

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 1st, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, November 1st, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Aldermen: Brad Bjerke, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, and Karen Tufty (via teleconference). Absent: Mayor Dan Sutton, Alderman Bob Pesall, and Alderman Jason Unger. Also present was City Administrator Jeff Pederson.

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

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of October 12th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Fargen to approve the minutes of October 18th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 10/20/2021; general, 19,935.86; water, 1,249.33; electric, 4,688.28; sewer, 1,249.33; airport, 159.98; solid waste, 398.49; (22762) A-Portable Toilets, rentals, 443.00; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 549.83; Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 105.43; AT & T Mobility, phones, 215.80; Axon Enterprise, unlimited package, 7,740.00; Belson Outdoors, picnic tables, 12,727.39; Border States Electric, supplies, 113.88; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,085.07; Claflin Excavating, building demo, 22,959.23; Curt's Collision Center, repairs, 234.40; Eng Services, contract, 14,092.25; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, postage, 63.64; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., 3rd qtr. fire calls, 2000.00; Foremost Promotions, supplies, 120.72; Fuller Paving, patching, 22,513.95; Jem & Leonabelle Berdida, refund, 130.62; Lyle Signs, street signs, 221.76; Metron-Farnier, meters, 24,360.65; Midwest Glass, repairs, 2,715.00; Missouri River Energy Services, conference, 100.00; Moody County Auditor, 4th qtr. Dispatching, 15,085.75; NFPA, supplies, 727.80; Office Peeps, supplies, 282.72; Positive Promotions, supplies, 82.40; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental insurance, 1,080.06; Prussman Contracting, repairs, 553.35; Quality Services, airport level III cultural study, 12,930.11; SD Dept of Transportation, Crescent Street bridge, 3,141.31; SD Dept of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 585.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 9,525.44; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 242.31; South Dakota Division of Child Support, child support, 500.00; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 256.57; Van Diest Supply Co., West Nile supplies, 3,057.55; Vast Broadband, phone/internet/cable, 886.37; Vision Service Plan, vision insurance, 208.43; (22797). February EFT'S: DakotaCare, health insurance, 13,988.86; EFTPS, taxes, 17,272.35; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 107,070.64; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 10,939.22; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The

following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

There was no Mayor's report.

City Administrator Pederson stated work continues on the application to SD Rural Development Association for the Fire Station Construction loan. First District is sending letters to applicable agencies requesting responses pertaining to any historical and environmental impacts of the project; it is doubtful there will be any issues. Discussion held earlier regarding the possibility of utilizing a construction manager for the project has not been pursued yet; Council will be consulted for approval prior to anything being done in that regard. Interviews will take place this week for Police Officer candidates; Pederson is hopeful at least one position will be filed. South Dakota Rural Water Assistance is expected to begin work soon to map the water and sanitary sewer systems; a meeting will be held on Thursday to coordinate the schedule and responsibilities. Fall water hydrant flushing will begin this week; the City has fallen behind and will begin flushing hydrants on a more regular schedule. Thanks to City Attorney Corey Bruning, the company that installed the pool floor that failed is scheduled to replace the floor coating beginning next Monday. City Administrator Pederson met with the Code Enforcement Officer last week for a status update of approximately 50 properties that had been tagged late last summer for violations regarding automobiles, junk and structural building issues. As of today, 20 properties are in full compliance. Approximately two dozen are in various levels of compliance and/or an agreement has been given to schedule additional time due to circumstances. The remaining violations will require additional effort on the City's part that will include vehicle removal, abatement or fines.

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

Old Business: Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to approve the Solid Waste Contract Specifications and let for bids. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

New Business: Review and discussion was held regarding redistricting of City Wards due to the recent census. Based on research and information provided by First District, the City is within compliance and the change to the existing Wards Map is minimal and affects very few voters. If the City wanted, modification based on racial composition could be made in the Wards, but it is optional. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to accept the recommended modification to the Ward Map. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried. An Ordinance reflecting the modification will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve renewing the employee health insurance, DakotaCare, Ultra \$1,250 deductible plan, beginning December 1st, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve renewing the employee dental insurance, with Principal, beginning January 1st, 2022. The following

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

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Bjerke to approve renewing the employee vision insurance, with Principal, beginning January 1st, 2022. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to appoint Karen Gundvaldson as Interim Finance Officer at a pay rate of \$35.00 per hour effective November 2nd, 2021 for part-time hours worked through the end of 2021, until a new Finance Officer is hired. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to go into executive session for a personnel matter at 6:55 p.m. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to come out of executive session at 7:47 p.m. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Pesall and Unger. Motion carried.

The Council President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Brad Bjerke
Council President

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator