

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 16th, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on December 16th, 2024 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 Police Officer Trey Andrews.

Council members and city staff enjoyed a holiday potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sutton at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Motion by Yeaton and seconded by Tufty 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 Ekern to approve the minutes of December 2nd, 2024. 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 allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll: 12/11/24: general, \$25,012.82; water, \$2,132.32; electric, \$5,396.57; sewer, \$2,132.30; (26342) Access Systems Leasing, contract, 883.53; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 277.44; Banner Associates, professional fees, 65.00; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water purchases/utilities, 15,349.18; Booster Publishing, publishing/advertising, 825.00; Border States Electric, supplies, 1,555.18; Cardmember Services, supplies/training/advertising, 572.79; Catalis, website management, 1,580.00; Code Enforcement Specialists, professional fees, 173.93; Curt Ahlers, cc deposit refund, 250.00; Cybercoach, repairs, 573.75; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs, 140.95; Eng Services, supplies, 1,560.00; First Savings Bank, fire station loan, 4,041.81; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept, 3rd & 4th qt fire calls, 5,016.00; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS, contract, 171.21; IMEG, contract, 2,109.33; May Construction, street repair, 1,938.79; Maynards of Flandreau, supplies, 113.00; Metron-Farnier, meters, 3,750.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 982.50; Missouri River Energy Services, contract, 386.20; Moody County Auditor, Contract, 15,065.00; Moody County Enterprise, supplies/advertising, 1,154.50; Office Peeps, supplies, 37.25; Ottertail Power Co., utilities, 170.13; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage, 775.67; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, contract, 499.59; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 1,911.38; SD Municipal League, conference, 190.00; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, retirement, 50.00; Sioux Valley Energy, utilities, 206.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, repairs/supplies, 908.59; Transunion Risk and Alternative, dues, 120.00; Tyler Lumber Co., supplies, 352.17; Valley Fibercom, utilities, 767.52; Verizon Wireless, utilities, 145.49; Waxdahl Napa Plus, repairs/supplies, 221.37; Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD, health insurance, 894.30; Wesco Receivables Corp., meters,

820.00; (26381). 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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Sutton reported the Flandreau Dam Revitalization Committee will be meeting again in January to discuss new information presented by the FSST. Sutton has been fielding questions about the ambulance service and stated his goal is to ensure the community continues to have reliable ambulance services. Sutton and Turnquist met with Missouri River Energy Services to hear updates on legislative initiatives.

City Administrator Cohl Turnquist reminded everyone of the council's special meeting on Monday, December 30th at noon to go over year end agenda items. Turnquist stated the City Office will be closed from December 23-25 for the Christmas Holiday. A letter was sent to the county commissioners asking them to join the ambulance task force to discuss possible ambulance service solutions. There has been no word from the county if they plan to join. Turnquist is expecting a formal letter from the county, addressing the ambulance subsidy and the use of the old fire hall.

Motion by Tufty and seconded by Yeaton 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: The first reading of Ordinance No. 625, the 2024 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance was held. Ordinance 625 proposes supplementing the 2024 Budget in the General Fund by \$112,500. Additional funds will be added to the following departments within the General Fund; Gen Fin Admin and Gen Fund, Armory, and Parks. The second reading of Ordinance No. 625 will be held on December 30th at the City Council's special council meeting, which will be held at 12:00 p.m. No council action was taken.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve Resolution 2024-21; which will amend the city's fee schedule and the community center rental agreement to include a cleaning fee of \$250 per hour and a \$500 fine for the use of a fog machine. 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 the multi-community asphalt surface treatment project, with engineering services provided by Banner. 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 Mayor Sutton's appointment of members to the Ambulance Task Force to include; Police Chief Zach Weber, Fire Chief Don Peters, FSST Police Chief Brian Arnold, FSST Chairman Tony Reider and/or Ryan Kills-A-Hundred, Avera Flandreau Hospital Administrator Bryan Breitling, Community members; Linnea Janssen, Diane Bergjord (provisional), Bill Nibbelink, and Troy Naasz, along with Moody County Commissioners' representation. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Tufty and Yeaton. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Don Peters and Fireman Chase Amdahl were present at the meeting to discuss purchasing a 2007 International Fire Engine from the Hartford Fire Department. The Flandreau Fire Department's current 3-1 truck needs

replacing, due to several issues that limit its effectiveness when responding to calls for service.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Yeaton to approve the authorization to sign a purchase agreement with the Hartford Fire Department to purchase a 2007 Fire Engine for \$200,000. Funding for the purchase will include using \$50,000 from the city's vehicle replacement fund, \$100,000 from the Electric Enterprise Fund and \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The city's general fund will repay the city's enterprise funds. 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 7:17 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cohl Turnquist
City Administrator