

May 4th, 2026

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, May 4th, 2026, with the following members being present: Pat Fastnacht, Cherie Maxwell, Scott Vaske, Shawn Tobin, Layton Schimke, Kari Fagerhaug and Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance were Linda Willman, Finance Officer, and Gary Blue City Attorney.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the LWCF grant and lagoon project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

Vaske motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve April 2026 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve the April 2026 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

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

BILLS

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
			GENERAL FUND	
AmKota FARM & HOME CENTER			supplies	225.89
B & S Service			battery	400.24
Blue Law Firm LLP			professional service	1,000.00
Border States Electric Supply			supplies	47.78
CHS/Farmers Alliance			fuel	817.36
City of WS			utilities	1,695.72
Colonial			supplies	3,507.66
Colopy, Nathan			repairs and maintenance	1,013.93
Connecting Point			backup	135.35
Cummins Plumbing			repairs	158.37
Doll Distributing LLC			op agreement	7,572.59
EX Business Card			supplies/ training	156.23
Follett Software			dues	486.52
Freddie's Electric			repairs	936.77
Jerauld County Highway			street maintenance	3,066.63
Johnson			op agreement	4,850.98
L & M Sanitation			professional service	7,823.07
McLeods			supplies	287.94
Northwest Pipe			repairs to water line	794.61
Office Peeps			supplies	611.28
Plainsman			yearly renewal	185.38
Porter			op agreement	1,221.95

Ramkota Inn	lodging	141.00
Republic	op agreement	1,509.49
ROCS-Transportation	contribution	6,000.00
SD Gov Finance Officer Assoc.	training	75.00
SD Human Resource Assoc.	training	75.00
SD Library Association	yearly dues	40.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	op agreement	529.20
Total Construction	repairs and maintenance	2,108.63
Total Oil	supplies	1,355.99
True Dakotan	publishing	610.88
Venture	utilities	516.13
VFW Teeners	pass through grant	1,000.00
WESCO	cloud fee	1,183.32
Willman, Linda	mileage	177.54
	Fund Total:	52,318.43
Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development	loan repayment	3,051.00
	Fund Total:	3,051.00
Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Dept of Ag and Natural Resources	construction 2nd st renewal fee	100.00
SPN	rural water	1,269.00
	Fund Total:	1,369.00
Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
AmKota	supplies	132.17
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	47.78
CHS/Farmers Alliance	fuel	367.36
City of WS	utilities	346.02
EX Business Card	supplies/ training	15.66
Hawkins	chemical	5,956.90
Mississippi Lime	supplies	16,239.33
SD Dept of Health	lab tests	20.00
SD One Call	professional service	4.48
US Bank	bond payment	9,411.56
Venture	utilities	146.65
WESCO	supplies	2,059.34
	Fund Total:	34,747.25
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
AmKota	supplies	3.90
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	454.19
CHS/Farmers Alliance	fuel	367.36
City of WS	utilities	408.19
DG&R	professional service	218.00
EX Business Card	supplies/ training	130.30
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Asso	training	285.00
SD One Call	professional service	4.48
Venture	utilities	358.65
WESCO	cloud fee	5,406.34
	Fund Total:	7,636.41
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
AmKota	supplies	6.67
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	47.78
CHS/Farmers Alliance	fuel	367.36
SD One Call	professional service	4.48
US Bank	bond payment	7,727.28
Venture	utilities	42.71
	Fund Total:	8,196.28
Fund: 701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	

City of WS customer utilities 449.73
Fund Total: 449.73
Checking Account Total: 107,768.10

PREPAIDS

<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Doll Distributing LLC		op agreement	1,842.51
Johnson		op agreement	1,754.57
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	1,309.29
SD Unemployment Insurance Div		unemployment insurance	79.82
		Fund Total:	4,986.19
	Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
S Unemployment Insurance Div		unemployment insurance	13.50
		Fund Total:	13.50
	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
HEARTLAND COUNSUMER POWER DISTRICT		purchased power	33,453.11
S.D. DEPT. OF REVENUE		sales tax	10,871.43
SD Unemployment Insurance Div		unemployment insurance	51.30
		Fund Total:	44,375.84
	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
SD Unemployment Insurance Div		unemployment insurance	13.50
		Fund Total:	13.50
		Checking Account Total:	49,389.03

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	3,462.02
Payroll	Street	543.27
Payroll	Landfill	960.72
Payroll	Library	1,705.37
Payroll	Water	3,219.55
Payroll	Electric	9,680.62
Payroll	Sewer	3,219.54
SD Retirement	contributions	6,776.12
Wellmark	insurance	7,080.36
Accounts Management	payment	582.92
AFLAC	insurance	704.82
Colonial	insurance	350.70
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	5,080.44
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,339.49
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$45,815.94

Eric Prunty, representing Brosz Engineering, met with the Council to discuss the 2nd Street Project and the pay request with liquidated damages. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Maxwell to approve pay request #8 to H & W contracting in the amount of \$56,117.17 less a portion of liquidated damages of \$338,400.00 and pay request #7 check of \$450,872.33 voided and deducted for a net of \$168,589.50 Ayes: Schimke, Maxwell, Fagerhaug, Vaske, Fastnacht Nays: Tobin M/C

Philip LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

Schimke motioned with Fagerhaug seconding to declare 6 - 8' culverts as surplus property. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fastnacht motioned and Schimke seconded to purchase a new hustler hyperdrive 60" mower for \$16,083.00. Ayes: Schimke, Maxwell, Fagerhaug, Vaske, Fastnacht Nays: Tobin M/C

Tobin motioned seconded by Schimke to repair the grasshopper mower and to declare it surplus to be sold. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Maxwell to approve the steel roof repairs and steel siding on the buildings. Ayes: Schimke, Maxwell, Fagerhaug, Vaske, Fastnacht Nays: Tobin M/C

The following fuel quotes were presented to the council.

