

October 7th, 2024

The City Council of the City of Wessington Springs met in regular session at the Office of the Finance Officer at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 7th, 2024, with the following members being present: Vickie Harmdierks, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees, Layton Schimke, Meg Forrest and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney. Councilman Kari Fagerhaug was absent.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Schimke to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

Mayor Knipfer stated this was the time for public comment.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to approve the September 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Forrest to approve the September 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Change Order #2 for a deduct of \$17,372.93 for the College Avenue Project was presented to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fastnacht to approve Change Order #2 for a deduction of \$17,372.93. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Pay request # 5 for the College Avenue project was presented to the Council in the amount of \$247,775.03 payable to Menning Excavation, Inc. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Forrest to approve the pay request as presented and authorize the mayor to sign the pay request. Ayes: 5 Nay: 0

A motion was made by Fastnacht seconded by Schimke, and with all Council members voting aye to approve the following bills for payment.

BILLS		
Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND
American Legion		flag 60.00
AmKota		supplies 524.54
Baker's Repair		mower parts/ supplies 10.59
Behrens, Rhonda		Mileage 140.57
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		attorney 1,000.00
Central Electric		Utilities 126.61
CHS/Farmers Alliance		Propane 370.00

City of WS	Utilities	5,916.92
Code Enforcement Specialist	Prof Service	504.00
Commercial Asphalt	Hot Mix	842.10
Connecting Point	off-site Backup	31.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.	beer-op agreement	5,611.30
EX Business Card	supplies	572.84
Humm Dinger	supplies	23.35
Johnson Brothers	Liquor-op agreement	2,342.32
Kolousek, Amber	annual website	725.00
L & M Sanitation	professional service	7,778.93
MC & R Pools	professional service	3,521.00
McLeods	supplies	179.90
Mid Dakota	utilities	54.00
Motor Clinic	diesel	128.27
Northern Truck	snow plow	30,510.00
Office Peeps	supplies	696.18
Pests B Dead LLC	professional service	100.00
Pitney Bowes	supplies	91.29
Porter	beer-op agreement	1,486.61
Ramkota Inn	travel	253.98
Republic	liquor-op agreement	1,262.04
SDML	conference	415.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	liquor-op agreement	1,734.84
Total Oil	supplies	1,450.39
True Dakotan	publishing	653.66
Venture	utilities	1,081.83
	Fund Total:	70,199.06
Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development	loan payment	3,051.00
	Fund Total:	3,051.00
Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Helms & Associates	airport engineer	9,015.23
SPN	engineer	17,049.16
	Fund Total:	26,064.39
Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Amkota	supplies	24.97
City of WS	utilities	1,253.04
Dakota Pump	professional services	1,241.84
Dakota Sunrise Backhoeing LLC	professional service	24,212.85
Dakota Supply Group	supplies	3,600.00
EX Business Card	supplies	55.72
Hawkins	chemical	1,673.25
Northwest Pipe	supplies	1,648.10
SD One Call	LOCATE	8.96
Total Construction	pea rock	75.25

Venture		utilities	49.66
		Fund Total:	33,843.64
	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Amkota		supplies	22.26
Avera Occupational Medicine - MI		dot drug test	88.00
City of WS		Utilities	579.03
EX Business Card		supplies	196.50
SD One Call		locates	8.96
Security First Bank		bond payment	44,823.75
Venture		utilities	549.09
Wesco		supplies	315.50
		Fund Total:	46,583.09

	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Broken Heart Ranch		supplies	623.15
Central Electric		UTILITIES	63.45
Humm Dinger		SUPPLIES	119.71
SD One Call		LOCATE	8.96
Venture		utilities	49.67
		Fund Total:	864.94
	Fund: 701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
Customer Deposit refund		UTILITIES REFUND	178.03
Customer utility bill		UTILITIES	71.97
		Fund Total:	250.00

Checking Account Total: 180,856.12

Prepays

	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Agtegra		supplies	95.00
Central Electric		utilities	117.66
Chase Auto & RV		2018 Chevy pickup	27,549.00
CHS/Farmers Allianc		propane	370.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	7,429.40
Johnson Brother		liquor-op agreement	620.31
Porter		beer-op agreement	1,287.52
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,498.65
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	587.72
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreement	841.32
		Fund Total:	41,396.58

	Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
VanDerPool Dragline		pay request #06 - airport	150,601.05
		Fund Total:	150,601.05

	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland		power	32,410.97
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	4,730.39
WAPA		power	21,785.62

Fund Total: 58,926.98

	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric		utilities	63.45

Fund Total: 63.45

Checking Account Total: 250,988.06

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	2,879.30
Payroll	Street	382.62
Payroll	Landfill	881.34
Payroll	Library	2,170.23
Payroll	Water	2,083.91
Payroll	Electric	7,484.13

Payroll	Sewer	2,083.78
SD Retirement	contributions	5,822.72
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	6,009.00
AFLAC	insurance	337.77
Colonial	insurance	315.16
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	4,098.14
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	1,724.37
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
Total:		\$37,013.47

Eric Prunty representing Brosz engineering met with the Council to give an update on the 2nd Street Project. He has received a revised project schedule from H & W Contracting that their start date for the project will be April 15th, 2025. A preconstruction meeting will be held prior to the start of the project.

Robert Hine and Karter Mebius met with the Council to discuss their senior projects that they have planned for in the park. The Council thanked them for their interest in improving the park and wished them well in their projects.

Public works employee Rob Wenzel and Department head Phil LaBore met with the Council.

Councilwomen Eva Voorhees gave an update on the library for Librarian Rhonda Beherns. Sara Schaller has been appointed to the Library Board.

Attorney Gary Blue gave an update.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Voorhees to approve the purchase of a desktop computer and monitors for the Finance Office. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Main Street sidewalks. Mayor Ryan Knipfer will contact the engineer for an update.

A discussion was held to set up a Water Committee to the City engineer and Mid-Dakota. It was decided that Layton Schimke, Pat Fastnacht, Ryan Knipfer and Linda Willman will be on the committee.

A special events liquor license from the Prairie Lounge for the Ducks Unlimited Banquet held October 26th, 2024 at the Jerauld County Ag Building was presented to the board. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Voorhees to approve the special events liquor license for October 26th, 2024. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on replacing water mains. Finance Officer will contact District III to do an application for funding.

A discussion was held on replacing the water heater for the pool. A motion was made by Voorhees, seconded by Fastnacht to approve replacing the water heater from Krohmer Plumbing for a cost of \$21,000. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the SRF Depreciation accounts and the project surplus accounts. The Finance Officer has been in contact with DANR and waiting for a recommendation.

The monthly Park and Rec report was discussed.

An update on the nature trail project and the grant received from SDSU was given to the Council.

A discussion was held on employee annual health insurance renewal. It was decided to table the renewal until next month.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Voorhees to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-29(1) for personnel at 9:54 PM. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 10:00 PM.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

_____ Ryan Knipfer, Mayor	ATTEST: _____ Linda Willman, Finance Officer
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