

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 16th, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on September 16th 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 Evan Leebens from Missouri River Energy Services.

Mayor Sutton asked for an addition to new business of the proposed agenda. A special temporary liquor license will be added before the chicken discussion.

The amended agenda was reviewed. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to adopt the amended agenda. 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 September 3rd, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 9/4/24: general, \$28,939.81; water, \$2,285.94; electric, \$6,814.91; sewer, \$2,285.99. (26065) Access Systems Leasing, copier agreement, \$571.98; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, \$154.20; Avera Flandreau Medical Clinic, immunization, \$260.00; Banner Associates, Inc., professional services, \$235.50; Big Sioux Community Water System, water usage/purchase, \$23,639.32; Booster Publishing, minutes, \$375.00; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, \$4,045.68; Brookings Equipment, Inc., mower supplies, \$33.64; Cardmember Services, supplies & ads, \$611.70; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank exchange, \$29.91; Cintas, first aid cabinets/supplies, \$1,531.73; Core & Main LP, curb box, \$364.43; Cystal Hanson, travel reimbursement, \$51.00; Cybercoach, Inc., \$5,788.59; Dakota Supply Group, valve turner, \$1,999.99; Donald Whitman, MRES Bright Solutions Rebate, \$30.00; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., repairs/supplies, \$773.56; Eng Services, sand/gravel, \$6,395.77; First Savings Bank, loan interest, \$4,176.54; Galls LLC, mic magnets, \$119.85; Hillyard, supplies, \$818.81; J & P Roofing Systems Inc., roof repairs at Community Center, \$247.50; Jerry's Electric Inc., transformers, \$13,870.00; Krull's Garage, repairs, \$1,759.26; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, \$1,291.62; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, \$2,033.69; Midwest Radar & Equipment, repairs, \$246.00; Missouri River Energy Services, AMI meter count, \$389.60; Moody County Enterprise, minutes/ads/supplies, \$795.99; Moody County Register of Deeds, document fees, \$90.00; Norm's Greenhouse & Nursey LLC, trees for city park, \$4,000.00; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, \$241.30; Patriot Electric, Inc., repairs/supplies, \$376.85; Paul Cline, city park repairs, \$1,000.00; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage refill, \$355.25; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC., postage machine contract, \$499.59; Plunkett's Pest

Control, pest control, \$137.00; Rivers Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, \$1,938.35; Rolando Cortez, Community Center deposit refund, \$250.00; Sanitation Products, Inc., street sweeper repairs, \$995.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, \$50.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal control, \$156.30; Sioux Valley Energy, electricity, \$212.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repair, \$76.95; Transunion Risk and Alternative, contract services, \$120.00; Valley Fibercom, phone/internet, \$769.81; Verizon Wireless, phones/iPad/jet pack, \$145.39; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC., supplies, \$489.42; WESCO Receivables Corp., supplies, \$10,310.69 (26114). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that he, along with Administrator Turnquist and Alderman Fargen, had met with representatives from Moody County to discuss the ambulance service. Sutton stated he believes both parties want to work together to find a solution and the group plans to meet again on September 23rd. Sutton read a proclamation declaring October 6-12 as National 4H Week.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist updated council on the two main chip seal projects coming up. There will be warranty work done on First Avenue beginning September 18th. There is information on Facebook and the City's Webpage about specific roads and intersections that will be affected. The dates for the Third Ave chip seal project are still unknown at this time. The City Park Campground will be closing for the season on October 15th. There will be a City-wide cleanup day on October 5th. City crews will work with members of the National Guard to pick up metal items and residents may begin placing items on their curbs on October 2nd. There will be a joint public hearing and meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council members on October 7th, where the group will be voting on the new proposed zoning ordinance, which can be found on the city's website. Turnquist reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met on Sept 16th and approved a conditional use permit for the proposed Early Childhood Learning Center.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers 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: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 621: 2025 Appropriation Ordinance was held. Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve Ordinance No. 621: 2025 Appropriation Ordinance. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: First Reading of Ordinance No. 622 was held. Ordinance 622 is an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 476, an ordinance establishing zoning regulations for the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, and providing for the administration, enforcement and amendment thereof, adopted June 19, 2000, and replacing it with Ordinance No. 622, an ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, and providing for the administration, enforcement and amendment thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 11-4 and 11-6, 1967 SDCL, and amendments thereof, and for the repeal of all resolutions and ordinances in the conflict herewith. The Second Reading of Ordinance No. 622 will take place on October 7th, 2024.

Evan Leebens, from Missouri River Energy, presented information to council members on the recent water and sewer rate study MRES performed for the City of Flandreau. MRES proposes an increase of 6% to water rates in January 2025, 2026 and 2027, due to rising operating costs and planned capital expenditures. There was no rate increase proposed for sewer rates. No council action was taken at this time.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve Change Order No. 9 to H & W Contracting, LLC for final contract of \$4,949,619.13. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve Pay App No. 18 to H & W Contracting, LLC for \$206,384.26. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve a temporary on-sale special alcoholic beverage license to C2W LLC for an event to be held at the Community Center on 9-21-2024 from 12:00 pm to 11:59 pm. 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 approve a temporary on-sale special alcoholic beverage license to DCC, Inc. for an event to be held at the Community Center on 10-3-2024 from 3:00 pm to 11:59 pm. 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 a temporary on-sale special alcoholic beverage license to Blue Jays for an event to be held at the Community Center on 10-26-2024-10-27-2024 from 3:00 p.m. on 10-26-2024 to 2:00 am on 10-27-2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to approve a temporary on-sale special alcoholic beverage license to Carleen Wild/The Merc for an event to be held at Grizzly Meats on South Veterans Street on 9-28-2024 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was had on the City's policy for backyard chickens. The current city ordinance doesn't address chickens. Council members spoke in favor of allowing residents to have chickens. Administrator Turnquist will put together an updated ordinance that addresses chickens for council review.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve the Engagement Letter with Ketel and Thorstenson to provide audit services to the City of Flandreau. 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 go into Executive Session for Personnel at 7:34 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to come out of Executive Session for Personnel at 7:48 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator