

September 16th, 2026

The City Council of the City of Wessington Springs met in special session at the Office of Finance Officer at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026, with the following members being present: Cherie Maxwell, Scott Vaske, Shawn Tobin, Pat Fastnacht, Kari Fagerhaug, Layton Schimke 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.

Vaske motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

Becky Brunsing representing SD Public Assurance Alliance, met with the Council to go over property appraisal report. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Maxwell, seconded by Schimke to appoint Shawn Tobin, Scott Vaske, and Pat Fastnacht as a committee to review the report and report back to the Council. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Raesha Kline met with the council to discuss and give pictures of her vehicle from driving on the newly chipped sealed street. The information was given to the City Attorney to review.

Kristi Hine met with the Council to discuss the TAP grant that they would like to apply for the construction of sidewalks for the walking path. Following the discussion a motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the following resolution for support of the submission of the grant.

RESOLUTION #2026-9-1

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC WESSINGTON SPRINGS WALKING ROUTE & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Wessington Springs recognizes the importance of providing safe and accessible pedestrian routes for residents and visitors, including children, older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Wessington Springs Walking Route & Pedestrian Access Project would improve pedestrian access while creating a self-guided walking route connecting historic sites, the downtown business district, school and health care campus, and other community destinations; and

WHEREAS, the project would preserve and promote the community's history while providing opportunities for walking, recreation, tourism and improved community connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wessington Springs intends to apply for funding through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to assist with eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program requires a local match of **18.05 percent**, with federal funding providing **81.95 percent** of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that eligible local contributions, including approved in-kind contributions where permitted under program requirements, may be used toward the local share;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wessington Springs hereby supports the Historic Wessington Springs Walking Route & Pedestrian Access Project and authorizes submission of an application to the South Dakota Department of Transportation Transportation Alternatives Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Wessington Springs commits to providing the required local match for the project, **in an amount not to exceed \$200,000**, should the project be selected for funding, subject to applicable program requirements.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

By: _____
Ryan Knipfer - Mayor
(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman

Councilman voting aye: Fastnacht, Fagerhaug, Maxwell, Vaske
Councilman voting nay: Tobin
Councilman abstaining: Schimke

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time and place for the 2nd reading on the 2027 budget for the City of Wessington Springs. No changes were made to the budget from the 1st reading held on September 9th, 2026. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the following Ordinance # 832 titled "2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance".

Ordinance # 832
2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1st, 2027 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Section 1. That the following sums of money are hereby appropriated, and taxes levied upon all taxable property within the City of Wessington Springs for the purpose of providing funds to meet all lawful expenses and liabilities of said City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2027.

2027 Budget				
	General	Library	2nd Penny	Capital
<u>General Government</u>	Fund	Fund	Fund	Projects
REVENUES				
310 General Property taxes	274,124.00			
Sales Tax	340,000.00		115,000.00	
Other Tax Related	4,750.00			
320 Licenses & Permits	3,510.00			
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	83,500.00			
340 Charges for Goods & Service	111,483.00			
360 Miscellaneous Revenue		1,700.00		
Interest	700.00		550.00	
Special Street Assessment	58,000.00			
Special Assessment-curb & gutter/sidewalks	7,000.00			
Rentals	32,000.00			
Cable Franchise	7,500.00			
Liquor Operating Agreements	333,000.00			
380 Airport	18,000.00			
390 Transfer from 2 nd Penny-interest				
390 Transfer from Water-interest				
390 Transfer from Electric interest				
390 Transfer from Sewer-interest				
390 Transfer from 2nd Penny				
Unencumbered Cash Balance	223,681.00	160,000.00	500,000.00	
Unencumbered Cash Balance-self Insurance reserve	<u>37,500.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	1,534,748.00	161,700.00	615,550.00	
EXPENDITURES				
<u>410 General Government</u>				
4111 Council	63,334.00			
4114 Clerk of Council	1,909.00			
4115 Contingency	65,000.00			
4121 Mayor	4,316.00			
4130 Elections	980.00			
4141 Attorney	12,500.00			
4142 Finance Officer	185,641.00			
4192 General Government Buildings	<u>28,400.00</u>			
Total General Government	362,080.00			
<u>420 Public Safety</u>				
4211 Law Enforcement	123,956.00			
4229 Fire	<u>12,128.00</u>			
Total Public Safety	136,084.00			
<u>430 Public Works</u>				
4311 Streets	340,188.00			
4613 Street Lights	8,000.00			
4321 Sanitation	19,961.00			
4322 Street Cleaning	2,000.00			
4323 Solid Waste Collection	97,704.00			
4350 Airport	<u>29,800.00</u>			
Total Public Works	497,653.00			
Capital Projects			<u>578,938.00</u>	

