

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 16th, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, August 16th, 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, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Jason Unger. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Billing Clerk Crystal Roberts; Chief Zach Weber, Flandreau Police Department; Dave and Chris Johnson; and Janii White.

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, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of August 2nd, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 8/11/2021: general, 32,894.89; water, 1,255.00; electric, 4,078.69; sewer, 1,255.00; airport, 159.36; solid waste, 499.87; (22539) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 303.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, purchase/usage, 22,461.81; Booster Publishing, minutes/adv, 490.00; C & R Supply, supplies, 927.00; Cannon Technologies, meters, 1,872.72; Cardmember Services, repairs/supplies/conference, 1,602.68; Chesterman Co., pool supplies, 184.90; Cintas, rentals, 312.05; Claflin Excavating, repairs, 3,590.57; Colman Building Center, new cemetery project, 45.90; Crystal Theatre Cultural Assn, summer rec, 190.00; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 3,269.24; Dakota Pump & Control Co, repairs/annual inspection, 1,405.00; Dakota Supply Group, supplies/cemetery project, 3,571.38; Einspahr Auto Plaza, repairs, 380.09; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 1,397.18; Elite Business Systems, contract, 399.70; Evident, supplies, 36.00; Farm Credit Services of America, deposit refund, 250.00; Fed Ex, trans charge, 30.82; FSST, utility taxes collected, 657.60; Fuller Paving, patching, 28,750.00; GreatAmerica Financial Svsc, contract, 195.05; Hawkins, supplies, 991.40; Hillyard Sioux Falls, supplies, 108.10; Hugo Cerna, deposit refund, 250.00; Jason Taylor, rebate check, 25.00; JLG Architects, professional fees, 8,846.05; K & M Rations, deposit refund, 250.00; Maynards, supplies, 3,149.22; Metron-Farnier, meters, 1,960.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 119.26; MidAmerican Research Chemical, supplies, 495.62; Missouri River Energy Services, meters, 145.40; Moody County Enterprise, minutes & resolution, 776.91; Office Peeps, supplies, 161.20; Ottertail Power Co., airport electric, 262.91; Patriot Electric, supplies, 192.60; Postmaster, supplies, 265.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental insurance, 1,039.27; R Place Kennel, K-9 expenses, 207.00; Ramsdell F&M, supplies, 591.68; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 2,404.36; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 184.00; South Dakota Division of Child Support, child support, 250.00; Sparkle Car Wash, supplies, 9.90; Stuart C Irby Co., glove testing, 132.83; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 418.12; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 473.36;

Waxdahl NAPA Plus, supplies, 31.76; Wesco, meters, 34,384.40; July EFT'S: DakotaCare, health insurance, 17,972.82; EFTPS, taxes, 23,721.25; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 170,994.84; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 12,587.32; US Dept. of Agriculture, water bond payment, 3,381.00; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard: Dave and Kris Johnson were present to request that Council consider installation of an outdoor pickleball court. There is a group of 18-24 individuals that play pickleball at the armory when it is available but have to plan around the schedules of the National Guard and School. It would be nice to play outdoors on a court that could be lit in the evenings. Mr. Johnson stated it is a great game for adults and they hope to interest youth in the game as well as it is currently being taught at the Boys & Girls Club and the School.

Mayor Sutton stated that he and City Administrator Pederson met with Titus and Randy Tollefson regarding littering signs. Titus chose signs from those presented by Pederson for placement throughout the community. Titus is donating \$100 of his own money and has a donor that wishes to contribute \$250 towards the cost of the signs. Mayor Sutton stated it is great to see a young individual taking interest in the appearance of the community. Mayor Sutton congratulated the Flandreau Cardinals on a great season and on placing runner-up at the State Tournament. South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB) has been interviewing people for a program that will show Flandreau as the featured community. Interviews began in June at the Festival of Nations event with numerous individuals and businesses interviewed since including Dorothy Lyford who created the panels on display at the Community Center. Flandreau will be presented as a highlighted community on SDPB on September 2nd; a public viewing of the show will be held on September 9th at the Crystal Theatre with a question and answer session following. The Mayor met with City Administrator Jeff Pederson, Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson and Tom Grimmond, Colliers Securities, to secure refinancing of the 2000 water bond; he indicated the net savings from refinancing is approximately \$110,000. Documents will be prepared for the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign.

