

November 4th, 2024

The City Council of the City of Wessington Springs met in regular session at the Office of the Finance Officer at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 4th, 2024, with the following members being present: Vickie Harmdierks, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees, Layton Schimke, Kari Fagerhaug and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Meg Forrest joined the meeting later via phone then in person. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

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

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

Meg Forrest joined the meeting at this time.

A discussion was held on the Mid Dakota water project and engineering plans for the project. Attending the discussion was Camden Hofer city engineer from SPN, Scott Gross, Lorin Johnson and with their engineer representing Mid Dakota Rural Water.

The contract for engineering services for the Water Distribution Improvement project was presented to the Council for SPN of Mitchell, SD. A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the October 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Voorhees seconded by Fastnacht to approve the October 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Change Order #1 for a deduct of \$26,457.05 for the Airport Taxilane project was presented to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Harmdierks to approve Change Order #1 for a deduction of \$26,457.05. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Pay request # 7 for the Airport Taxilane project was presented to the Council in the amount of \$50,647.83 payable to VanDerPool Dragline. A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the pay request as presented and authorize the mayor to sign the pay request. Ayes: 6 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

<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Agtegra		fuel	2,089.60
Amkota		supplies	104.88
Bakers		supplies	2.95
Behrens, Rhonda		travel	72.36
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP		professional service	1,000.00
City of WS		utilities	1,338.25
Code Enforcement Specialist		professional service	420.78
Connecting Point		computer/prof service	1,458.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	12,999.60
EX Business Card		supplies/meals/repairs	653.03
Follett Software		battery	44.24
Horizon Health Care		professional service	132.00
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	2,951.86
Knipfer, Ryan		travel	140.70
L & M Sanitation		professional service	7,778.93
Mid Dakota		utilities	34.00
Pests B Dead LLC		professional service	240.00
Porter		liquor-op agreement	1,373.86
Ramkota Inn		lodging	813.42
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,183.05
Southern Wines & Spirits		liquor-op agreement	915.73
Total Oil		SUPPLIES	40.72
True Dakotan		library ad renewal	398.01
Venture		utilities	347.11
Vorhees, Eva		travel	162.14
W.W. Tire Huron		tires	7,776.00
Willman, Linda		travel	162.14
		Fund Total:	45,633.36
	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	5,122.10
SPN		engineering	5,691.18
		Fund Total:	10,813.28
	Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Amkota		supplies	47.88
City of WS		utilities	282.16
Dakota Pump & Control		Professional Service	90.89
EX Business Card		postage	8.31
Hawkins		chemical	1,860.60
SD Dept of Health		water testing	224.00
US Bank		loan payment	1,725.96
Venture		utilities	49.75

Fund Total: 4,289.55

Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Amkota	supplies	14.48
Border States Electric	supplies	278.57
City of WS	utilities	230.95
DGR	professional service	102.00
EX Business Card	postage/supplies/repairs	224.00
HK Scholz	professional service	7,850.00
Krohmer Insurance	vehicle insurance	543.00
Ramkota Inn	lodge	62.50
Venture	utilities	624.77
Vermeer High Plain	supplies	558.62
WESCO	supplies	543.52
	Fund Total:	11,032.41

Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Amkota	supplies	8.87
US Bank	loan payment	4,033.36
Venture	utilities	49.76
	Fund Total:	4,091.99

Fund: 753	CAFETERIA COMPENSATION FUND	
	FLEX	629.27
	Fund Total:	629.27
	Checking Account Total:	79,540.86

PREPAIDS

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	594.09
SD Unemployment Ins Div	unemployment insurance	8.81
	Fund Total:	852.90

Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Menning Excavating, Inc.	Pay req # 5 college Ave	247,775.08
	Fund Total:	247,775.08

Checking 1	Fund: 602 WATER FUND	
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
	Fund Total:	250.00

Checking 1	Fund: 603 ELECTRIC FUND	
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	4,730.39
	Fund Total:	4,980.39

Checking 1	Fund: 604 SEWER FUND	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	postage	250.00
	Fund Total:	250.00
	Checking Account Total:	254,108.37

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	4,768.84
Payroll	Street	383.28
Payroll	Landfill	862.15
Payroll	Library	2,036.20
Payroll	Water	2,119.38
Payroll	Electric	7,424.84

Payroll	Sewer	2,119.25
SD Retirement	contributions	6,200.54
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	7,598.12
AFLAC	insurance	455.74
Colonial	insurance	315.16
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	4,424.42
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	1,756.29
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
		Total: \$10,205.21

Mayor Knipfer stated this was the time for public comment.

Pamela Akkerman met with the Council to discuss the culvert by her house and the big trucks are using that route that could be damaging the culvert.

Phil LaBore and Robert Wenzel met with the Council.

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to hire Evan Blaha as a public works employee at a hourly rate of \$24.00 per hour. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the 2024 budget ordinance. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Voorhees to approve the 1st reading of ordinance #829 entitled "2024 Budget Supplement Ordinance". Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the surcharges for the 2nd Street Project and College Avenue Project. A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Fagerhaug to have the surcharges that were approved in Ordinance #826 in March and published on March 16, 2024 begin with the December billing paid in January of 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The 2025 Employee Health Insurance renewal was presented to the Council. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to approve the annual renewal with Wellmark for employee insurance with self-insurance with a \$750.00 deductible and co-insurance of \$750.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Knipfer to approve expenses for the Heartland Winter conference. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Christmas holiday. The City Hall office will be closed and all employees will be off on December 23rd and 24th, 2024 due to the Governor declaring it a holiday.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer stated that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing for the liquor license transfer from the Prairie Lounge to the new Prairie Lounge Inc. No interested parties were in attendance. A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Voorhees to

approve the liquor license transfer and authorize the Mayor to sign the liquor license application then forwarded on to Pierre for final approval. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the annual liquor license renewals. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the mayor to sign the annual liquor license renewals for the following establishments: Humm Dinger, Springs Inn, Springs Country Club/Pin Twisters, Sweet Grass, Prairie Lounge, Springs Food Market, Dollar General and Slippery's. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Voorhees to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer