

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

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 20th, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Flandreau, South Dakota, met in regular session on Monday, December 20th, 2021 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 (6:37 p.m.), Mike Fargen, Bob Pesall, and Karen Tufty. Absent: None. Also present were City Administrator Jeff Pederson; Finance Officer Karen Gundvaldson; City Attorney Corey Bruning; Cohl Turnquist; and Shane Waterman, IMEG.

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

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Bjerke to approve the minutes of November 30th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of December 2nd, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Fargen to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to approve the minutes of December 6th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Ahlers and seconded by Bjerke to approve the minutes of December 16th, 2021. The following members voted aye: Bjerke, Fargen, Pesall, Tufty, and Unger. Nays: None. Absent: Ekern. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Ahlers to allow the following claims for the City and to pay them: Payroll 11/17/2021; general, 18,680.01; water, 1,328.44; electric, 5,164.85; sewer, 1,328.44; airport, 157.88; solid waste, 451.60; Payroll 12/15/2021: general, 25,946.91; water, 1,750.57; electric, 5,209.81; sewer, 1,750.57; airport, 241.98; solid waste, 362.98; Payroll 12/16/2021: general, 587.62; (22893) Access Systems, contract, 385.47; ACE Industrial Supply, uniforms, 209.18; Adam Labrune, contract/stump grinding, 3,400.00; AFLAC, supplemental insurance, 549.83; Big Sioux Comm Water System, water usage, 97.50; Border States Electric Supply, supplies, 382.10; Cintas, rentals, 380.81; Cole Turnquist, mileage, 115.92; Cybercoach, repairs/supplies, 765.00; Dakota Layers, deposit refund, 250.00; Ekern Home Equipment, repairs, 138.00; Eng Services, sand /gravel, 7,271.25; Flandreau Volunteer Fire Dept., fire calls/training/meetings, 1,320.00; FSST, utility taxes collected, 585.61; Galls, uniforms, 439.70; GovOffice, annual hosting fee, 780.00; GreatAmerica Financial SVCS; contract, 199.85; Hansen-Thomas,

repairs, 15,573.72; Jonathan Cannon, job interview, 1,076.80; M & H Communications, repairs, 1,315.00; MidAmerican Energy, gas bill, 3,976.75; Missouri River Energy Services, conference, 1,800.00; Moody County Enterprise, supplies/advertising, 1,037.73; Office Peeps, supplies, 39.75; Ottertail Power Company, airport electric, 187.20; Pitney Bowes-Purchase Powers, postage, 265.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., vision and dental insurance, 2,021.46; Ramsdell F&M, contract services, 4,000.00; Randy Wilts, repairs, 20.00; River's Edge Cooperative, gas/oil, 2,322.89; SD Supplemental Retirement Plan, supplemental retirement, 242.31; South Dakota 811, one call & fax fees, 75.04; Sparkle Car Wash, vehicle, 14.18; Standard Insurance Co., life insurance, 374.81; Stone, McElroy & Associates, professional fees, 325.00; T & R Electric Supply Co., transformer, 11,818.00; Teresa Mohr, deposit refund, 250.00; The Emblem Authority, uniforms, 627.00; Two Way Solutions, supplies, 665.94; Tyler Earls, deposit refund, 250.00; United States Treasury, taxes, 4,846.94; USA Bluebook, supplies, 240.89; Vadim Municipal Software, contract, 23.12; Waxdahl NAPA Plus, supplies, 551.00; Wesco, supplies, 1,300.60; Wheelco Truck & Trailer Parts, repairs, 1,942.76 (22940). November EFT'S: DakotaCare, health insurance, 14,362.15; EFTPS, taxes, 18,336.50; Missouri River Energy Services, energy cost, 87,666.86; SD State Treas-Sales Tax, taxes, 7,469.16; US Dept. of Agriculture, 2019 water & sewer payment, 21,487.00. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no Visitors to be Heard.

As this is the last Council meeting in 2021, Mayor Sutton thanked Council, indicating many items and projects moved forward this year due to their efforts and hard work. He also thanked the community for their support of Council endeavors, and helping to make Flandreau a better place to live. He looks forward to a productive 2022. The Mayor referenced the smoke machine that has been used by parties that rent the Community Center and how it has required calls from the Fire Department. Rules and regulations for rental will be updated to add that use of smoke machines is not allowed at the Community Center. An interview has been scheduled for the Finance Officer position; a special meeting may take place if an employment offer is extended.

City Administrator Pederson informed Council that a contract has been received for the software discussed at the last Council meeting that is available through a partnership with MRES and Tyler Technologies. He is currently reviewing the contract, which will also be reviewed by City Attorney Corey Bruning prior to presenting it to Council for approval. The City Administrator, Mayor Sutton and Shane Waterman, IMEG, met last week with Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal officials to discuss the lift station located near the casino that serves nearly all tribal ground and is impacted by development on tribal property. The meeting took place to formalize and discuss mutual interest to identify what is needed to enhance or potentially rebuild the lift station. Shane Waterman will work with Indian Health Services regarding information to consider for a potential lift station project to submit to Indian Health Services in May for funding. Pederson updated Council regarding the bid climate for the Fire Station project as well as progress on the loan application submission to

Rural Development for project funding. He is hopeful that funding approval will be received soon for a February or March bid date. The electric overhead and underground distribution system has been mapped by First District in their GIS platform. Refinement and/or additions will be done for those items not included in the digitized information DGR presented to First District. Once the water and sewer mapping is complete next year, the information will be provided to First District to add to the GIS platform. Pederson informed Council that the City continues to follow CDC protocols and contingencies that may come up regarding Covid.

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

Old Business: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 608, Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance, was held. Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ekern to approve Ordinance 608, Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Ahlers to approve the Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Agreement with Eng Services. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business: Motion by Pesall and seconded by Bjerke to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Engineering Services with IMEG for Project Submission to the State Water Plan at hourly rates with an estimated fee of \$25,000. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Bjerke to approve a one-time temporary increase in the allowable carry over of accrued vacation leave from 2021 to 2022 that would allow employees to carry over a maximum of 1.5 times the allowable amount of vacation leave. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Pesall to approve an increase of an additional \$7,000.00 to the supplemental retirement plan for City Administrator Jeff Pederson to be paid over the next six-months prior to his retirement. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesall and seconded by Tufty to approve the hire of Cohl Turnquist as Assistant City Administrator at an annual salary of \$65,000, with a pay review after six months when he succeeds City Administrator Jeff Pederson upon his retirement. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None

Motion by Fargen and seconded by Ahlers to go into executive session for a personnel matter at 7:30 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers,

Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjerke and seconded by Tufty to come out of executive session at 7:53 p.m. The following members voted aye: Ahlers, Bjerke, Ekern, Fargen, Pesall, and Tufty. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Daniel D. Sutton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Pederson
City Administrator