

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 19th, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, August 19th, 2024 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, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty, and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Todd Kays, from First District Association, Anna Duncan and Bret Severtson.

Mayor Sutton asked to revise the proposed agenda to add Resolution 2024-11 to the Final Plat of Lot 1A of Booster Club Addition, due to a clerical error, the resolution number was omitted in the proposed agenda.

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

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of August 5th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of August 14th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 8/7/24: general, \$40,319.09; water \$2,322.70; electric, \$15,537.69, sewer, \$2,322.69; (25970) WS Construction, pay request 15, fire station, \$30,789.06; (25971) Access Systems Leasing, copier, \$462.33; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, \$154.20; Altec Industries, Inc., digger truck repairs, \$4,062.58; Althoff Crane Service, crane rental; Amanda Solis De Cerna, Community Center deposit, \$250.00; Bender Sewer and Drain, LLC, lift stations cleaning, \$2,232.00; Bobcat of Brookings, supplies, \$1,819.82; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, \$2,377.84; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, PLLC, professional fees, \$1,312.50; Cannon Technologies, Inc., meters, \$710.32; Chesterman Company, pool supplies for resale, \$292.50; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, \$804.05; D&D Small Engine Repair, mower repairs, \$27.44; Dakota Pump & Control, sewer inspection/repair, \$1,188.31; Dale Tjarks, Community Center deposit, \$250.00; David Schliinz, supplies, \$13.79; Ditch Witch, repairs, \$215.27; Einspahr Auto Plaza, Inc., Fire Dept. brush truck repair, \$21,976.67; Graybar Electric Company, Inc., supplies, \$738.02; GreatAmerica Financial Services, copier, \$165.11; Hansen-Thomas Inc., sidewalk repairs, \$3,725.51; IMEG, sewer project professional fees, \$7,500.00; Industrial Chem Labs, lift station supplies, \$467.80; Maynards, supplies, \$3,081.12; Merchant JT&S, training, \$1,100.00; Metron-Farnier, LLC, meter service, \$700.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas, \$2,477.63; Midwest Land Surveying, tract survey/plat, 500.00; Missouri River Energy Services, meter count, \$388.40; Moody County Conservation District, grass seed, \$300.00; Moody County Enterprise, ads, \$595.86; NELCO, forms, \$112.66; Office of the Attorney General, FPD funds from

vehicle sale, \$400.00; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, \$230.31; Patriot Electric, Inc. trencher rental, \$565.31; Pool Furniture Supply, furniture, \$4,111.00; Raleigh Burk, mic holder, \$53.04; Ramsdell F&M LTD, rental of bucket, \$761.98; RESCO Electric Utility Supply, transformer, \$17,423.33; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, \$4,185.12; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, \$50.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, addition of insurance to fire hall, 3,329.21; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal call service fees, \$48.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electricity, \$209.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, \$38.84; Transunion Risk and Alternative, contracted service, \$126.00; Trey Andrews, training, \$270.00; Valley Fibercom, phone/internet, \$778.88; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies/repairs, \$536.86; Wesco Receivables Corp, supplies/equipment, \$4,182.93 (26020). (26021) Cybercoach, computer equipment for new fire station, \$8,309.65. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: City resident, Anna Duncan, was present at the Council meeting to express concerns about the maintenance and upkeep of the Flandreau Aquatic Center.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that the Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee met at the south side of the dam to discuss the multi-phase improvement plan. City crews have removed concrete pieces for bank stabilization and tree removal will begin in the fall. The committee plans to meet again in October. Sutton stated he believes plans are moving forward on the reconstruction of the Crescent Street Bridge. Sutton and Turnquist met with Department of Transportation officials and did a tour with Phillip Allen, from the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, on their proposed recreational trail.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed Council that the City's chip seal project will take place on 3rd Ave on September 9th, with fog seal expected to happen on September 11th. Residents should watch for project updates on the City's Website, Facebook page and Code Red alerts. August 19th was the last day for the Aquatic Center and Turnquist expressed thanks to pool staff for a successful summer season. The dog swim will not be held this year. Administrator Turnquist also reported on the meeting with DOT. Turnquist is hoping to work collaboratively with the DOT on their future project on Pipestone Ave, as city utilities will need to be replaced. More information on this project will be shared in future meetings. Interior and exterior finishes have been chosen for the Boys and Girls Club Early Childhood Learning Center, which could tentatively be up and running by November of 2025.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve the Administrator's Reports. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Old Business: Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to take Resolution 2024-10; Opposition to Initiated Measure 28 off the table. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2024-10; Opposition to Initiated Measure 28. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve the placement of Tom Bacon on Step 4 of the Electric Superintendent Wage Scale at \$47.08/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Todd Kays, with First District Association, gave a presentation to council members about the proposed changes to the city's zoning ordinance. Kays has been working with Mayor Sutton, Administrator Turnquist, Finance Officer Kneebone, City Attorney Bruning, Aldermen Ahlers and Fargen and Planning Commission Member Bart Sample on reviewing the city's current zoning ordinance. The group has met several times over the last few months to discuss the proposed changes. Kays told council members that the updated ordinance is a management tool to help guide the community. More information on the proposed changes will be shared at an upcoming public hearing. There will be a first reading of the new zoning ordinance on September 16th, with a 2nd reading on October 7th. The new ordinance, if approved, would become effective in November.