City Administrator Pederson shared that Tom Grimmond, Colliers Securities, will place the water bonds as a negotiated private sale at a Sioux Falls area bank which will be a cleaner and less complex sale and will save approximately \$10,000 in fees. The Fire Department will have a meeting in a couple of weeks to hear from the group that is reviewing the detailed specs of the new Fire Station design; he does not anticipate any changes. Work progresses to get all the necessary materials to Rural Development for the application for financing the new Fire Station. The City is endeavoring to prepare the site by the time the project will be let for bids. A questionnaire has been sent to all Council members for input into development of the City Administrator profile. Once all responses are received, a draft will be prepared for review and changes so advertising may begin for the City Administrator position.

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

Old Business: Second reading of Ordinance 603, An Ordinance that Amends Existing Title 5 Public and Private Nuisances, was conducted. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to adopt Ordinance 603. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

City Administrator Pederson updated Council regarding the 2022 Budget preparation; a special meeting will be held on Monday, August 30th for presentation. He is optimistic that the balanced budget will free up funds in the operating budget which will indicate ability to take on the additional debt associated with the new Fire Station. City Administrator Pederson presented the following items for discussion and/or potential placement in the 2022 Budget: 1) the lighted speed signs (four permanent and one mobile) that were discussed earlier in the year have been researched by Chief Zach Weber who indicated the approximate cost will be \$10,000; 2) the School Resource Officer position will not be funded as there is not a signed contract with the school; this will save the City 1/4 of an officer salary and benefits; 3) the Golf Club has again requested \$25,000 to assist with maintenance; funds this year have been used for restoration of the course; 4) Code recodification in the amount of \$20,000; 5) placement of a kiosk at the cemetery in lieu of the existing maps and an on-line link on the City website to provide accessible and accurate information for those that visit; the Catholic Church may be approached for cost sharing in the total approximate cost of \$25,000; 6) necessary capital improvement and maintenance at the Aquatic Center; 7) the Street Department wheel loader will pay off at the end of 2022; beginning in 2023, those funds will be placed in an equipment replacement fund for future purchases; 8) an additional employee was budgeted in the 2021 Street Department budget but was reallocated to construction accounts within the budget; those funds will not be used in 2022 for an employee but will be disbursed 50% to the Street Department and 50% to the remaining General Fund; 9) all Christmas decorations are a minimum of ten years old and in dire need of replacement; thirty decorations need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$600 each; replacement will be phased in over several years; 10) Bed, Board and Booze tax may be used for a change out of the controls at the Community Center and Armory to pneumatic controls; it is undetermined whether it would all be done in 2022 or over a two-year period; 11) fees will be reviewed as many have not been changed for several years; this would be a potential source of additional revenue in all funds.

New Business: Review of Chapter 13.6, On-Street Vehicle Parking for Snow Removal, took place. Janii White, City resident, stated she feels the 72 hours to move a vehicle after a snowfall is too long and creates problems for residents. She would prefer it be set at 24 hours after a snowfall and/or there be a requirement to move vehicles after advance notification that the streets will be plowed. Chief Zach Weber shared ideas based on other communities where the Street Department could declare an emergency snow removal alert which states when the City would begin to plow, giving ample time for residents to move vehicles. After discussion, it was determined that City Administrator Pederson, Street Superintendent Randy Wilts, and Chief Zach Weber will meet to draft a revision of the Ordinance to set a lower time than 72 hours, implement a snow emergency alert, set the minimum

amount of movement of a vehicle to avoid fines or towing, and review and modify, as needed, the emergency snow routes already set forth in the Ordinance. A first reading may take place as soon as the next Council meeting.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Fargen to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06, A Resolution Regarding the Plat of Lots 5A and 5B in Block 1 of Flandreau Industrial Park. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Pesall to adopt Resolution No. 2021-07, A Resolution Regarding the Plat of Lots 1A thru 7A in Block 10 of Southview Heights Addition. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the extension of the Solid Waste Agreement between Eng Services and the City of Flandreau to January 21st, 2022. 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 approve a pay step increase for Police Officer Gabriel Frias to \$21.32 per hour effective September 4th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Unger. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Mayor Sutton requested everyone mark Monday, August 30th on their calendar for the Budget Presentation meeting at 5:30 p.m. In addition, First District will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the William J. Janklow Community Center for elected officials and staff to meet with their staff who will present the various work activities and services provided by First District.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator