition which assures sidewalk completion within three years, prior to Final Plat approval by the Commission and City. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Abstain: Pesall. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe for the Crescent Street Bridge. 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 authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements to transfer \$18,500 of the City's 2017 FAA Entitlements to Clark County. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Fargen, that in consideration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the assessment of late fees will be eliminated for utility bills due July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (first late notice), but utility services will be disconnected and assessed a fee if not paid or satisfactory arrangements are not made by August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (second late notice). The disconnect fee may be waived if delinquency is

justifiable. Review will take place at the first meeting in September to determine whether the temporary policy should be extended for an additional period of time.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to approve a temporary liquor license for Bar X Bar for a bean bag tournament on Wind Street between Pipestone and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to approve a temporary liquor license for Faita's Bar and Grill for a bean bag tournament on Wind Street between Pipestone and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to approve a temporary liquor license for Fat Boys Bar for a bean bag tournament on Wind Street between Pipestone and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Pesall to approve a temporary liquor license for Mad Mary's for the Tawny Brewer/Weston Heinemann wedding reception and dance to be held at the William J. Janklow Community Center on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Mayor Sutton indicated he and City Administrator Pederson will be meeting with the Task Force for Fire Hall Site Selection soon in order to provide them with goals and objectives regarding site selection. He also inquired whether there would be a special meeting for budget presentation later this month. Pederson stated that it is anticipated it will take place the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> and Council members were asked to review their calendar for availability.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson  
City Administrator