

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 20th, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on November 20th 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 Yeaton 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 Tufty to approve the minutes of November 6th, 2023. 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 allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 11/15/2023: general, 28,256.86; water 2,064.02; electric 6,480.56; sewer, 2,064.02: solid waste, 295.31; (24973) Access Systems Leasing, contract, 531.48; Axon Enterprise, equipment, 36.90; Best Western Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, conference, 172.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water usage, 138.55; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 667.09; Cummins Sales and Service, repair, 940.90; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 1,062.50; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs/supplies, 1,533.68; Galls, uniforms, 306.52; Great America Financial SVCS, contract, 232.50; Hali-Brite, repair, 141.51; IMEG, sewer improvements, 27,660.00; Jaymar, supplies, 87.36; JLG Architects, professional fees, 2,531.25; Johnson Feed, salt, 3,195.44; Justice Fire & Safety, repairs, 873.00; M & H Communications, supplies, 2,560.00; May Construction, trenching, 1,809.19; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 171.15, Metron-Farnier, meters, 4,942.32; Michel Stump Grinding, trees, 972.00; Missouri River Energy Services, contract, 385.60; Moody County Enterprise, publishing/Adv, 291.62; Nelco, supplies, 118.95; NEPA, supplies, 736.95; Office Peeps, supplies, 116.49; Ottertail Power Co., electric, 128.01; Positive Promotions, supplies, 89.83; Postmaster, supplies, 400.00; Pulscher Brothers, labor/materials/new picnic shelter at park, 15,656.77; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 3,722.16; SD Supplemental Retirement, retirement, 100.00; Sparkle Car Wash, supplies, 113.86; Uline, supplies, 188.83; Waxdahl Napa, supplies, 193.29; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 302.40; (2500). The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for the transfer of retail (on-sale) liquor license and package (off-sale) liquor license from Fajita's Bar & Grill to The Filling Station located on Lot 14 N ½, Lot 15 Original Plat, 114 N. Wind St., Flandreau, SD 57028. There was no public input.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the transfer of retail (on-sale) liquor license and package (off-sale) liquor license from Fajita's Bar & Grill to

The Filling Station, located on Lot 14 N ½, Lot 15 Original Plat, 114 N. Wind St., Flandreau, SD 57028. 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 reported that he and Administrator Cohl Turnquist had the opportunity to visit the National Guard Unit and thanked them for partnering with the City on Clean-Up Days, which was held in September. Sutton also encouraged everyone to attend the Holiday Light Parade, which will be held on Saturday, November 25th in downtown Flandreau. Mayor Sutton also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reminded Council and the public that the City Offices will be closed on November 24th and November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Turnquist reported that the picnic shelter roof at the City Park has been replaced. Turnquist stated the new vehicle that was budgeted for the police department in 2023 will likely not be delivered this year. Allocated funds for the police vehicle will be set aside and spent in 2024, once the vehicle is delivered, via a Council Resolution. Administrator Turnquist informed Council that the Community Center flooring will be installed the last week of November. Turnquist also shared with Council that he is pleased with the work being done by WS Construction on the new fire station. The exterior concrete should be completed soon, and the building will likely be enclosed by mid-late December. Turnquist gave Council an update on the proposed bike path project. Turnquist, along with Sutton, and Representatives from the County, FSST, and Flandreau Development Corporation, made a presentation to the Department of Correction Transportation Commission. A decision on funding will be made in January, and if funds are awarded, the bike path project can move forward with the design stage.

Alderman Bjerke informed the public that the weather forecast for Saturday, November 25th will be 41 degrees, with light winds, and encouraged everyone to attend the Holiday Light Parade.

Alderman Yeaton also stated the Flandreau Booster Club is hosting a youth basketball tournament on Saturday November 25th and encouraged the public to attend and support youth sports.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers 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: Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve the reissuance of retail (on-sale) liquor license and package (off-sale) liquor license to The Filling Station, located on Lot 14 N ½, Lot 15 Original Plat, 114 N. Wind St., Flandreau, SD 57028. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the 2024 Contract with Sioux Falls Area Humane Society for Animal Control. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Ekern to approve Pay Request No. Six (6) for Series 2023 Water Improvement Project for \$27,660 for professional services to IMEG Engineering. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve a Sewer Rate Study Proposal with Missouri River Energy Services for \$10,000. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to go into Executive Session on a Legal Matter at 6:54 p.m. 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 come out of Executive Session on a Legal Matter at 7:05 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to authorize the Mayor to sign a real estate purchase agreement with Scott and Brenda Duncan Living Trust for \$25,000 to purchase the property described as: Lot One (1) and the East 25 feet of Lot Two (2) in Block Four (4) all in Park Addition to the City of Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota. As well as the entirety of Seller's interest (undivided one-half) in Lot Three (3) of Block Five (5) of the Railroad Addition to the City of Flandreau, Moody County, South Dakota, with the closing of this sale to be on or before the 31st day of January, 2024. 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 7:05 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator