

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 21st, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, October 21st, 2024 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 and Finance Officer Lori Kneebone.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern 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 Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve the minutes of October 7th, 2024. 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 allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 10/16/24: general, \$27,576.57; water, \$2,587.54; electric, \$5,144.84; sewer, \$2,587.54. (26184 – voided). (26185) H&W Contracting, final payment water/sewer project 2019, \$206,384.26. (26186) A-1 Pumping and Excavating, lift station pumping, \$850.00; Access Systems Leasing, copier agreement, \$482.88; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, \$277.44; Austreim Landscaping Inc., fall lawn service, \$80.00; Avera Flandreau Hospital, DOT labs, \$155.00; Avera Flandreau Medical Clinic, immunizations, \$391.00; Avera Occupational Medicine, DOT labs, \$36.60; Axon Enterprise, Inc., body cameras/evidence storage, \$4,972.92; Big Sioux Community Water System, water usage, \$171.40; Border States, supplies, \$1,832.69; Core & Main, supplies/repairs, \$2,973.48; Cystal Theatre Cultural Association, comm. match scholarship from MRES, \$1,000.00; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs, \$810.00; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., lift station repairs, \$10,328.94; Dakota Pumping, septic tank pumping at City Park, \$300.00; Diamond Vogel Paints, street paint, \$542.50; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., repairs, \$44.60; First District, updating plan & zoning ordinance, \$3,750.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services, copier agreement, \$330.22; Loiseau Construction, Inc., Community Center rental deposit, \$250.00; Maynards, supplies, \$501.88; MidAmerican Energy, gas, \$60.91; Missouri River Energy Services, meter count & monthly fee, \$388.40; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, \$80.02; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, \$274.15; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, \$1,459.71; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, \$50.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, \$305.04; USA Bluebook, chemicals for lagoon, \$54.74; Valley Fibercom, phone/fax/internet services, \$769.14; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies/repairs, \$132.04; WESCO Receivables Corp., supplies, \$1,165.51 (26218).

The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on placing liens on nuisance properties and code enforcement fines. No public input was heard and the public hearing was closed by Mayor Sutton.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported he had attended the South Dakota Municipal League's annual conference in Sioux Falls with Administrator Turnquist and Finance Officer Kneebone. Sutton attended a public official's workshop. Mayor Sutton congratulated Eng Services for 90 years of business.

City Administrator Turnquist stated that the Housing Authority Committee met. Turnquist has developed a housing survey which will help determine Flandreau's housing needs. A link to the survey can be found on the City's website and Turnquist encourages all residents to fill out the survey, as the housing committee continues to work on a possible housing development on Broad Avenue. Turnquist met with officials from SDDOT to discuss the city's utilities on Pipestone Avenue and how that will impact the future project on Pipestone Ave, which is slated for sometime in 2029-2030. There will be some street patching coming up in the near future. The 2023 audit of the city's records has begun. Turnquist also stated the South Dakota Municipal League conference was a success and thanked Mayor Dan for attending.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 623: Residential Chickens was held. The ordinance has been changed from the first reading and is now titled Ordinance No. 623: Residential Fowl.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve the amended Ordinance No. 623: Residential Fowl. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2024-14: Placing Liens for Code Enforcement Violation Fines. 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 approve Resolution 2024-15: Designation of Tom Bacon as Authorized Alternate Representative to Missouri River Energy Services. 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 2024-16: Designation of Tom Bacon as Authorized Alternate Representative to South Dakota Municipal Power Agency. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Administrator Turnquist updated council on the third quarter sales tax revenue report. Turnquist stated he estimates the city will bring in just slightly above what was budgeted for 2024 sales tax revenue.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Ekern to approve Pay Request No. 16 to WS Construction for the new Fire Station for \$22,530.65. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 624: Water Rates was held. The proposed water increase includes a series of three volume-based increases which

will be 6% each year. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance No. 624: Water Rates on November 4th, 2024, along with the second reading of the ordinance.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the step increase for public works operator Andy Wede, placing him on Step 6 of the Public Works Operator at \$22.48/hourly. 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 7:03 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator