

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, and Karen Tufty. Absent: Administrator Cohl Turnquist and Alderman Tim Yeaton. Also present were Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; and Moody County Ambulance representatives, Paul Lewis, Carla Bruning, Tawny Heinemann, Marty Skroch, Jerry Doyle, and Scott Ganschen.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 8/21/24: general, \$30,876.61; water, \$2,170.71; electric, \$5,155.58; sewer, \$2,170.73. (26021) Cybercoach Inc., computer equip. new fire hall, \$8,309.65; (26022) IMEG, water improvement project, \$7,500.00. August EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, \$13,639.43; City of Flandreau, city bills, \$10,200.15; EFTPS, taxes, \$32,610.92; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, \$210,848.63; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, \$453.27; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, \$13,832.60; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, \$21,487.00. (26026) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, \$1,200; Adam's Bucket Service, tree removal, \$2,050; Altec Industries, Inc., digger truck repairs, \$1,605.14; AT & T Mobility, phones police, \$212.68; Best Western Hotel of Rapid City, training, \$237.53; Betty Von Eye, health insurance, \$174.70; Bobcat of Brookings, equipment rental, \$925; Border States Electric Supply, primary pedestal, disconnect sleeves, \$2,590.66; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, prof. fees April and May, \$5,077.50; Cenex Fleetcard, gas for police, \$1,833.45; Cintas, rentals, first aid kits, \$991.03; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs, supplies, \$2,722.87; ELM Customs, fire truck repairs, \$2,306.37; Eng Services, hauling solid waste contract, \$16,492; FSST, utility taxes, \$860.84; Graybar Electric Company, Inc., bushed conduit, \$23.37; Hawkins, Inc., chlorine cylinder, \$20; Helms & Associates, hangar taxilane reconstruction, \$3,241.84; Krull's Garage, oil change, tire repair, \$627.67; M & T Fire and Safety, Inc., truck repairs, \$6,177.45; Metron-Farnier, LLC., water meter supplies, \$4,566.90; MidAmerican Energy, gas/oil, \$37.73; Office Peeps, Inc., office supplies, \$159.33; Patriot Electric, Inc., supplies for new fire hall, \$129; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage refill, \$350; Principal Life Insurance Company, dental & vision insurance, \$1,151.52; Ramsdell F & M, 30 yd bucket, \$705.76; SD Municipal League, conference fee, \$125; SD Retirement System, retirement for Aug., \$13,957.82; SD Supplemental Retirement, Kneebone, \$50; Sioux Valley Environmental, pressure vacuum gauge, \$190; Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, \$512.52; Sturdevant's Auto

Supply, sweeper oil change, \$159.32; T & R Electric, oil testing for substation, \$330; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies, \$2,215.46; Wesco Receivables, 3-phase J-Box, huskie battery, \$4,700.62. (26059). (26060) Jairo Garcia, refund, \$36.41; (26061) Linda Kahler, refund, \$100; (26062) Phoenix Amerston, refund, \$60.44; (26063) Trudy Erickson, \$61.90; (26064) Annette Heminger, refund, \$43.20. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Sutton reported that he, along with Administrator Turnquist, Police Chief Weber, and county and tribal officials, had a meeting to discuss the tribe's justice center proposal, which is tentatively being planned to be built between the Flandreau Indian School and the Pow Wow Grounds. Sutton said there is still ongoing discussions about the tribe's possible bike path project, which would tie into the Crescent Street Bridge project. Sutton also stated there will be a fall City-Wide Cleanup Day in September and the city will be accepting metal items this year. There was no administrator's report.

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

Old Business: The City is searching for a new auditor and has received proposals from Ketel Thorstenson and ELO CPAs & Advisors. Finance Officer Kneebone broke down the cost comparisons from each proposal. The City will be transitioning to annual audits instead of bi-annual audits, so there will be an increased cost in 2025 to get caught up.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to accept the audit proposal from Ketel Thorstenson. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

New Business: Representatives from Moody County were present inquiring about the potential sale of the old fire hall. Marty Skroch made a presentation to the Council, requesting that the City gift the old fire hall building to the County for the ambulance, or provide a \$25,000 subsidy for ambulance services. No council action was taken at this time.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the step increase for Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, placing her at Step 4 of the Finance Officer Wage Scale, at \$71,092.08/annually. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Fargen to approve the step increase for Dustin Lau, placing him at Step 7 of the Public Works Operator Wage Scale at \$23.12/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 621: 2025 Appropriation Ordinance was held. No changes were made. The second reading of Ordinance No. 621: 2025 Appropriation Ordinance will be held on September 16, 2024.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve Workers Compensation Coverage for the following Volunteer Firefighters: Tim Ullom, Doug Peters, Justin Chamblin, Greg Friesen, Logan Yost, Don Peters, Adam McClary, Brandon Peters, Colten Plooster, Ryan Ensz, Chase Amdahl, Max Fargen, Judd Krull, Tim Yeaton, Jackson Kontz, Marv Schoenwetter, Chris Neises, Dawson Blum, Sergio Morales, Mike Blum, Ryan Sherman, Emman Bamba, Randy Clements, Holist Sutton, Carl

Brakke, Jordan Ensz, Leighton Blum, Josh Weston, Tom Stenger and Dave Feske. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ekern to go into Executive Session for Legal at 7:24 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to come out of Executive Session for Legal at 8:03 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Kneebone  
Finance Officer