

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The City Council of the City of Wessington Springs met in regular session at the Office of the Finance Officer at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with the following members being present: Shawn Tobin, Layton Schimke, Kari Fagerhaug, Scott Vaske and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and City Attorney Gary Blue via phone. Councilman Cherie Maxwell and Pat Fastnacht were absent.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

Tobin motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

Mayor Knipfer announced this was the time for public comment.

Mayor Knipfer announced it was the time and place for the public hearing for the liquor license application from the American Legion/Prairie Lounge. Betsy Schroeder and Kristi Hine were in attendance for the Public Hearing. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Schimke to table the liquor license application until the January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 City Council meeting. Ayes: Nay: 0 Motion carried.

The following fuel quotes were presented to the council.

	Diesel quotes			
	Agtegra	Alpena Coop	CHS	Total Oil
diesel	\$3.43	\$3.02	\$3.18	\$3.22

Schimke motioned seconded by Fagerhaug to accept the quote of \$3.02 for diesel from Alpena Coop. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Vaske and with all Council members voting aye to approve the following bills for payment.

#### BILLS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
A-1 Roofing		roof repair	76,292.94
AmKota		supplies	133.05
B & S Service		supplies	141.90
Baker's		grasshopper repairs	995.91
City of Wessington Springs		op agreements-special events lic	1,187.05
Code Enforcement Specialist		professional service	276.92
Commercial Asphalt		materials	444.57
Doll Distributing LLC		beer-op agreements	5,286.75
EX Business Card		supplies-license renewal	221.94

Motor Clinic	supplies	44.98
Office Peeps	supplies	13.53
Pepsi	supplies	106.48
ROCS-Dining	annual support	2,000.00
ROCS-Transportation	annual support	3,000.00
Total Oil	Diesel	1,591.19
True Dakotan	annual ad	150.00
WS Volunteer Fire Dept	annual support	9,727.33
Wessington Springs Summer Rec	annual support	939.42
Willman, Linda	envelops & utility's	59.84

**Fund Total: 102,613.80**

<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
AmKota	supplies	59.50
B & S Service	supplies	28.54
True Dakotan	help wanted ad	153.10
Westendorf Electric	professional service	114.75
US BANK	loan payment	1,082.73

**Fund Total: 1,438.62**

<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
AmKota	supplies	54.06
B & S Service	repair power steering pump	493.28
WESCO	supplies	741.00

**Fund Total: 1,288.34**

<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
AmKota	supplies	30.07
Core & Main LP	supplies	48.05
True Dakotan	help wanted ad	153.10
US Bank	loan payment	1,886.60

**Fund Total: 2,117.82**

**Checking Account Total: 107,458.58**

**PREPAIDS**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Fund: 101</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Central Electric	utilities	53.30
Ellwein Brothers Inc.	op agreement	2,299.75
Johnson Brothers	op agreement	2,181.42
Mid-Dakota	utilities	45.00
Porter	op agreement	1,014.38
Republic	op agreement	1,114.07
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	548.31
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	op agreements	1,471.07

**Fund Total: 8,727.30**

<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Heartland	purchased power	26,494.11
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	5,094.63
WAPA	purchased power	19,834.35

**Fund Total: 51,423.09**

<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Central Electric	utilities	26.54

**Fund Total: 26.54**

**Checking Account Total: 60,176.93**

**PAYROLL-Total for December 2025**

Payroll	Council/Zoning Board	6,815.43
Payroll	Clerk of Council	659.38
Payroll	Mayor	1,477.60
Payroll	Finance Office	3,592.94
Payroll	Street	663.07
Payroll	Landfill	514.44

Payroll	Library	2,303.62
Payroll	Water	4,316.31
Payroll	Electric	10,189.06
Payroll	Sewer	2,315.23
SD Retirement	contributions	6,906.86
Wellmark	insurance	7,080.36
Accounts Management	payment	564.84
AFLAC	insurance	704.82
Colonial	insurance	302.52
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	6,808.82
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,668.46
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$57,993.76

A discussion was held on the 2025 annual budget. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Vaske, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the following resolution to approve the transfers from the contingency fund.

**RESOLUTION 2025-12  
CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS  
2025 FISCAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, it appears that there will be insufficient funds in the 2025 Budget, to carry out the indispensable functions of government. It is proposed that the following Contingency Transfers be adopted. This will become effective immediately upon passage.

