

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with the following members being present: Tim Schooler-via phone (left meeting early), Vicki Harmdierks-via phone, Natasha Waters, Layton Schimke, Ryan Knipfer and with Mayor Brian Bergeleen presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney. Councilman Kari Fagerhaug joined meeting later.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of pool closing. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Jay Tolsma representing ELO met with the Council to discuss the audit.

A motion was made by Harmdierks seconded by Knipfer to approve the July Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Knipfer to approve the June 2023 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke, and with all Council members voting aye except Schooler who abstained to approve the following bills for payment.

**BILLS**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
-81 Enterprises Inc.			batteries	495.90
Alpena Coop			gas-diesel	1,536.61
American Trust Insurance			notary bond	50.00
AmKota			supplies	344.17
B & S Service			tires and mounts	324.62
Baker's Repair			mower repairs	493.87
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office			professional service	1,000.00
CHS/Farmers Alliance			propane	900.00
CNA Surety			bond insurance	525.00
Cole's Petroleum			airport gas	12,399.75
Dakota Sunrise Backhoeing LLC			excavator work	6,250.01
Ellwein Brothers Inc.			beer-op agreement	6,370.75
EX Business Card			supplies	218.81
Hawkins			chemicals	738.54
J & M Specialties			supplies	17.73
Jensen's True Value			supplies	571.33
Johnson Brothers			liquor-op agreement	1,945.91
Keep it Safe			off-site backup	60.01

L & M Sanitation		professional service	7,668.85
MC & R Pools Inc		supplies	357.80
Mid Dakota		utilities	43.00
Pests B Dead LLC		professional service	150.00
Porter		beer-op agreement	2,665.01
Productivity Plus		supplies	2.62
Republic		liquor-op agreements	731.02
SD Dept of Health		lab tests	30.00
SD Library Association		dues	235.00
SD Unemployment Insurance Div		unemployment ins	5.27
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreements	514.07
Total Oil		supplies	40.91
True Dakotan		publishing	328.73
Venture		phone bills/camera system	3,654.13
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>50,669.42</b>
	<b>Fund: 212</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND</b>	
USDA Rural Development		loan payment	3,051.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>3,051.00</b>
	<b>Fund: 501</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	
Helms & Associates		engineering-taxiway imp	958.98
Mead & Hunt		professional services	5,000.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>5,958.98</b>
	<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
Alpena Coop		gas-diesel	356.63
AmKota		supplies	399.71
EX Business Card		postage	78.02
Hawkins		chemicals	1,844.16
J & M Specialties		oil	33.46
Jensen's True Value		supplies	57.74
Mikbank WinWater		meter	504.45
Northwest Pipe		supplies	328.96
SD Dept. of Health		lab test	173.00
SD Assoc. of Rural Water		dues/conference	500.00
SD One Call		locates	5.60
SD Unemployment Ins Div		unemployment ins	0.68
Total Construction		quartz rock	327.24
USA Blue Book		supplies	383.03
Vavra, James		mileage to meeting	136.24
Venture		phone bills	48.97
Wesco		water meters-auto system	29,512.50
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>34,690.39</b>
	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Alpena Coop		gas-diesel	356.63
AmKota		supplies	382.96
EX Business Card		postage	10.02
LaBore, Phillip		mileage-electrical conference	185.23
SD One Call		locates	5.60
Venture		phone bills	233.90
Wesco		wire	3,306.90
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>4,481.24</b>
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Alpena Coop		gas-diesel	356.63
AmKota		supplies	34.69
SD One Call		locates	5.60
SD Unemployment Ins Div		unemployment ins	0.68
Venture		phone bills	48.97
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>446.57</b>

CITY OF WS	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND</b>	
			Customer deposit to Bill	250.00
			deposit refund	250.00
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>500.00</b>
			<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>99,797.60</b>

PREPAIDS

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ellwein Brothers Inc.				beer-op agreements	8,217.30
Johnson Brothers				liquor-op agreements	1,771.02
Porter				beer-op agreements	4,335.32
Republic				liquor-op agreements	2,925.92
SD Dept of Revenue				sales tax	791.01
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD				liquor-op agreements	540.67
				<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>18,581.24</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>		
Heartland				power	35,062.27
SD Dept of Revenue				sales tax	4,614.54
WAPA				power	18,433.52
				<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>58,110.33</b>
				<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>76,691.57</b>

