

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on December 4<sup>th</sup> 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; and Jordan Unterbrunner and Evan Leebens from Missouri River Energy Services.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Bjerke 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 Ahlers and seconded by Yeaton to approve the minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Fargen to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 11/29/2023: general, 24,186.26; water 1,866.91; electric 6,623.08; sewer, 1,866.91; solid waste, 102.83; (25009-25011) Utility Deposit Refunds, 187.25; (25012) AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 187.59; American Legal Publishing, professional fees, 879.65; AT & T Mobility, phones, 212.68; Axon Enterprise, software and services, 1,512.19; Betty Von Eye, medical insurance, 164.90; Blue Peak, phones/cable/internet, 872.78; Cannon Technologies, meters, 1,934.40; Cenex Fleetcard, gas/oil, 1,286.41; Cintas, rentals, 596.21; City of Flandreau-Petty Cash, supplies, 64.80; City of Sioux Falls, bacteria water tests, 29.00; Claflin Excavating, repair unmarked water line/FD, 1,346.94; Core & Main, supplies, 1,314.24; Dakota Pump & Control Co., lift pumps failure, 8,201.55; ELM Customs, repairs, 150.00; Eng Services, contract, 16,016.09; FED EX, supplies, 17.68; FSST, tribal utility tax payable, 508.63; Graybar Electric Co., repairs, 222.91; Hawkins, supplies, 60.00; Helms & Associates, professional fees, 3,890.20; Innovative Office Solutions, supplies, 928.37; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 26.15; Office Peeps, supplies, 13.50; Principal Life Insurance Co., dental /vision insurance, 1,136.57; Pulscher Brothers, repair picnic shelter, 760.60; Ramsdell F&M, repairs, 548.54; SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources, 120.00; SD Dept. of Health Public Lab Services, test samples, 958.00; SD Retirement System, 17,464.62; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 100.00; Seth Benson, deposit refund cc, 250.00; Skinner Striping, mill & patch street, 2,244.90; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 485.56; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies, 132.11; Two Way Solutions, repairs, 1,981.66; Wesco Receivables Corp., supplies, 1,453.00; WW Excavation & Construction, repairs, 505.95; (25049). November EFT'S: Avera Health Plans, health insurance, 8,854.87; City of Flandreau, city bills, 5,557.32; EFTPS, taxes, 33,539.19; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 115,161.83; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, 10,185.95; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members

voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held for a temporary Special Alcoholic Beverage, Malt Beverage and Special On-Sale Wine License for the Flandreau Baseball Association for an event to be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the William Janklow Community Center. No public input was heard.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Yeaton to approve the Temporary On-Sale Special Alcoholic Beverage License for the Flandreau Baseball Association for an event on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 gave an update on the progress at the Fire Station and stated the tentative completion date will be the end of January 2024. Sutton also attended a meeting with the Housing Authority Committee where information was presented to the group about a possible apartment complex development on Broad Avenue. Sutton met with the Infrastructure and Services Committee who is working on updating and finalizing details for a cooperative agreement with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, which addresses Fire Protection, along with other services provided by the City. The agreement was sent to the tribe for review. Sutton thanked the Flandreau Parade Committee and the Holiday Committee for their organization of the Holiday Parade and the Lighting Up Flandreau Event at the Courthouse. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season. The Mayor also shared with Council that the Boys and Girls Club will be receiving a little over one million dollars in grant funds to go towards their addition project.

Administrator Cohl Turnquist shared with Council that he is also impressed with the work being done at the Fire Station. Turnquist stated Council approval could be needed for change order requests in flooring options. A bid was received to put an epoxy type flooring in the kitchen and apparatus bay. Further discussion will be held on flooring options as the project progresses. Turnquist reported the new flooring in the Community Center is currently being installed. There is a community event at the Elementary Commons on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss early childhood care in the community. This event will be hosted by the Boys and Girls Club. Turnquist stated the appraisal process for the purchase of land for the airport expansion project is complete, and information will be available soon on the appraisal report.

Motion by Ahlers 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: Representatives from IMEG Engineering were not present at the meeting, but Administrator Turnquist shared information with the Council about some final decisions needed for the upcoming water and sewer project. Turnquist recommends the City update existing ramps that are impacted by the project to become ADA compliant. All driveways will be replaced back to the original material. Paving any portion of Bates Street will occur in a separate project, as funds are not available at this time. Alderman Fargen commented on the layout of the project corners and would like to see the corners squared off. These recommendations will be sent to IMEG engineering as the final project design should be complete by the end of December.

Senior Rate Analyst Evan Leeben presented a power point to the Council about the Electric Rate Study that was recently completed with MRES. Due to increased purchased power and fixed costs, a 5% overall increase is recommended in 2024, 2025 and 2026 for Electric Rates. Impacts will vary by customer and by class. The last rate increase for City residents was a 5% increase in 2017. Turnquist stated he will present a resolution to the Council in January of 2024 for consideration of an electric rate increase.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Bjerke to approve Pay Request No. Six (6) to WS Construction for \$248,328.63 for the new fire station. 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 a Step Increase for Electric Superintendent Ryan Sherman, placing him at Step 2 of the Electric Superintendent Wage Scale at \$42.46/hourly. 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 a Step Increase for Police Officer Raleigh Burk, placing him at Step 5 of the Certified Officer Wage Scale at \$25.92/hourly. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance 616, the 2023 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance was held. Total amount to be supplemented is \$927,555.00, which includes allocated reserve transfers for the new fire station of \$645,453.00, along with an unrestricted reserve transfer of \$98,519.08 for the Elevator Demolition and an additional \$1,027.92 to supplement professional fees in the General Government Fund. The additional amounts totaling \$182,555 will be used to supplement Public Works, Community Center, Debt Service, and the Bed, Board and Booze Tax Fund. The second reading of Ordinance 616 will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup>, at the next regular council meeting.

Council Comments: The City Council, along with City employees, will be having a Christmas Potluck on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting, which will be held at the regular time of 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator