

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 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; April Buller, with IMEG Engineering and Amber Janousek.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 9/6/2023: general, 23,921.24; water, 2,232.51; electric, 6,857.19; sewer, 2,232.51; solid waste, 295.30; (24771) A-1 Portable Toilet, rentals, 640.00; Access Systems Leasing, copier agreement, 492.98; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 187.59; Allen Construction Company, sidewalk incentive program, 2,742; American Legal Publishing, ordinance conversion, 250.00; Betty Von Eye, health insurance, 164.90; Big Sioux Community Water System, water purchases, 20,295.71; Booster Publishing, advertising, 1,244.00; Border States Electric, supplies, 620.94; Brookings Equipment, repairs 207.83; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 1,475.00; Christiansen Complete Water, supplies, 29.91; Core & Main, supplies, 961.99; Cybercoach, technology supplies/repairs, 604.94; Ditch Witch Undercon, repairs, 108.23; Ekern Home Equipment, supplies, 1,125.57; ELM Customs, repairs, 1,728.23; GreatAmerica Financial, police copier agreement, 210.50; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 330.00; J.P Cooke, pet tags, 86.35; JLG Architects, professional fees fire station, 2,531.25; JM Test System, repairs, 88.00; Krull's Garage, repairs, 1,034.20; M & H Communications, supplies, 29.00; M & T Fire and Safety, repairs, 2,825.90; Maynards, supplies, 529.51; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 166.00; Midwest Radar & Equipment, repairs, 246.00; Missouri River Energy Services, AMI meter count, 382.40; Moody County Enterprise, advertising, 585.83; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, digital mailing system, 504.63; Quality Oil, supplies, 195.00; Ramsdell F&M, supplies, 1,775.40; River's Edge Cooperative, supplies, 3,095.83; SD Dept of Revenue, malt beverage license, 150.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 100.00; Sioux Valley Energy, utilities pump station, 159.00; Sparkle Car Wash, supplies, 51.98; T & R Electric, KVA Single phase pad, 15,240.00; TE Underground, boring, 24,120.00; Transunion Risk and Alternative, contract, 120.00; Trey Andrews, training, 168.00; Verizon, utilities, 128.66; Waxdahl Napa Plus, LLC, supplies, 7.45; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, health insurance, 681.90; Wesco Receivables Corp, repairs, 8,204.38; (24816). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held on a new Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine License for Family Dollar Stores of South Dakota, LLC, located at

910 W. Pipestone Ave. Flandreau, SD. Tract 16 excluding Lot H1 and the West 42 Feet of Tract 17 of L.B. Pettigrew's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 29, Township 107 North, Range 48 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Moody County, South Dakota.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine License for Family Dollar Stores of South Dakota, LLC. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Tufty. Motion carried.

Alderman Tufty entered the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Visitors to Be Heard: April Buller, with IMEG Engineering, spoke to the Council about the Flandreau Utility Improvement Project. There are a number of things the Council will need to consider as this project continues to progress. Some of the considerations include increase of costs, ADA accessible ramps, driveway aprons, curb & gutter, paving Bates Street, and drainage improvements near the grain elevator at the intersection of Park Ave and Crescent Street. Buller provided maps and information regarding each of these considerations. Council will have until December of 2023 to make decisions on possible changes or alterations to the Flandreau Utility Improvement Project.

Mayor Dan Sutton wished Good Luck to the Fliers during their Homecoming Week. The Mayor also read a Proclamation for National 4H Week, which will be recognized October 1-7, 2023.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reminded the public of the scheduled power outage on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:45 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. for routine work to the Electric Substation. Turnquist reported to Council that the 2023 Chip Seal Project is complete. Turnquist and other City Officials met with FEMA in regards to changes in the flood planes for Moody County. The City Park and Golf Course are subject to being added to the updated floodway. FEMA officials will meet with Council members in early January, 2024. Turnquist also informed Council members that funds have been received from a Wellmark Grant for new playground equipment. Funds have also been received from the Flandreau Park Board, along with FDC, and the City, to purchase new playground equipment to be placed at the City Park. Turnquist hopes to have this project complete by the spring of 2024.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern 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: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 615: 2024 Appropriation Ordinance was held. Finance Officer Lori Kneebone informed Council of some possible changes to the Ordinance.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Ordinance 615: 2024 Appropriation Ordinance with the following amendments: Increase Account 101-01-3110, Property Tax Revenue, from \$714,000 to \$733,078, and increase Account 101-04-4340, Street Department Capital Outlay, from \$15,000 to \$40,000 to set funds aside for the purchase of a new truck for the Street Department. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Administration has selected Amber Janousek as the Administrative Office Assistant. Amber was present at the meeting and was introduced to Council members. Amber will be working part-time at the Flandreau Police Department and part-time at the City Office.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to place Amber Janousek at Step 5 of the Administrative Office Assistant Wage Scale which is \$20.18/hourly. 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 the Quote from Epoxy Co. LLC for \$40,714.36 to replace the floor in the Community Center and to allocate \$30,000 from the BBB Fund, and \$11,000 from the General Fund to complete the project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the contract with Nelson Valuation to appraise the land required for the Airport Expansion Project. Mayor Sutton asked for a roll call vote. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, and Tufty. Nays: Ekern, Fargen and Yeaton. Absent: None. Motion failed.

Alderman Fargen stated he isn't sure about the Airport Expansion Project and would like more information. Alderman Bjerke stated it's a good opportunity for the city because 95% of the costs are reimbursed back to the City. Bjerke said the Airport is primarily funded through Airport Hangar Rent, Farmland Rent, and Fuel Revenue. Alderman Tufty spoke in favor of the Airport Expansion Project and stated the project will give Flandreau a chance to grow. After further discussion, Administrator Turnquist and Mayor Sutton recommended gathering more data and financial information about the upcoming airport expansion program and holding a special meeting to get public input.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ekern to donate \$1,000.00 to Det. 1 of the 1742<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Co. of the S.D. Army National Guard for help with the City-Wide Cleanup on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve Resolution 2023-20, a resolution authorizing the TAP Grant Application Submission. 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 7:11 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton

Mayor

ATTEST:  
Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator