

August 4th, 2025

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, August 4th, 2025, with the following members being present: Layton Schimke, Kari Fagerhaug, Pat Fastnacht, Shawn Tobin, Cherie Maxwell and Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and City Attorney Gary Blue. Councilman Meg Forrest was absent.

The meeting was opened with a pledge of allegiance.

Tobin motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the July City Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the July treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C.

Pay request #4 for the 2nd Street Project was presented to the Council in the amount of \$121,690.25 payable to H & W Construction for approval. Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the pay request as presented and authorize the mayor to sign the pay request for payment and form to be submitted for funding reimbursement. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht, 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	
-81 ENTERPRISES INC.			supplies	253.95
Agtegra			Gas	1,570.39
AmKota			supplies	934.45
B & S Service			supplies	638.71
Banyon			software	896.67
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP			professional Service	1,000.00
Central Electric			repairs	322.35
CHS/Farmers Alliance			Budget Billing	450.00
City of Wessington Springs			utilities	3,251.41
Code Enforcement Specialist			professional service	804.94
Colonial			supplies	143.84
Commercial Asphalt			supplies	1,852.74
Connecting Point			offsite backup	65.75
Diehl, Allie			mileage	145.60
ELAN			Supplies	144.71
Ellwein Brothers Inc.			op agreement	7,102.55
EX Business Card			supplies	722.97
Flight Light Inc.			supplies	485.46
Hawkins			chemical	1,469.65
Jensen's True Value			supplies	117.84
JOHNSON BROTHERS			op agreement	2,545.73
Knipfer, Ryan			training	119.24
Kolousek, Isabella			training	622.00
L & M Sanitation			professional service	7,765.07

Mcleods	supplies	439.90	
Midwest Fire & Safety	supplies	105.10	
Molnar, Wesley	Training	477.42	
National Geography Magazine	magazine renewal	59.00	
Office Peeps	supplies	108.82	
Pests B Dead LLC	professional service	215.00	
Porter	op agreements	1,972.50	
Ramkota Inn	Elected officials training	461.00	
Readers Digest	magazine renewal	31.86	
Republic	op agreement	2,348.32	
Roduner, Remie	2025 training reimbursement	477.42	
Roesler, Alexis	2025 training reimbursement	472.00	
SD Unemployment Ins Div	unemployment insurance	8.25	
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	op agreements	483.64	
Springs Food Market	supplies	105.39	
Time	magazine renewal	72.28	
True Dakotan	publishing	1,040.38	
Venture	Phone & Internet	553.49	
WESCO	professional service	10,500.00	
YN Mechanics LLC	maintenance	370.00	
	Fund Total:	53,727.79	
Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND		
USDA Rural Development	loan repayment	3,051.00	
	Fund Total:	3,051.00	
Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		
H&W Contracting LLC	2nd street	121,690.25	
	Fund Total:	121,690.25	
Fund: 602	WATER FUND		
Agtegra	Gas	249.66	
AmKota	supplies	105.70	
Banyan	software	896.66	
City of WS	utilities	1,060.76	
Department of Ag and Nat Res.	Dues	600.00	
ELAN	Supplies	68.57	
EX Business Card	supplies	2.11	
Hawkins	chemical	6,022.55	
SD Dept of Health	water testing	283.00	
SD One Call	locates	15.30	
SD Unemployment Ins Div	unemployment insurance	1.12	
US Bank	loans	6,061.84	
USA Blue Book	supplies	391.00	
Venture	Phone & Internet	184.64	
WESCO	professional service	10,499.99	
	Fund Total:	26,442.90	
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND		
Agtegra	Gas	249.66	
AmKota	supplies	24.09	
Banyan	software	896.67	
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	197.51	
Cit of WS	utilities	476.60	
DeWild Grant Reckert 7 Assoc.	professional service	500.00	
EX Business Card	supplies	71.85	
Jensen's True Value	supplies	64.21	
SD One Call	locates	15.31	
Venture	Phone & Internet	371.14	
WESCO	supplies	24,499.48	
	Fund Total:	27,366.52	

Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
Agtegra		Gas	249.66
SPN		professional service	425.00
SD One Call		locates	15.31
SD Unemployment Ins Div		unemployment insurance	1.12
True Dakotan		Publishing	300.00
US Bank		loans	1,725.08
Venture		Phone & Internet	184.64
		Fund Total:	2,900.81
		Checking Account Total:	235,179.27

PREPAIDS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric		UTILITIES	145.08
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-Starlight	9,340.70
Johnson Brothers		op agreement	963.27
Mid-Dakota		utilities	45.00
Porter		op agreement	1,144.45
Republic		op agreement	911.03
SD Dept of Revenue		sales and excise tas	789.86
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		op agreement	1,484.50
		Fund Total:	14,823.89

Fund:	212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development		op agreement	3,051.00
		Fund Total:	3,051.00

Fund:	602	WATER FUND	
Elan Financial Services		chemical/postage	473.47
Great Plains Structures		tank inspection	3,500.00
SD Dept of Revenue		sales and excise tax	4.64
		Fund Total:	3,978.11

Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	269.28
Heartland		purchased power	38,493.03
SD Dept of Revenue		sales and excise tax	4,202.81
WAPA		purchased power	19,804.40
		Fund Total:	62,769.52

Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric		UTILITIES	247.78
		Fund Total:	247.78
		Checking Account Total:	84,870.30

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	3,777.87
Payroll	Street	436.59
Payroll	Landfill	845.55
Payroll	Pool	10,335.21
Payroll	Park-summer help	7,463.83
Payroll	Library	2,005.32
Payroll	Water	3,144.90
Payroll	Electric	8,085.37
Payroll	Sewer	3,144.96
SD Retirement	contributions	6,450.96
Wellmark	insurance	6,214.70
AFLAC	insurance	704.82
Colonial	insurance	302.52
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	7,738.68
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,680.45
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$63,441.73

Mayor Ryan Knipfer stated this was the time for public comment.

Brad Lawrence, representing Brosz Engineering gave an update on the 2nd Street Project.

Donna Wagner met with the Council to appeal the decision for their building permit that was denied by the Zoning Board. It was stated that they are willing to make a change to the building permit for the variance which will make the building permit to go back to the Zoning Board for a public hearing and their approval.

Darrel Deneke and Kristi Hine met with the Council to discuss the trail project and funding opportunities. Schimke, motioned seconded by Maxwell to write a letter of support for the project that the committee can use to get grant funds. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Phil LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

City Attorney met with the council and discussed the new law for City Elections and an update of the code enforcement letters that were sent out.

The new open meeting law pamphlet from the Attorney Generals Office was presented to the Council for annual review and discussion.

A discussion was held on the electrical service at the grade school. Fastnacht motioned seconded by Maxwell that the boring fee will be split in half between the City and the School. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

The new airport Capital Improvement Plan(CIP) was presented to the board. Schimke motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug approved the Airport CIP as presented and will now be submitted to the FAA for their approval. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

A DATA Mining agreement from Heartland Power was presented to the Council for review. Schimke motioned, seconded by Tobin to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement to be returned to Heartland. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Camping in the park was discussed.

Letters to the editor that were in the True Dakotan were discussed.

Joyce Krueger gave an update of the park committee.

The 2026 budget was reviewed and updated. The first reading of the 2026 budget will be held on September 3rd, 2025.

Schimke motion seconded, by Fastnacht to approve the closure of City Hall on August 27th, 28th, and 29th. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve expenses for the SDML Conference held in Pierre on September 30th to October 3rd. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Tobin to adjourn.

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

Attest: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