440 Health				
4411 Regulation & Inspection	5,000.00			
4431 West Nile	<u>2,150.00</u>			
Total Health	7,150.00			
450 Culture & Recreations				
4511 Swimming Pool	67,022.00			
4512 Summer Rec	2,000.00			
4521 Parks	56,935.00			
4550 Library	<u>65,824.00</u>	<u>161,700.00</u>		
Total Park & Recreation	191,781.00	161,700.00		
460 Economic Development & Assistance				
4651 Economic Development	<u>20,000.00</u>			
Total Economic Development	20,000.00			
490 Miscellaneous				
4900 Operating Agreements	<u>320,000.00</u>			
Total Miscellaneous	320,000.00			
Debt Service			36,612.00	
Reserve for equipment				
Interest Transfer to General				
Total Expenditures	1,534,748.00	161,700.00	615,550.00	
	Water Fund	Electric Fund	Sewer Fund	Utility Deposit Fund
Revenue				
Self-Insurance Reserve	7,500.00	22,500.00	7,500.00	
Unobligated Cash	4,540.88	56,204.75	29,664.12	
interest	12.00	9,300.00	800.00	
Sales	250,000.00	1,175,000.00	185,000.00	
Debt Service Revenue	119,288.36	87,083.00	87,027.00	
Heartland bond reimbursement		94,036.00		
Depr/surplus	24,000.00		18,000.00	
Wheeling		68,350.00		
Sales Tax		65,000.00		
Installation		1,000.00		
Deposits				10,000.00
Total Revenue	405,341.24	1,578,473.75	327,991.12	10,000.00
Expenditures				
Utilities	3,000.00	9,000.00	1,500.00	
Purchased Power		675,000.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	22,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	
Supplies	29,000.00	66,000.00	5,000.00	
Personnel	106,787.00	275,600.00	107,562.00	
Replacement Expenses		25,000.00		
Professional Service	25,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	
Equipment	10,000.00	101,000.00		
Insurance	3,000.00	34,000.00	2,270.00	
Travel, Training & Dues	4,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	
Sales Tax		65,000.00		
water	50,000.00			
Deposit Refunds				10,000.00
Self-Insurance	7,500.00	22,500.00	7,500.00	
Debt Service	121,054.24	249,373.75	103,159.12	
Surplus/Depreciation	24,000.00		18,000.00	
Total Expenditures	405,341.24	1,578,473.75	327,991.12	10,000.00
Transfer to General Fund				
Transfer to Water Fund				
Transfer to Reserves				
Total Expenditures and Transfers	405,341.24	1,578,473.75	327,991.12	10,000.00

Passed and adopted this 16th day of September 2026.

CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

By: _____ ATTEST: _____
Ryan Knipfer - Mayor Linda Willman

(SEAL)

Councilman Voting Aye: Fastnacht, Fagerhaug, Maxwell, Vaske, Schimke, Tobin

Councilman Voting Nay: none

Motion carried.

First Reading: September 9th, 2026

Second Reading: September 16th, 2026

Published: September 23rd, 2026

Effective Date: October 12th, 2026

A request was received from Mid Dakota to allow antennas on the blue water tank for meter access. Vaske, motion seconded by Fastnacht to allow Mid Dakota to put antennas on the blue water tank for the water project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Tobin to adjourn. Ayes:6 Nays:0 M/C

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman Finance Officer