CONTINGENCY:			
FROM:	101-4115-429	Contingency	\$41,160.51
TO:	101-4125-425	Repairs & Maintenance	\$41,160.51
		Total	\$41,160.51

Dated this 29th day of December 2025.

CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Willman, City Finance Officer

Councilman voting for resolution: Fagerhaug, Schimke, Vaske, Tobin

Councilman voting against resolution: None Motion carried.

Published: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Effective: Immediately upon passage

A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Vaske to approve a loan of \$700,000.00 from Fund 212 Second Penny and \$110,000.00 from Fund 604 Sewer

Fund to 501 Capital Fund for expenses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project and Airport Project until grant or loan funds are received. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve a loan of \$19,000 from Fund 604 Sewer Fund to 602 Water Fund for expenses. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the transfer of the \$164,750.66 of Covid funds that were designated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project from Fund 101 General Fund to 501 Capital Improvement funds Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

A discussion was held on the transfer of the interest earned from all the funds to fund 101 General Fund. It was decided not to transfer the interest earning to the General Fund, but to leave them in the funds where they were earned.

The Electric, Water, and Sewer Rate Ordinance was presented to the Council for the second reading.

Ordinance #832

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC, WATER, AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS."

**ELECTRIC RATES**

**Residential Service**

APPLICABLE TO: Residential customers for all domestic uses in single-family dwellings and individually metered apartments within the service territory of the City of Wessington Springs Electric Utility, including use of motors of not more than 5 horsepower individual capacity.

SERVICE AVAILABLE: Single-phase, 60 hertz, 120/240 volt, 400 amp max., 3-wire, single meter.

MONTHLY RATE:

Customer Charge (No kWh)	\$18.00 per meter
Plus the following	
Energy Charge	All kWh @ 9.0¢
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	All kWh @ 0.7¢
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	\$2.50 per meter

PROMPT PAYMENT PROVISIONS: All charges are net. If the bill is not paid or mailed and postmarked by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the billing date, a late payment charge of 10 percent of the electric charges, electric surcharge, and electric sales tax current balance due will apply. If the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, the due date will be the next working day. All

consumers having an unpaid account after the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month shall be mailed a notice stating the account must be paid or service will be discontinued without further notice. If meters are pulled the entire utility bill plus reconnect fees must be paid in full before meters will be reinstalled.

**SALES TAX:** Sales tax to be added to all electric bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of the state of South Dakota.

**Small Commercial Service**

**APPLICABLE TO:** Any commercial, industrial, city, or farm load within the service territory of the City of Wessington Springs Electric Utility, for all purposes, where the average monthly consumption over a 12-month period is less than 5000 kWh.

**SERVICE AVAILABLE:** Single-phase, 60 hertz, 120/240 volt, 400 amp max., 3-wire, single meter; or three-phase, 60 hertz, 240/120V, 208Y/120V, or 480Y/277V, 4-wire, single meter.

**MONTHLY RATE:**

Customer Charge (No kWh)	\$20.50 per meter
Plus the following	
Energy Charge	All kWh @ 10.8¢
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	All kWh @ 0.7¢
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	\$5.00 per meter

**PROMPT PAYMENT PROVISIONS:** All charges are net. If the bill is not paid or mailed and postmarked by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the billing date, a late payment charge of 10 percent of the electric charges, electric surcharge, and electric sales tax current balance due will apply. If the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, the due date will be the next working day. All consumers having an unpaid account after the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month shall be mailed a notice stating the account must be paid or service will be discontinued without further notice. If meters are pulled the entire utility bill plus reconnect fees must be paid in full before meters will be reinstalled.

**SALES TAX:** Sales tax to be added to all electric bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of the state of South Dakota.

**Large Commercial Service**

**APPLICABLE TO:** Any commercial, industrial, city, or farm load within the City of Wessington Springs Electric Utility service territory, for all purposes, where the average monthly consumption over a 12 month period is more than 5000 kWh, or where the metered maximum demand in any one month exceeds 25kW.

**SERVICE AVAILABLE:** 60 hertz, three-phase, 240/120 V, 208 Y/120 V, or 480 Y/277 V, 4-wire. Special voltages may be provided at the discretion of the utility. Utility furnishes only one transformer bank and/or one meter.