	Agtegra	CHS	Total	Alpena
Gas	\$3.369	\$3.28	\$3.30	\$3.29
Diesel	\$4.27	\$4.35	\$3.91	\$4.15

Vaske motioned, seconded by Schimke, to accept the quote of \$3.28 for gas from CHS and \$3.91 for diesel from Total Oil. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned seconded by Maxwell to approve Shawn Tobin to volunteer to operate the water plant on weekends when current operator is gone. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

City Attorney gave an update on the ordinance codification and discussed the code enforcement report that was received.

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Vaske to authorize the mayor to sign the ordinance codification agreement and H & W Contractors form. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on the liquor license application that was denied by the State. City Attorney is working on the issue.

A discussion was held on the Mid Dakota project.

The quote of \$54,208 from Total Construction for the HVAC system and repairs for the library were presented to the board. Schimke motioned seconded by Fastnacht to approve the quote of \$54,208 from Total Construction for the HVAC system and repairs. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The SRF loan reports were reviewed with the Council.

The annual Malt beverage and SD Farm license renewals from Dollar General, Baker's Repair, Slippery's, Humm Dinger, and Starlight were presented to the board for approval. Tobin motioned seconded by Vaske to approve the license applications as presented and authorize the Finance Officer to submit them to Pierre for final approval. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

The following bids were received for the Apron reconstruction project

		base bid	alternate bid A	Total
Dahme	Aberdeen, SD	\$480,300.74	\$46,604.84	\$526,905.58
Midland	Volga, SD	\$561,706.75	\$45,318.57	\$607,025.32
VanDerPool Dragline	Mitchell, SD	\$451,919.00	\$47084.40	\$499,003.40
Feistner Gravel	Woonsocket, SD	\$446,092.21	\$74,608.41	\$520,700.62

Fastnacht motioned seconded by Schimke for a tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0080-019/020-2026 GA Apron Reconstruction is made to VanderPol Dragline, Inc., in the amount of \$499,003.40 contingent upon and receipt of a FAA Grant Offer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Vaske motioned seconded by Tobin to authorize the mayor to sign the FAA Grant Application, Grant Offer and all necessary paperwork for the Contract Documents for the AIP Project #3-46-0080-019/020-2026 GA Apron Reconstruction Project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Tobin to authorize Mead & Hunt to perform a fee review per FFA requirements on the bidding & construction engineering costs for the Apron Reconstruction Project. The cost of the review is \$5000.0 which is grant eligible with city cost to be \$125.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The annual insurance renewal from SDPAA was presented to the council. Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Fastnacht accept the renewal quote of \$84,340.55 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The 2026 election agreement with the School and County was presented to the Council. Tobin motioned seconded by Vaske to accept the agreement and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The 4th Street project was discussed and a quote of \$32,000 was received from Feistner Gravel & Excavation. Schimke motioned, seconded by Maxwell, to accept the quote of \$32,000 from Feistner Gravel & Excavation. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The meeting with SDPAA representatives for the park was discussed with the board. Maxwell motioned with Fagerhaug seconding to take care of the immediate needs to remove equipment and approve the use of pea rock. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned with Fastnacht seconding to approve a donation of \$6000.00 to ROCS for the meal program in Wessington Springs. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on the lagoon project. It was decided to contact the engineer to see if we could use solar agitators in the lagoon.

The old grade trail project was discussed and the fundraising efforts to pay for the project. A LWFC grant application has been prepared for the project with the 50% matching portion to come from other fundraising efforts and donations. Fagerhaug motioned with Schimke seconding to approve the following resolution in support of the grant.

Resolution # 05-01
Authorizing Resolution for City of Wessington Springs
in support of Grant Application

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of South Dakota have authorized the making of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to public bodies to aid in financing the acquisition and/or construction of specific public outdoor recreation projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Linda Willman is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Wessington Springs of Wessington Springs, South Dakota with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for an LWCF grant to aid in financing Wessington Springs Old Grade Trail.
2. That Linda Willman, Finance Officer of the City of Wessington Springs is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the above-mentioned federal and/or state agencies may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.
3. That the City of Wessington Springs of Wessington Springs shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

Dated this 4th day of May 2026.

Signed: _____
Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

Attest: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Councilman voting for resolution: Vaske, Tobin, Maxwell, Fastnacht, Fagerhaug, Schimke
Councilman voting against resolution: none Motion carried.

Schimke motioned seconded by Fastnacht to adjourn.

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