The 2025 Proposed Budget includes \$200,000 of revenues from the sale of the old fire hall. \$95,000 is being allocated for the demolition of Duncan Elevator, with remaining funds set aside in a Capital Improvement Fund for future projects. The City currently has no unearmarked funds in Capital Improvement, as previous funds were used for the building of the new fire station and the upcoming airport expansion project. During the budget workshop, members from the Flandreau Baseball Association expressed interest in the building to use as an indoor training facility. Bret Severtson was present at the meeting to answer any additional questions Council Members might have. Alderman Fargen spoke in favor of the sale of fire hall, stating the City has several projects that need addressed. Alderman Ekern made a motion to have the old fire hall appraised. This motion failed, due to the lack of a second. Alderman Yeaton suggested the Baseball Association raise enough funds to cover the amount of the elevator demolition. Alderman Bjerke agreed the revenue from the sale of the old fire hall is needed for other city projects. After much discussion, no council action was taken, and the revenue from the sale of the old fire hall will remain in the 2025 Proposed Budget.

Further discussion was had on the amount of funds given to our Community Partnership Subsidy requests. The 2025 Proposed Budget includes a recommended subsidy amount of \$20,000 to the Flandreau Golf Course, who had requested \$30,000. Discussion was had on decreasing the subsidy amount given to the golf course, which could free up funds to give to other organizations. Alderman Yeaton expressed concern in the drastic decrease of funds given to the golf course.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to amend the 2025 Proposed Budget to include a \$10,000 subsidy to the Flandreau Golf Course. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern and Fargen. Nays: Tufty and Yeaton. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Fargen to amend the 2025 Proposed Budget to include a \$15,000 subsidy allocated to the Flandreau Housing Authority Committee. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The City of Flandreau received an audit proposal from Ketel Thorstenson out of Rapid City for new audit services. A multi-year fee schedule was provided in the audit proposal, with costs ranging from \$23,500 to \$33,200 for annual audits,

with additional costs for travel, meals and mileage. Further discussion on audit services will take place at the next meeting on September 3rd.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve the updated journey lineman wage scale which ranges from \$32.97 to \$41.68/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Fargen to authorize the City Administrator to complete the MRES community event sponsorship scholarship with proceeds benefiting the Crystal Theatre's fall musical production of The Little Mermaid. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve Pay Request Number Twelve (12) for professional fees to IMEG Engineering for \$7,500 for the Series 2023 Water Improvement Project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2024-11; Final Plat of Lot 1A of the Booster Club Addition to the City of Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Mayor Sutton encouraged residents to audition for the Crystal Theatre's Fall Musical, The Little Mermaid. Auditions will begin on August 20th at the Crystal Theatre.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator