

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

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 20th, 2025

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, October 20th, 2025 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: Tim Yeaton. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, City Attorney Matthew Tysdal, and IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Tufty and seconded by Ahlers 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 October 6th, 2025. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of October 8th, 2025. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll, 10/15/25: general, 25,999.39; water, 1,406.23; electric, 6,380.89; sewer, 3,180.83; solid waste, 106.46. Payroll, 10/15/25 special run: general, 1,193.70; solid waste: 159.70. (27279) A-1 Portable Toilets, rentals, 495.00; Adams Bucket Service, tree removal, 1,900.00; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 277.44; ALTEC Industries, Inc., repairs, 971.10; Axon Enterprise, Inc. FPD contract/agreement, 4,972.92; Bender Sewer and Drain, LLC, vacuum truck rent, 2,792.00; Big Sioux Community Water System, airport/park water, 193.75; BLS Enterprises, bike path repairs, 17,138.38; Bluepeak, utilities, 163.08; Bobby Johanson, Comm. Center deposit reimbursement, 250.00; Buffalo Ridge Concrete, concrete, 965.00; Century Business Products, copier lease, 478.04; CINTAS, fist aid boxes refill, 109.99; City of Sioux Falls, water testing, 52.74; Clubhouse Hotel & Suites – Pierre, travel/conf., 524.49; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 630.92; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., supplies, 1,301.67; Federal Signal Corp, repairs, 413.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services, copier lease, 171.21; Hawkins, Inc., supplies, 70.00; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 4,054.48; Jacob Pulscher, personal expense reimbursed, 51.82; Ketel Thorstenson, LLP, professional fees, 6,500.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 559.88; Metron-Farnier, LLC, water meters, 700.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas, 236.52; Missouri River Energy Services, meter fees, 390.80; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, 247.22; Patriot Electric, meter pedestal, 4,029.11; Pye Barker Fire & Safety, supplies, 742.00; Ramsdell F&M LTD, use of loader for cleanup, 396.50; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil/supplies, 1,748.31; Sanitation Products, Inc., dump truck, 149,179.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 150.00; Sioux Valley Energy, electricity, 191.00; Siteone Landscape Supply LLC, supplies, 328.57; Sparkle Car Wash, Inc., car washes, 36.45; Sturdevant's Auto Supply,

supplies/repairs, 692.39; Valley Fibercom, utilities, 907.03; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies, 774.68; WESCO Receivables Corp., supplies, 3,545.00 (27319). (27320) IMEG, SRF water #19 and sewer #6, 39,050.00. (27321) H & W Contracting, LLC, ARPA pay request #5 and #6 – water & sewer, 648,319.10. 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 recent incidents of break-ins and vandalism occurring within the community. Letters have been sent to residents regarding code enforcement violations. He also noted the success of the community event held at The Merc over the past weekend. Additionally, Mayor Sutton provided an update on the housing development project on Broad Avenue, stating that the project remains in progress.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that a Trunk or Treat event will be held at the Boys and Girls Club on October 31, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The City and the Flandreau Police Department will participate in the event. Turnquist noted that the city park campground has been closed for the season.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 634, the 2026 Appropriation Ordinance, is scheduled for November 3, 2025. He also reported that the intersection of Wind and Elm Streets is temporarily closed due to the ongoing water and sewer project and the recent installation of valley gutters.

Additionally, Turnquist informed the Council that the Airport Board met on October 20, 2025, to review current activities and updates at the Flandreau Airport.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke 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 Second Reading of Ordinance 633 was held. This ordinance would change the city election dates to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ahlers to approve Ordinance 633. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

New Business: Shane Waterman with IMEG Engineering provided the Council with an update on the Utility Improvement Project. He reported that utility work is currently underway on the south block of Prairie Street. The grading crew will be working on four blocks in total, including two on Prairie Street, one on Crescent Street, and one on Elm Street. Concrete work is anticipated to begin during the first week of November, with some areas potentially receiving dormant seeding prior to winter.

Waterman requested Council approval for the contractor to continue work beyond the first milestone deadline of October 31, noting that additional work could extend into mid-November, with final cleanup expected by Thanksgiving. Council members concurred, allowing the work to proceed as long as weather conditions remain favorable and the project site is properly secured for winter.

Waterman also reviewed snow removal procedures that will be implemented within the project area. The next public meeting for project updates will be October 29th at noon at the city office.

The city received a special funding request from ROCS Transportation for a vehicle match of \$15,000 to go towards the purchase of a new van. This request is in addition to the \$9,000 the organization requested for operational assistance.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve \$7,500 to ROCS for the vehicle match, contingent on them procuring the full match amount. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Administrator Cohl Turnquist presented the third-quarter sales tax report to the Council, noting that if current trends continue through the fourth quarter, the City is projected to meet its 2025 sales tax revenue budget.

Turnquist presented information to the council on the possibility of establishing a consent agenda for council meetings. A consent agenda is a parliamentary tool designed to streamline the council's consideration of routine or non-controversial items. Items typically placed on the consent agenda include the approval of meeting minutes, employee step increases, licenses and permits, and other administrative actions that do not require separate discussion.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve the establishment of a consent agenda for future council meetings. 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 approve step increases for city employees Wyatt Resmen, placing him on Step 4, \$30.06/hourly and Ian Parra, placing him on Step 2, \$25.56/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to amend Resolution 2025-11: Ambulance Fees, due to a clerical change, to state the City of Flandreau will operate an ambulance. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the amended Resolution 2025-11: Ambulance Fees. 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 7:38 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator