

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 16th, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, October 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, David Smith, Police Chief Zach Weber, Moody County Sherriff Troy Wellman, FSST Police Chief Brian Arnold, Leslie Arnold, Randy Clements, Ambulance Director Ken Prorok, and Deputy Tom Klein.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to adopt the proposed agenda. 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 the minutes of October 2nd, 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 Tufty to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 10/4/2023: general, 23,856.82; water, 2,187.92; electric, 7,467.39; sewer, 25,187.92: solid waste, 295.30; (24861) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 640.00; Access Systems Leasing, contract, 588.14; At & T Mobility, contract, 40.04; Axon Enterprise, contract, 7,740.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchase/usage, 21,076.35; Booster Publishing, advertising, 250.00; Cannon Technologies, meters, 2,808.00; Cardmember Services, supplies, 1,608.76; City of Brookings-Landfill, city wide clean up, 645.38; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 1,054.95; Coreline, sewer manhole repair, 9,693.90; Crystal Hanson, conference, 204.00; Cybercoach, repairs, 2,457.42; Dakota Pump & Control Co., repair, 8,341.34; Detco, supplies, 1,173.64; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 729.57; Elm Customs, repairs, 2,594.83; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., meeting/training/county/city, 2,368.00; FSST Utility, taxes collected-May thru Sept., 3277.99; Geotek Engineering & Testing Services, fire station/professional fees, 4,840.00; Guardian Alliance Technologies, contract, 152.00; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 145.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, supplies, 428.28; IMEG, sewer improvements, 47,580.00; J & K Home Sweet Home, building permit reimbursement, 310.00; JLG Architects, professional fees, 2,588.62; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 78.63; Metron Farnier, contract, 1,970.00; Mid-American Energy, gas bill, 102.06; Missouri River Energy Services, contract/registration fees, 584.60; Moody County Auditor, 4th qtr dispatch, 16,055.00; Mooy County Enterprise, advertising, 772.01; Moody County Register of Deeds, professional fees, 6.00; Office Peeps, supplies, 146.12; Patriot Electric, supplies, 106.03; Pitney Bowers-Purchase Powers, postage, 500.00; Postmaster, postage/utility bills, 400.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 2,360.36; Sioux Valley Energy, electric, 158.00; South Dakota State Treasurer, unclaimed utility deposits, 153.41; Sparkle Car Wash, wash vehicle's, 53.33; The Road Guy Const.

Co., chip seal, 131,959.43; Transunion Risk and Alternative, contract, 120.00; US Dept of Energy-Western Area Power Administration, substation contract, 2,500.00; Verizon Wireless, phones, 128.80; Waxdahl Napa Plus, supplies, 109.82; Wesco, light poles, 6,60.00; IMEG, professional Services, 30,000.00; (24908). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: Flandreau resident, David Smith, spoke to the Council about concerns with one of his neighbors. Administrator Turnquist will look into this issue and check on the Code Enforcement Process for Smith's neighbor.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported he and Administrator Turnquist have attended several meetings and informed Council that positive things are happening in Flandreau. Sutton encourages everyone to purchase tickets to the Crystal Theatre's upcoming performance of the musical Cinderella, which will be held November 2nd-5th.

Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed Council he will be forming a group to develop a mission statement for the City of Flandreau. Turnquist and other City Staff recently met with Missouri River Energy Services regarding the electric rate study. MRES representatives will be presenting information to Council members at the first meeting in December about the results of the rate study. Turnquist reported on recent infrastructure updates, which include new valley gutters on 3rd Avenue and the Chip Seal Project on 1st Ave. Turnquist met with the Housing Authority board to discuss a possible housing development on Broad Avenue. Turnquist also reported he is working with Dakota Playground to get a new playset ordered for the City Park. Administrator Turnquist told Council the City of Flandreau was recently awarded the Silver Level Loss Control/Safety Achievement Award and a plaque was presented to Turnquist at a luncheon held at the South Dakota Municipal League's Annual Conference in Rapid City.

Motion by Fargen 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: None.

New Business: Mayor Dan Sutton read a Proclamation recognizing October 28, 2023, as National First Responders Day. Certificates were presented to the Department Heads from the Flandreau Police Department, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Police, Flandreau Volunteer Firemen, Moody County Sherriff and Deputies, and the 911 and Ambulance Services. The Department Heads will distribute certificates to their staff members in appreciation of National First Responders Day.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the placement of Tyler Wallert at Step 1 of the Certified Police Officer Scale at the wage of \$23.33/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the Step Increase for Public Works Operator Andy Wede, placing him on Step 4 of the Public Works Operator wage scale at \$20.48/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 Ahlers to approve the Step Increase for Police Officer Amelia Knuth, placing her on Step 2 of the Certified Police Officer

wage scale at \$23.98/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: Ekern. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve the applications of Ryan Ensz and Logan Yost to the Flandreau Fire Department Personnel. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve Resolution 2023-21: Unclaimed Property, totaling \$153.41, which will be remitted to the South Dakota State Treasurer, Unclaimed Property Division. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Kneebone and City Administrator Turnquist shared information with the Council about the year-to-date Sales Tax Revenue. Compared to 2022, the 1st and 2nd quarter sales tax profits were slightly down in 2023, however 3rd quarter profits were up 5% compared to 2022, and the City is in line to bring in what was budgeted for 2023 Sales Tax Revenue.

The City has been presented with an opportunity to purchase 13.34 acres of land adjacent to the Flandreau City Park, which is owned by the Ullom Family Trust. This land purchase would give the City possession of the land adjacent to the park and would allow for the City to monitor and react to the possible need to stabilize the Big Sioux River bank, and open the door for recreational opportunities.

Mayor Sutton spoke in favor of purchasing the land, stating the ability for riverbank stabilization and hunting opportunities for residents as benefits. Aldermen Fargen, Ekern, and Bjerke all questioned the benefits of the land purchase for the City due to the fact the acres are in a Wetland Reserve Program.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to not approve Resolution 2023-22: Authorization of the Purchase of the Remainder of Tract A-1 Ullom Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried and Resolution 2023-22 was not passed.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator