

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 17th, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, November 17th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

Present: Mayor Dan Sutton. Aldermen: Curt Ahlers, Mark Ekern, Mike Fargen, Karen Tufty and Tim Yeaton. Absent: Brad Bjerke. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist; Finance Officer Lori Kneebone; City Attorney Matthew Tysdal; IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman.

Mayor Sutton called for a change to the proposed agenda to include Flandreau Sports Association In-Kind Donation as the last item of new business.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to adopt the amended agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Fargen to approve the Consent Agenda, including the minutes of November 3rd, 2025, and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll, 11/12/25: general, 26,660.48; water, 1,328.79; electric, 4,499.94; sewer, 3,269.84; solid waste, 296.09. (27354) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 277.44; Automatic Building Controls, service call on fire alarm, 578.57; Bauer Built Tire, street sweeper tires, 588.86; Big Sioux Community Water System, water purchases, 18,379.75; Bluepeak, electric dept. utility, 52.73; Buffalo Ridge Concrete, concrete, 4,417.50; Cannon Technologies, Inc., electric meters, 2,957.76; Christiansen Complete Water, softener tank exchange, 29.91; CINTAS, first aid boxes refills, 109.99; City of Sioux Falls, water tests, 52.74; Curt's Collision Center, FPD vehicle repairs, 606.21; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs, 3,875.00; Ekern Home Equipment, Inc., supplies/repairs, 711.08; ELM Customs, dump truck repairs, 2,511.99; First Rate Excavate Inc., 505 W. 2nd Ave water repairs, 12,525.00; Galls LLC, FPD equipment, 350.59; GreatAmerica Financial Services, Toshiba copier lease, 171.21; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 3,277.50; Jaymar, City of Flandreau clothing, 1,593.00; Johnson Feed, Inc., road salt, 2,967.70; M & H Communications, FFD pagers, 2,316.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 597.78; Metron-Farnier, LLC, water meter, 1,052.28; MidAmerican Energy, gas, 194.65; Missouri River Energy Services, AMI Meter Count & Monthly Fee, 391.00; Moody County Enterprise, publishing / advertising, 249.49; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies, 616.12; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, 145.13; Patriot Electric, Inc., supplies, 82.92; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,597.19; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 100.00; Sioux Valley Energy, pump station & yard waste electricity, 191.00; Sparkle Car Wash, Inc., car washes, 71.33; Steve's Tire & Service Inc., FPD tow, 150.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 446.59; Transunion Risk and Alternative, data look-up, 120.00; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies, 1,021.20; Valley Fibercom, phones/internet, 905.33; Verizon Wireless, phones/iPad/jet pack, 139.49 (27393). H & W Contracting, pay request #7, 294,715.46 (27394). IMEG, SRF Sewer #7 and SRF Water #20, 42,930.00 (27395); along with the health, dental and vision

insurance rates for 2026. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that the Holiday Light Parade will be taking place on Saturday, November 29th and Sutton encourages everyone to shop locally.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that the city is preparing to take over the ambulance January 1st, 2026. Turnquist has two interviews scheduled for full-time ambulance positions and is hoping to be completely staffed by the time the city takes over operations. Turnquist also spoke about the Holiday Light Parade, stating the parade route will be a little different this year.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve the Administrator's Reports. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Old Business: The second reading of Ordinance 634, the 2026 Appropriation was held. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve Ordinance No. 634. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

New Business: Shane Waterman with IMEG Engineering reported that the contractor has finished the additional two blocks of sanitary sewer installation. Paving will not be taking place due to a scheduling conflict with one of the sub-contractors. Waterman reported that all driveways will be accessible for the winter and recommends that the city issue a stop-work order no later than November 26th. City staff will meet with the contractor and engineer to go through the project area to discuss obstacles with snow removal.

Alderman Ekern left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve Resolution 2025-14: Land Donation at the City Park. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to approve Resolution 2025-15: Contingency Transfer which allocates \$19,000 of the \$25,000 contingency to supplement the 2025 Budget. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Tufty to approve Resolution 2025-16: Land Purchase for Airport Expansion. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Ekern. Motion carried.

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

Discussion was had on the city's in-kind contribution to The Warehouse Facility, which is organized by the Flandreau Sports Association. The city electric department has already installed a single-phase electric system for the new complex. Plans have since changed, and a three-phase electric system is now needed.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Yeaton to approve the installation of a new three-phase electric system by city crews as an in-kind donation up to \$63,300. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke and Ekern. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Alderman Ahlers has received questions regarding the city's ordinance on camper storage. Residents with concerns about camper storage should contact the city office.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator