

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 20th, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, September 20th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, Karen Tufty (via conference call), and Jason Unger. Absent: Brad Bjerke. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; Randy, Bridget, and Titus Tollefson; Janii White; and Holist Sutton.

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

A public hearing was held in regard to assessing five properties for mowing costs. There was no public input.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of September 7th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Unger and seconded by Pesall to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 9/8/2021: general, 30,451.24; water, 1,224.05; electric, 4,061.54; sewer, 1,224.05; airport, 161.06; solid waste, 502.46; (22653) Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 251.00; Austriem Landscaping, new cemetery seeding/hydromulching, 11,000.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water usage, 158.45; Bruning & Lewis Law Firm, professional fees, 2,087.50; Chesterman Co., supplies, 24.60; David Gall-Program Administrator, refund, 255.00; Detco, supplies, 238.70; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 484.40; Eng Services, hauling chips, 5,032.09; Flandreau Park Golf, improvements, 20,000.00; Fuller Paving, bike path, 4,957.20; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS., contract, 199.85; Hydro Klean, repairs, 1,090.00; Light and Siren, unity spotlight, 504.44; Metron-Farnier, meters, 1,100.85; Michaels Fence & Supply, repairs, 2,062.40; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 5.72; Midwest Radar & Equipment, repairs, 160.00; Moody County Auditor, national night out, 75.68; Ottertail Power Co., airport electric, 234.43; Pitney Bowers-Leasing, qtlly charges, 504.63; Pitney Bowes, supplies, 237.98; Postmaster, postage, 265.00; Powerplan OIB, supplies, 1,838.70; Ramsdell F&M, rentals, 35.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 2,873.50; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, transfer title/plates, 11.20; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; South Dakota Division of Child Support, support, 375.00; Sparkle Car Wash, vehicles, 17.10; T & R Electric Supply Co., supplies, 280.00; Wesco, supplies, 4,622.00; (22684). Missouri River Energy Services, substation oil sampling, 778.60; (22685) August EFTs: Dakotacare, health insurance, 17,972.82; EFTPS, taxes, 21,272.58; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 195,757.92; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 12,331.27; 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: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard: Janii White inquired whether a decision had been reached regarding parking issues created during snow events. She was informed the second reading of the Ordinance reflecting the change will be held later in the meeting. Holist Sutton, on behalf of Team of Angels, indicated the organization will once again host a “Chase the Ace” event on Thursday nights beginning October 7th. He would like to request authorization to close Wind Street from 2nd Avenue south to the drive-thru lane at the First National Bank ATM site for two hours on the nights of the event. The matter will be placed on the next Council agenda.

Titus Tollefson presented a check in the amount of \$400 to the Mayor and Council to assist with costs associated with the recent purchase of anti-littering signs. The \$400 represents funds he earned specifically to purchase signs to deter littering, as well as funds donated from interested parties. The Mayor commended Titus on his involvement and initiative in making Flandreau a more attractive community.

Mayor Sutton shared that he and City Administrator Jeff Pederson met with Heidi Marsh, Fresh Produce, regarding branding for the City of Flandreau. A special presentation for Council will take place on Tuesday, October 12th. The Mayor and City Administrator also met with Seth Pearman, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Attorney, regarding funding for the new Fire Station as well as other potential partnerships in the community. Mr. Pearman will discuss with Tribal Council. A community picnic sponsored by Mad Mary’s and the City of Flandreau will take place on October 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. to send off the Flandreau 1742nd National Guard, Detachment 1, as the unit is being deployed for one year. Live entertainment and food will be provided for attendees. The event will be held in the Mad Mary’s parking lot, but will be moved to the Community Center in the event of rain. An event is also taking place earlier in the day in Sioux Falls for all National Guard units being deployed.

City Administrator Pederson shared a draft of a recruitment brochure for a new City Administrator. The brochure is 90% complete and should be ready for distribution by the end of this week. Pederson highlighted information in the brochure, including the salary range of \$85,000-\$100,000. No changes to the brochure were suggested by Council.

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

Old Business: Second reading of Ordinance 604, 2022 Appropriation Ordinance, was conducted. Motion by Pesall and seconded by Fargen to adopt Ordinance 604. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Second reading of Ordinance 605, An Ordinance that Amends Title 13 – Traffic Code, was conducted. Motion by Unger and seconded by Ekern to adopt Ordinance 605. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Second reading of Ordinance 606, An Ordinance Establishing Title 17 – Cannabis, to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Flandreau Creating Licensing Provisions for Cannabis Establishments, was conducted. Motion by Unger and seconded by Pesall to adopt Ordinance 606. The following members voted aye:

Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09, A Resolution Recognizing Public Power Week, October 3-9; A Week-Long Celebration of Flandreau Municipal Electric's Service to Flandreau. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Fargen to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, to Assess the Costs of Mowing Properties. The following members voted aye: Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Mayor Sutton mentioned a reduction in Missouri River Energy System wholesale power supply rates that will be effective January 2022. City Administrator Pederson indicated the City has not yet heard from Western Area Power Administration regarding any impact on wholesale power rates from the spring/summer dry weather conditions.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator