

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 3rd, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, November 3rd, 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, Karen Tufty and Tim Yeaton. Absent: None. 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 Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke 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 Ekern to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of 10-20-25 council minutes; Step increase for employees: Raleigh Burk (\$29.37/hourly) and Brandon Goff (\$25.56/hourly); Destruction of city files from year 2021; 2026 Liquor License Renewals: Sioux River Spirits Retail (on-sale) Liquor, Package (off-sale) Liquor, Retail (on-off sale wine and cider); Bar-X Bar, Inc Retail (on-sale) Liquor & Sunday; Knuckleheads, Inc (Fat Boys Bar) Retail (on-sale) Liquor & Sunday; Mad Mary's Steakhouse Retail (on-sale) Liquor & Sunday; Maynards of Flandreau Package (off-sale) Liquor; The Filling Station Package (off-sale) Liquor, Retail (on-sale) Liquor & Sunday; Dollar General Store #20289 Retail (off-sale) wine & cider; Royal River Casino Retail (on-sale) Liquor & Sunday; Family Dollar Store #33360 Retail (off-sale) wine & cider; the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll, 10/29/25: general, 34,155.56; water, 1,475.78; electric, 4,379.45; sewer, 3,639.08; solid waste, 153.04. (27322) Edgardo Reyes, utility deposit refund, 96.95. (27323) AT & T Mobility, phones, 261.19; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance, 185.00; Booster Publishing, publishing/ads, 490.00; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 1,687.50; Cardmember Services, travel/dues/supplies, 2,117.47; Cenex Fleetcard, FPD gas, 1,374.88; CINTAS, rugs/linens/towels, \$694.84; Colman Building Center, supplies, 1,173.00; Crystal Hanson, personal expense reimbursed, 160.56; Dakota Pumping, city park pumping, 320.00; Delta Dental of SD, dental insurance, 1,263.10; ELM Customs, FFD truck repairs, 267.60; Eng Services, hauling solid waste, 15,469.20; Flandreau Building Center, FFD forklift rental, 35.00; FSST, utility taxes, 708.82; HDR Engineering, Inc., Comm. Ctr Deposit Reimbursed, 250.00; Helms & Associates, runway realignment project, 6,973.03; John Ryan Construction, Inc., Rescue Church sidewalk incentive, 3,150.00; Metron-Farnier, LLC, water meters cellular plan, 1,970.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas, 127.43; Pitney Bowes – Purchase Powers, postage machine refill, 350.00; Plunkett's Pest Control, rodent control program, 146.02; Principal Life Insurance Company, vision insurance, 144.42; Pye Barker Fire & Safety, FFD annual inspection, 977.00; SD Dept of Transportation, airport runway resurfacing, 3,088.63; SD DOH Public Health Laboratory, water tests, 230.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 19,411.78; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal control, 442.00; South Dakota State

Treasurer, unclaimed property, 705.31; Standard Insurance Company, life insurance, 503.41; Sturdevant's Auto supply, FFD supplies, 189.90 (27353). October 2025 EFT's: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 14,578.61; City of Flandreau, city bills, 7,142.09; EFTPS, payroll taxes, 35,216.63; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 141,562.68; Postmaster, postage for utility billing, 497.48; SD State Treas, sales tax, 14,891.97; US Dept of Agriculture, water/sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton informed the council that Moody County will be transferring the back-up ambulance to the City following formal action at the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 4. The County will continue to operate the unit until the City assumes responsibility on January 1, 2026.

Mayor Sutton expressed his appreciation to the city crews for their assistance in setting up a temporary stage for the Crystal Theatre's upcoming production of *The Little Shop of Horrors*, scheduled for November 6-9.

He also announced that the annual Holiday Light Parade will take place on Saturday, November 29, in downtown Flandreau. Additionally, the Governor has declared administrative leave for November 27, December 24, and December 26, in which the city office will be closed.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist informed the council that City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Turnquist and Mayor Sutton will be meeting with state legislators and representatives from Missouri River Energy Services to discuss energy priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Turnquist met with Flandreau Baseball Association President Chris Wiese and Summer Recreation Director Emma Peters to address challenges in recruiting little league umpires. He also thanked the Boys and Girls Club for hosting a successful Trunk-or-Treat event.

Additionally, Turnquist reported he will attend the Moody County Commission meeting to formally accept the transfer of the back-up ambulance to the City.

Motion by Fargen 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: None

New Business: Shane Waterman with IMEG Engineering provided an update on the utility improvement project. Waterman reported that installation of the sewer main is underway on Elm Avenue, and Wind Street has been graded and is ready for asphalt. Crews are also working on sections of Park Avenue, which is expected to be surfaced soon.

The final public meeting for the project will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at noon to discuss winter maintenance and project closeout activities for the season. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve the request from H & W Contracting for an extension to continue work on the utility improvement project, contingent upon favorable weather conditions. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve ARPPA Pay Request #7; Water: \$169,234.06 and Sewer: \$125,481.40 for the utility improvement project. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Tufty to approve SRF Pay Requests: Water #20; \$19,650 and Sewer #7; \$23,280. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke to approve Resolution 2025-12: Final Plat of Lots 3 and 4 of Wendell Addition. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2025-13: Unclaimed Property. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 634 we held. Ordinance 634 appropriates funds for the City's 2026 budget. No council action was taken, and the second reading is scheduled for November 17, 2025.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to authorize the City Administrator to prepare the necessary documents to accept a land donation at the city park. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the ambulance job descriptions. 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 7:15 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator