

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, with the following members being present: Layton Schimke, Vicki Harmdierks, Meg Forrest via phone, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees, Kari Fagerhaug and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance were Linda Willman, Finance Officer, and Gary Blue City Attorney.

The meeting opened with pledge of allegiance.

Harmdierks made a motion, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of camera discussion. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Council member Fagerhaug joined the meeting.

A draw for candidate placement on the ballot for the April 8<sup>th</sup> City Election was done.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

Fastnacht made a motion, seconded by Schimke to approve the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Council meeting with a notation that in the unapproved minutes published in the newspaper the total listed for January payroll was incorrect. The individual payroll line items were correct, but the total should be \$64,186.70. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Schimke made a motion, seconded by Voorhees to approve the February treasurer's report. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Fagerhaug made a motion, seconded by Fastnacht 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>
	<b>Fund: 101</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
AmKota		supplies	6.58
B & S Service		supplies	1,302.60
Baker's		repairs	262.10
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP		professional service	1,000.00
CHS/Farmers Alliance		supplies	370.00
City of WS		utilities	5,462.15
Connecting Point		supplies	53.75
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		op agreement	5,859.75
EX Business Card		supplies	264.13
J & M Specialties		supplies	242.51
Johnson Brothers		op agreement	1,548.94
Krohmer Plumbing		pool boiler	23,000.00
L & M Sanitation		professional service	7,957.28
Mebius, Terri		supplies	55.56
Office Peeps		supplies	22.31
Pitney Browes		rental	163.02
Porter		op agreement	1,316.73
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		op agreement	425.94
Syn-tech Systems		professional service	550.00
Time Management Systems, Inc		payroll system	999.99
True Dakotan		publishing	361.34
Venture		utilities	490.46
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>51,715.14</b>

	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL SALES TAX</b>	
USDA Rural Development			loan repayment	3,051.00
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>3,051.00</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	
Helms & Associates			professional service	5,110.48
SPN			professional service	37,350.00
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>42,460.48</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
City of WS			utilities	1,757.92
Elan Financial Services			travel training and dues	5.00
EX Business Card			postage	17.63
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc			dues	166.67
SD Department of Health			testing	131.00
SD One Call			professional service	0.75
Time Management Systems, Inc			payroll system	166.67
Todd Bruekske Construction			professional service	16,438.81
Utility Service Co, Inc			annual payment	11,979.58
Venture			utilities	49.79
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>30,713.82</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Border States Electric Supply			supplies	100.40
City of WS			utilities	1,599.68
DeWild Grant & Reckert			professional services	289.50
Display Sales			supplies	76.00
EX Business Card			equipment	289.75
Knipfer, Ryan			travel	83.26
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc			dues	166.66
Minnesota Municipal Utilities			Membership Dues	540.00
RESCO			supplies	38,472.58
SD One Call			professional service	0.74
Time Management Systems, Inc			payroll system	166.67
Venture			utilities	258.78
WESCO			supplies	3,193.50
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>45,237.52</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Baker's			repairs	25.55
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc			dues	166.67
SD One Call			professional service	0.75
SPN			lift station and lagoon	3,988.04
Time Management Systems, Inc			payroll system	166.67
Venture			utilities	49.79
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>4,397.47</b>
			<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>177,575.43</b>

PREPAIDS

<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>
A-OX Welding		supplies	12.50
Alpena Coop		supplies	11.88
Central Electric		utilities	303.61
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		op agreement	4,059.95
Johnson Brothers		op agreement	1,647.09
Mid-Dakota		utilities	49.65
Pitney Bowes		postage	1,000.00
Porter		op agreement	1,353.09
Republic		op agreement	766.77
SD Dept of Revenue		Sales tax	594.16
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		op agreement	2,157.81
Total Oil		supplies	2,914.85

