

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, 1005 W. Elm Avenue, Flandreau, SD.

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

The city council, city staff and their families met at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck to celebrate Christmas prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll, 12/10/2025: general, 26,388.75; water, 1,797.52; electric, 8,141.15; sewer, 3,699.00. (27427) AFLAC, supp. Insurance, 277.44; AT&T Mobility, phones, 261.19; Big Sioux Community Water System, water usage/purchase, 13,962.05; Bluepeak, electric utility, 52.73; Booster Publishing, publishing/advertising, 250.00; Cardmember Services, supplies/repairs/travel/dues, 1,901.65; Cintas, first aid box refills, 93.70; Curt's Collision Center, FPD repairs, 196.00; Cybercoach, Inc., repairs/computer upgrades, 3,897.48; Diamond Vogel Paints, paint, 1,007.00; Equipment Blades Inc., supplies, 3,999.99; Flandreau Public Schools, BES rebate, 8,000.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services, FPD copier lease, 177.92; Heidepriem, Purtell, Siegel, Hinrichs & Tysdal, LLP, professional fees, 3,420.15; Helms & Associates, airport engineering design, 80,274.83; Jerry's Electric Inc., transformers, 13,210.00; K.W. Energy Consultants, BES rebate for FHS, 100.00; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 414.73; MidAmerican Energy, gas bills, 1,043.16; Missouri River Energy Services, meter fees, 391.40; Moody County Enterprise, publishing/advertising, 1,248.67; Ottertail Power Company, airport electricity, 166.21; Pitney Bowes, postage machine refill & lease, 849.59; Plunkett's Pest Control, rodent control, 148.02; Ramsdell F&M LTD, supplies/propane, 273.40; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil/supplies, 2,526.43; SD Public Assurance Alliance, property insurance for '26 dump truck, 241.44; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 100.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal control, 598.00; Sioux Valley Energy, pump station electricity, 113.00; Steve's Tire & Service Inc., tow fee for FPD, 190.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies/repairs, 223.90; Transunion Risk and Alternative, FPD data lookup, 120.00; Tyler Lumber Company, supplies/repairs, 790.07; Valley Fibercom, phones/internet, 1,098.26; Verizon Wireless, phones/iPad/jetpack, 139.49; Vollan Oil, tire truck labor, 2,436.23; Waxdahl Napa Plus LLC, supplies/repairs, 950.23; Wellmark BCBS of SD, B. Voneye medical insurance,

1,038.90; WESCO Receivables Corp., supplies, 11,334.24; IMEG, SRF Loan Payment, Sewer #8, SRF Water #21, 66,310 (27468). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers. Motion carried.

Visitors to Be Heard: None.

Mayor Dan Sutton thanked the Holiday Parade Committee for organizing a successful Christmas Parade. Sutton also noted that City Office will be closed December 24-26 in observance of Christmas. There will be a special meeting at noon on December 29<sup>th</sup> to approve year end bills.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reported that city crews have been busy moving snow and encourages residents to reach out to the city office if there are any snow removal concerns. Renovations will begin at the old fire hall, which will now be the new ambulance garage. The city will be taking over operations of the ambulance on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Crews have also been doing tree maintenance. If there are tree concerns in the right-of-way, please contact the city office.

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

Old Business: The Second Reading of Ordinance 635 was held, which implements an adjustment in water rates effective the beginning of 2026.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve Ordinance 635. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of Ordinance 636 was held, which allows for a \$153,000 supplement to the city's 2025 General Fund Budget.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to approve Ordinance 636. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers. Motion carried.

New Business: Shane Waterman, from IMEG Engineering, reported that work has stopped for the winter on the utility improvement project. The contractor will be addressing concerns from Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Motion by Ekern and seconded by Bjerke to approve ARPA Pay Requests #8 for the Utility Improvement Project; Water (\$9,212.49) Sewer (\$107,586.18). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers. Motion carried.

Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty to approve SRF Pay Requests for the Utility Improvement Project; Water #22 (\$15,720) Sewer #9 (\$15,520). The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the Work Suspension Order for Winter 2025 for the Utility Improvement Project effective December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. IMEG Engineering will issue this notice to H & W Contracting, on behalf of the City of Flandreau. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers. Motion carried.

Alderman Yeaton left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve the Flandreau EMS Employees and their prospective wages as follows: Ambulance Director Wes Hall, \$72,000/annually; Scott Ganschow, \$65,000/annually; Natalie Peterson, \$50,000/annually; Marv Schoenwetter, \$50,000/annually; Brian Ewoldt,

\$14.00/hourly; Aaron Westfall, \$14.00/hourly; Taylor White, \$14.00/hourly; Randy Clements, \$12.00/hourly; Kolyn Kirkham, \$12.00/hourly; Erin McSherry, \$12.00/hourly; William O'Connell, \$12.00/hourly; Karlie Ten Eyck, \$12.00/hourly; Avery Lewison, \$12.00/hourly; Medical Director Abbie Entringer, \$700/bi-weekly; Ambulance Drivers: Marv Schoenwetter, \$10.00/hourly; Sydney Settles, \$10.00/hourly; Volunteer: Lindsay Heiter. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to approve the Flandreau EMS Standard Operating Procedures Manual. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Tufty to approve the Addendum to the MOU between FSST and City of Flandreau for the Crescent Street Bridge to extend to year 2026. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: Ahlers and Yeaton. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist  
City Administrator