**MONTHLY RATE:**

Customer Charge	\$32.00 per meter
Plus the following	
Energy Charge	All kWh 5.73¢
Demand Charge	All kW @ \$12.18
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	All kWh @ 0.7¢
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	\$5.00 per meter

**METERED DEMAND:** The metered demand for any month shall be the maximum kilowatt demand established by the consumer for any fifteen-minute interval during the month as indicated or recorded by a demand meter.

**POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT:** If the customer's average monthly power factor falls below 90%, leading or lagging, the utility may adjust the metered demand by the ratio of 90% to the measured average monthly power factor in percent.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Metered Demand} &= 739 \text{ kW} \\ \text{Ave. Mo. Power Factor} &= 73.0\% \\ \text{Ratio} &= 90/73 = 1.2329 \\ \text{Adjusted Demand} &= (739)(1.2329) = 911 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

**ADJUSTED DEMAND:** The adjusted demand consists of the metered demand adjusted for power factor, if applicable.

**BILLING DEMAND:** The billing demand shall be the maximum measured fifteen-minute integrated demand in the billing month.

**MEASUREMENT OF DEMAND AND ENERGY:** When there are two or more demand and energy metering installations on the customer's premises, the metered quantities shall be determined by adding together the separate meter readings before application of the rate, unless special provisions are agreed to by the utility. At the customer's request, and at the customer's expense, and at the Utility's discretion, the Utility may install special metering that will allow coincident demand billing.

**PROMPT PAYMENT PROVISIONS:** All charges are net. If the bill is not paid or mailed and postmarked by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the billing date, a late payment charge of 10 percent of the electric charges, electric surcharge, and electric sales tax current balance due will apply. If the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, the due date will be the next working day. All consumers having an unpaid account after the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month shall be mailed a notice stating the account must be paid or service will be discontinued without further notice. If meters are pulled the entire utility bill plus reconnect fees must be paid in full before meters will be reinstalled.

City Rate

Energy Charge	All kWh @	7.7¢
plus		
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	All kWh @	0.7¢
plus		
2006 Debt Service Surcharge	\$2.50 per meter	

WATER RATES

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 1 of Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinance of the City of Wessington Springs (1981) as amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The following rates are hereby established for consumers taking water from the City Water Works System of the City of Wessington Springs:

COMMERCIAL RATES

Monthly Meter Charge	\$26.30
Plus \$4.90 per 1000 gallons water	
DW-02 Surcharge	\$ 5.35
DW-03 Surcharge	\$ 1.30
DW-04 Surcharge	\$17.35

RESIDENTIAL RATES

Monthly Meter Charge	\$24.25
Plus \$4.90 per 1000 gallons water	
DW-02 Surcharge	\$ 5.35
DW-03 Surcharge	\$ 1.30
DW-04 Surcharge	\$17.35

Water meters shall be read monthly, and bills shall be computed monthly. All utility bills will be calculated and mailed on or before 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month for the service rendered during the preceding monthly meter reading period. Bills for utility services shall be mailed to the consumer and must be paid on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month at the office of the Finance Officer. All consumers having an unpaid account after the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month shall be mailed a notice stating the account must be paid or service will be discontinued without further notice. If meters are pulled the entire utility bill plus reconnect fees must be paid in full before meters will be reinstalled.

SEWER RATES

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, as follows:

That the minimum charges be established for the use of city sewer facilities by residential and commercial properties within the City of Wessington Springs:

Monthly minimum charge	\$30.00
CW-02 surcharge	\$ 2.30
CW-03 surcharge	\$ 1.50

The monthly sewer bill is based on the water usage for the quarter of January, February, and March of each year. Users with volumes greater than 15,000 gallons per the first quarter will pay an additional charge of \$0.60 per 1000 gallons per month for all flows greater than the 15,000 per quarter.

Any non-residential user with BOD and SS greater than 200 mg/1 BOD and 250 mg/1 SS will pay a surcharge in accordance with the rates set forth in Appendix "A" of Wessington Springs City Ordinance #584.

These rate changes for Electric, Water and Sewer will become effective with the first billing period following the effective date of this Ordinance.

Motion by Schimke, seconded by Tobin to approve the second reading of this Ordinance and that the same be and is hereby passed, approved, and adopted.

Council voting for ordinance: Schimke, Tobin, Fagerhaug, Vaske

Council voting against ordinance: None

First Reading: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Second Reading & Adoption: December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Published Date: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

SEAL

Tobin motioned with Schimke seconding to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Willman, Finance Officer