			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>14,871.36</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Heartland			purchased power	53,906.29
SD Dept of Revenue			Sales Tax	6,656.07
WAPA			purchased power	23,052.30
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>83,614.66</b>
			<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>98,486.02</b>
			<b>PAYROLL</b>	
Payroll		Finance Office		4,959.02
Payroll		Street		459.43
Payroll		Landfill		510.72
Payroll		Library		2,396.15
Payroll		Water		3,108.55
Payroll		Electric		8,217.20
Payroll		Sewer		3,108.61
SD Retirement		contributions		6,879.10
SD Office of Child Support		contributions		1,721.38
Wellmark		insurance		7,351.08
AFLAC		insurance		455.74
Colonial		insurance		492.30
Division of OASI		social security/Medicare		5,228.56
Federal Tax Payment		withholding		2,134.53
Flex Account		contributions		110.00
			Total:	\$47,132.37

Joyce Krueger and Terri Mebius Park & Rec committee members discussed their list of projects with the Council.

Robert Wenzel and Phil LaBore met with the Council.

Fagerhaug made a motion, seconded by Harmdierks, to approve expenses for the Spring Street Maintenance meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Fagerhaug made a motion, seconded by Harmdierks to approve expenses for the Electric Superintendent Conference in Watertown April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Fagerhaug made a motion, seconded by Schimke, to hire Karter Mebius for summer street help at an hourly rate of \$14.50 until he had to leave for training, and to advertise for additional summer help. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Landfill hours were discussed. Due to daylight saving time this weekend we will be switching to the summer hours at the landfill.

A quote for an inspection for the existing aquastore tank was received from Great Plains Structures of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota for \$3,500 and \$650 per bar. Harmdierks made a motion, seconded by Voorhees to approve the quote for the inspection of the tank. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Annual street bids were discussed. Fastnacht made a motion, seconded by Fagerhaug, to advertise for gravel, pink quartz, and chip seal bids to be opened at the April regular meeting. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Schimke made a, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the purchase of a Case mini excavator for the purchase price of \$98,157.00 from the Sourcewell contract bid. Aye: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A letter of resignation from Robert Wenzel was presented to the board. Schimke made a motion, seconded by Voorhees to accept the letter of resignation and thank Rob for his service with the City of Wessington Springs. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Attorney Gary Blue gave an update to the Council.

Fagerhaug made a motion, seconded by Schimke to advertise for a public works employee. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time and place for the public hearing on the Special Events Liquor License for Starlight bowling LLC dba Pintwisters for the Sons of American Legion dart tournament held at 508 Dakota Ave South Wessington Springs on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Voorhees made a motion, seconded by Schimke to approve the special events liquor license as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Harmdierks made a motion, seconded by Schimke to appoint Vickie Brodkorb, Pam Frank, and Kay Thompson to the election board for the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 City Election. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Payroll was discussed regarding the need to change the payroll date for the new Time Management System due to timing issues. The system is being formatted with our information and should be available to be activated in April.

The closeout paperwork for the airport taxiway was presented to the Council. Schimke made a motion, seconded by Voorhees to approve the closeout paperwork and authorize the mayor to sign the paperwork. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A question-and-answer session with the candidates for the 2025 City Election was discussed. The council recommended having it at a date and time when all candidates would be available to participate.

A discussion was had on not charging admission at the Wessington Springs City Pool.

Kari Fagerhaug, representing the Wessington Springs Revolving Loan fund stated that a loan request was made to the Wessington Springs Revolving Loan fund for \$25,000. Harmdierks made a motion, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the loan request with final approval from NESDEC. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

An update is needed to be done to the Jerauld County hazard mitigation policy. A motion was made by Voorhees, seconded by Schimke to approve expenses for the hazard mitigation meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Courthouse at 1:00 PM. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

An estimate of \$7,921,54 was received from OnStar on updating and installing additional software and cameras. Action was tabled.

Harmdierks made a motion, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve expense for the District 5 Meeting in Miller on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The March equalization meeting was set for 12:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at City Hall.

Due to the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 City Election, it was decided to move the regular April meeting date to Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to also allow for the canvass of the election.

Voorhees made a motion and was, seconded by Schimke to adjourn. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

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Linda Willman, Finance Officer