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	2,666.82
Payroll	Street	590.78
Payroll	Landfill	735.17
Payroll	Pool	5,339.70
Payroll	Park	5,322.57
Payroll	Library	2,194.44
Payroll	Water	2,703.50
Payroll	Electric	3,860.56
Payroll	Sewer	2,703.44
SD Retirement	contributions	5,244.76
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	5,796.98
AFLAC	insurance	374.88
Colonial	insurance	328.76
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	5,436.30
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,094.97
Flex Account	contributions	140.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$46,164.63</b>

A discussion was held on the approval of individuals to purchase items at SD Federal Property. It was decided to add all Council and employees to the list.

Funding requests from Office of Rural Office of Community Services for the bus and nutrition site were presented to the Council. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Knipfer to keep the funding the same as 2023 for transportation at \$2,000.00 and meal program at \$1,861.72. Motion died for lack of second. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Waters to give funding of \$2,000.00 for the meal program and \$3,000.00 for the transportation. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Notice was given that the renter will be vacating the Main Street property as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The SD Department of Transportation Agreement for the airport were presented to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Schooler seconded by Knipfer to approve the SD Department of Transportation Agreement for Project #3-46-0080-16-2023 was approved and authorized the Mayor to sign the paperwork. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Waters to approve the SD Department of Transportation Agreement for Project #3-46-0080-17-2023 was approved and authorized the Mayor to sign the paperwork. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on closing City Hall on August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to approve the closing of City Hall on August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Ayes: Knipfer, Schimke, Waters, Schooler Nays: Harmdierks

A motion was made by Waters seconded by Knipfer to approve expenses for the SDML Policy committee meeting in Pierre on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Aye: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Knipfer to approve expenses for the SDML Conference in Rapid City on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the pool closing. It was decided that due to lack of guards due to school sport practices the pool will close August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mayor announced this was the time for public comment.

Rhonda Behrens met with the Council to introduce the new Library Board Member Mike Easter to the Council to replace Jessica Kingrey, and an update of the repairs to the library.

Fred and Jan Krohmer met with the Council to discuss vacating an alley. Attorney Gary Blue gave an update on the procedure to vacate an alley. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Schooler to leave alley open - motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to close the alley between lots 1-6 Block 4 Jerauld County Addition and Rural Ag Lands. Ayes: Knipfer, Schimke, Harmdierks Nays: Schooler, Waters

Eileen Woodruff met with the Council to discuss the fieldhouse. It was decided to form a committee with Natasha Waters, Layton Schimke, and Eileen Woodruff. Kristi Hine will research grants for the Field House.

Department head Phil LaBore met with the Council.

A discussion was held on the patch machine that the city rented for a month.

Tim Schooler left the meeting at this time.

Phil stated that some picnic tables in the park are needed to be replaced. It was decided to get prices and to maybe start to replace picnic tables 5 at a time.

A discussion was held on keys for the rubble site. It was decided that only City employees will have keys to the landfill.

Mayor Brian Bergeleen announced this was the time and place for the temporary liquor license for Pin Twisters on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No interested parties were in attendance. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to approve the temporary Liquor license for Pin Twisters. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Department head Jim Vavra met with the Council. He announced that he is submitting his resignation as Water/Sewer Department head for the City of Wessington Springs effective August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Council would like to thank Jimmy for his years of service to the City of Wessington Springs.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Waters to authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the SRF loan papers for the College Ave Project and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on internet access at the water plant. A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Schimke to get internet access at the water plant. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Kari Fagerhaug joined the meeting at this time.

A discussion was held on the electrical lineman position. The electrical committee held interviews with the individuals and upon the recommendation of the electrical committee a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Knipfer to offer the position to one of the individuals for \$26.00 per hour with an additional \$1.00 per hour for every book completed. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City Attorney passed the current Code Enforcement Report for the Code Enforcement Officer to the Council for review and discussion.

The 2024 budget was reviewed with the changes noted at the last meeting. Additional discussion was held on additions and deletions to the budget. The budget will be updated with the changes and the first reading on the budget ordinance will be held at the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular meeting.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Brian Bergeleen, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

