

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 2nd, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on December 2nd, 2024 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 (via phone), and Tim Yeaton. Absent: Alderman Bjerke. Also present were City Administrator Cohl Turnquist, Finance Officer Lori Kneebone, City Attorney Corey Bruning and Police Officer Trey Andrews.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to adopt the proposed agenda. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the minutes of November 18th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Ahlers to approve the minutes of November 25th, 2024. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 11/27/24: general, \$24,498.84; water, \$2,223.62; electric, \$5,274.65; sewer, \$2,223.59 (26307) Astech, chip seal, 36,762; (26308) Edgar Villanueva, utility refund, 143.11; (26309) Jeanette Mason, refund, 154.45; (26310) Sonia Velasquez-Martinez, refund, 77.37; (26311) Nina Sue Thielsen, refund, 87.65. (26312) Ahlers Automotive, repairs, 185.09; AT & T Mobility, utilities, 212.68; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance, 174.70; Blackburn Foundation Repair, repairs, 153.06; Cannon Technologies, repair, 155.00; Catalis, professional fees, 120.00; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,241.79; Cintas, rentals, 560.11; City of Sioux Falls, water test, 29.00; Core & Main, repairs, 788.47; Dakota Fluid Powers, repair, 799.40; DGR Engineering, professional fees, 747.10; Eng Services, contract, 15,439.25; FSST, utility taxes collected, 587.14; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 310.00; Jerry's Electric, one phase transformer, 8,875.00; Jorge Olivaves, comm center deposit refund, 250.00; Justice Fire & Safety, repairs, 140.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 291.41; Office Peeps, Supplies, 220.74; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental/vision insurance, 958.04; Ramsdell F&M, rentals, 1,044.88; SD Dept of Health Public Lab Services, water tests, 289.00; SD Retirement System, retirement, 11,763.72; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 50.00; Sparkle Car Wash, police car wash, 6.98; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 461.37; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 27.97; Trey Andrews, fuel reimbursement, 40.00; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 1,275.00; (26341). November's EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 9,701.42; City of Flandreau, city bills, 6,418.76; EFTPS, taxes, 19,485.41; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 101,535.26; Postmaster, postage for utility bills, 449.79; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 10,764.71; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following

members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton reported that he and Administrator Turnquist have met with a new investor on development opportunities at Broad Avenue. Sutton thanked the parade and holiday committees for a successful kickoff to the holiday season. Sutton also thanked city crews for getting the Christmas decorations put up. Sutton and Turnquist will be meeting with members from Missouri River Energy Services on November 12th. Sutton also informed council that an open letter from the Mayor will appear in the Booster and Enterprise addressing ambulance services.

Administrator Turnquist thanked the public and council for attending the joint special meeting held with the county commissioners discussing ambulance services. Turnquist has been in contact with SDDOT regarding the future project on Pipestone Avenue, stating the goal would be to update the infrastructure at the time of the project, if possible.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mayor Sutton told the council he thinks an ambulance task force should be reestablished so the county, city, FSST and Avera can work together to come up with a solution for ambulance services. If there are community members interested in being on the task force, please reach out to Mayor Sutton or Administrator Turnquist.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to appoint Aldermen Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton to the Ambulance Task Force, along with Mayor Sutton and Administrator Turnquist. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty (via phone) to authorize the City Administrator to draft a letter to the county asking them to join the ambulance task force. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to approve the 2025 renewal contract with the Sioux Falls Humane Society. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the community center and armory rental agreement and fees. Turnquist has updated the current agreement to include clearer guidelines and expectations on the cleaning of the facility. Turnquist is proposing an increase to the cleaning fee, but rental rates for the facility will stay the same. No council action was taken at this time.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty (via phone) to approve the sick leave donation amendment in the personnel policy and procedures handbook. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to establish December 30th at 12:00 p.m. for a special end of year council meeting. The following members voted

aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve the extension agreement with Eng Services for Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Yeaton to go into Executive Session on a legal matter at 7:28 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Ahlers to come out of Executive Session on a legal matter at 7:50 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty (via phone) and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Bjerke. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator