

February 3rd, 2025

The City Council of the City of Wessington Springs met in regular session at the Office of Finance Officer at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3rd, 2025, with the following members being present: Layton Schimke, Vicki Harmdierks, Meg Forrest, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees 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 Voorhees to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of executive session for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the January 2025 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

Change order # 3 for the College Avenue project in the amount of (\$950.00) was presented to the Council. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the deduction of \$950.00 on Change Order #3 for the College Avenue Project. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Pay Request #6 which is the final pay request for the College Avenue Project was presented to the Council. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Schimke to approve the Final Pay Request in the amount of \$76,531.81. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

BILLS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
AmKota		supplies	176.76
B & S Service		supplies	63.58
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP		professional service	1,000.00
CHS		utilities	370.00
Connecting Point		computer supplies/pro service	1,101.75
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreements	6,690.10
EX Business Card		supplies	69.00
J & M Specialties		supplies	346.38
Jerauld County Sheriff		Professional Service	30,085.75
Jerauld County Treasurer		front footage fee	1,459.16
Johnsons		liquor-op agreements	1,822.38
Kelsey Service Agency		professional service	272.00
L & M Sanitation		professional service	7,589.51
Michael Todd		supplies	354.70
Office Peeps		supplies	231.20
Overdrive		dues	600.00
Pepsi		supplies	145.01
Pests B Dead LLC		Professional Service	215.00
Porter		beer-op agreement	1,503.30
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,272.65

Sanitation Products		repairs	3,242.22
SDML Workers' Compensation		workers compensation insurance	3,543.31
SDML		dues	35.00
SD Unemployment Insurance		4th qtr 2024	2.75
Springs		appreciation supper	449.55
Syn-tech Systems		Professional Service	220.00
Time Management Systems, Inc		professional Service	3,333.33
Titan		supplies	350.05
True Dakotan		publishing	435.48
Venture		Phone Bill	311.90
		Fund Total:	68,291.82
Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND		
USDA Rural Development		loan repayment	3,051.00
		Fund Total:	3,051.00
Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		
Helms & Associates		engineering	3,322.26
Menning Excavating, Inc.		final pay requests	76,531.81
		Fund Total:	79,854.07
Fund: 602	WATER FUND		
AmKota		supplies	162.69
Blaha, Evan		mileage	420.00
Elan Financial		lodging/meals	564.59
EX Business Card		postage	42.48
Hawkins		chemical	1,937.16
J & M Specialties		supplies	39.49
Northwest Pipe		supplies	568.18
SD Dept of Health		water testing	738.00
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund		workers compensation insurance	1,211.65
SD Unemployment Insurance		4th qtr 2024	0.67
Stretches Well Service Inc.		professional service	860.72
Time Management Systems, Inc		Professional Service	555.56
Venture		Phone Bill	65.91
		Fund Total:	7,167.10
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND		
Alpena Coop		fuel	5,700.00
AmKota		supplies	39.14
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	581.98
EX Business Card		postage	30.23
Minnesota Municipal Utilities		training	271.25
Office Peeps		supplies	111.95
SD Municipal Electric		dues	934.00
SDML Workers Compensations Ins		workers compensation insurance	3,070.10
Springs Inn		appreciation supper	26.45
Time Management Systems, Inc		professional service	555.56
Venture		Phone Bill	268.05
WESCO		supplies	5,514.00
		Fund Total:	17,102.71
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND		
AmKota		supplies	110.00
Humm Dinger		diesel	294.06
J & M Specialties		supplies	22.67
SDML Workers' Compensation Ins		workers compensation insurance	986.94
SD Unemployment Ins		4th qtr 2024	0.67
Time Management Systems, Inc		professional service	555.55
Venture		Phone Bill	65.92
		Fund Total:	2,035.81
		Checking Account Total:	177,502.51

PREPAIDS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric		utilities	202.80
CHS		propane	370.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer op agreement	2,223.90
Johnson Brothers		liquor- op agreement	1,913.44
Mid-Dakota		utilities	44.00
Porter		op agreement	488.65
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	487.78
		Fund Total:	5,730.57
Fund:	602	WATER FUND	
MARC		chemical	3,227.91
		Fund Total:	3,227.91
Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland		purchased power	37,073.84
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	6,277.62
WAPA		purchased power	21,056.43
		Fund Total:	64,407.89
Fund:	701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
City of WS		deposit refunds to accounts	500.00
		Fund Total:	500.00
		Checking Account Total:	73,866.37

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	7,602.85
Payroll	Street	638.67
Payroll	Landfill	702.23
Payroll	Library	3,380.43
Payroll	Water	4,244.08
Payroll	Electric	11,952.46
Payroll	Sewer	4,244.16
SD Retirement	contributions	9,987.50
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	2,266.57
Wellmark	insurance	7,351.08
AFLAC	insurance	455.74
Colonial	insurance	738.45
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	7,486.44
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,971.04
Flex Account	contributions	165.00
	Total:	\$64,186.70

The following fuel quotes for the month were presented to the council.

Gas/Diesel quotes

	Agtegra	Alpena	CHS	Total Oil
E-10	did not quote	did not quote	did not quote	\$2.69
Diesel	did not quote	did not quote	did not quote	\$2.99

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Voorhees to accept the quote of \$2.69 for E-10 and the quote of \$2.99 for diesel from Total Oil. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on summer help. It was decided not to make any changes.

Phil LaBore obtained bids for a mini excavator to be purchased off other entity's bids. Following the discussion, it was decided to have Phil go and look at the different excavators and report back at the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the automatic reader system. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the documents and authorize the Mayor to sign the needed forms. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The annual GIS Mapping agreement through Midwest Assistance in the amount of \$500 was presented to the Council. A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Forrest to approve the annual agreement. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update.

A discussion was held on the airport reconstruction project. Due to funding issues, the project will have to wait until 2026.

An annual agreement for service for the Fuel Master gas service at the airport was discussed. Following the discussion, it was decided to sign the limited maintenance annual agreement for \$550 which includes unlimited phone support and diagnostics, free software/firmware updates and 10% discount on repairs needed. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The annual Code Enforcement agreement from Code Enforcement Specialists, LLS was presented to the Council. A motion was made from Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to approve the annual agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A letter from the Jerauld County Auditor was presented to the Council for countywide law enforcement expense for 2025 in the amount of \$120,393.00. It was decided that they would like to have a representative from law enforcement meet with the Council at least once a year. A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Schimke to approve the increase in the contract. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on security cameras for the rest of the city building. To increase the number of cameras, we will need to increase server space and equipment.

A letter was presented to the Council regarding the Public Protection Classification. A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Voorhees to send a letter within the 30 day deadline to provide the needed information. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Voorhees, seconded by Schimke to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 8:47 PM. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:45 PM.

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

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

