

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023-unnapproved

The City Council of the City of Wessington Springs met in regular session at the Office of Finance Officer at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with the following members being present: Ryan Knipfer, Tim Schooler, Vicki Harmdierks, Natasha Waters, and with Mayor Brian Bergeleen presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney. Councilman Layton Schimke and Kari Fagerhaug were absent.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: None stated

Mayor Brian Bergeleen announced this was time for public comment. No interested parties.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Knipfer to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schooler to approve the transfer of \$22,474.30 of Main Street Curb and Gutter payments received to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny account effective December 31, 2022. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Schooler to approve the following transfer of the interest income as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from American Bank & Trust Money Market and Super Now Accounts from the individual funds to the General Fund as stated in the investment policy.

Interest Transfers from:	212	\$ 3,661.38	To:	101	\$10,133.27
	602	\$ 344.97			
	603	\$ 3,238.23			
	604	\$ 2,888.69			
	Total	\$10,133.27			

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schooler seconded by Knipfer to approve the December treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Knipfer, 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>
	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
AmKota		supplies	691.74

Baker's		repairs	2,025.67
Banyon		utility support	229.75
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		professional service	1,000.00
Code Enforcement Specialist		2023 retainer fee	1,500.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	3,950.60
EX Business Card		supplies	68.46
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agree	3,601.87
Keep it Safe		offsite backup	115.01
L & M Sanitation		garbage service	6,849.54
Mitchell Daily Republic		newspaper renewal	250.80
Office Peeps		supplies	116.12
Planning & Development Dist III		dues	1,961.00
Porter		beer-op agreement	744.20
Republic		liquor-op agree	2,284.90
SD Assoc of Code Enforcement		dues	75.00
SD Human Resource Ass.		dues	25.00
SD Municipal Finance Officers Assn		dues	40.00
SD Municipal Leage		dues	1,135.11
SD Municipal Street Maint.		dues	35.00
SD Airport Management Assoc.		dues	25.00
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund		workmen's comp insurance	3,202.39
South Dakota Magazine		magazine renewal	25.00
Total Oil		gas, supplies	310.46
True Dakotan		publishing	258.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>30,520.62</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: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
AmKota		supplies	364.19
Banyon		utility support	229.75
Dept of Ag and Natural Resources		dues	375.00
EX Business Card		postage	11.12
John's Servcie		tire repair	55.60
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund		workmen's comp insurance	899.70
Total Oil		gas	208.24
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>2,143.60</b>
	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Banyon		utility support	229.75
EX Business Card		juts training, supplies	225.13
First Bank & Trust		bond payment	9,130.63
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Asso		dues	495.00
SD Municipal Electric Assoc.		dues	807.00
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund		workmen's comp insurance	2,578.46
Total Oil		gas	208.25
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>13,674.22</b>
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Banyon		utility support	229.75
Department of Ag and Nat Resources		dues	375.00
John's Service		tire repair	55.60
SDML Worker's Compensation Fund		workmen's comp insurance	725.45

Total Oil		gas	208.24
			Fund Total: 1,594.04
City of WS	Fund: 701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
		Customer bill	116.95
		deposit refund	133.05
		Fund Total:	250.00
		Checking Account Total:	51,233.48

Knipfer made a motion, seconded by Schooler to authorize the official signatories to sign payroll checks and checks for all other regular monthly bills in a timely manner, prior to board approval, to avoid penalties and to take advantage of discounts, etc. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Department heads Jim Vavra and Phil LaBore met with the Council.

Harmdierks made a motion seconded by Schooler to authorize expenses for Jim Vavra to attend the necessary spray meetings. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Knipfer, made a motion seconded by Schooler to authorize expenses for MSHA Training for City Employees. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Knipfer made a motion seconded by Waters to approve expenses for Bailey Willman to attend Joint Utility Training in Sioux Falls. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The following fuel quotes for the month were presented to the council.

	Gas/Diesel quotes		
	Agtegra	Alpena	Total Oil
E-10	\$2.875	\$2.94	\$3.12
Diesel	\$5.04	\$4.65	\$4.54

A motion was made by Schooler, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the E-10 quote of \$2.875 from Agtegra, and the Diesel Quote of \$4.54 from Total Oil. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update to the Council regarding the codification process of the ordinances that should be completed in February.

A discussion was held on electric rates. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Schooler, seconded by Knipfer to approve the first reading of Ordinance # Entitled "An ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS". Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

An update was given from the Meeting that was held with Mid Dakota Representatives & engineers, Mayor Brian Bergeleen, Councilman Tim Schooler, Councilman Natasha Waters, Water Superintendent Jim Vavra, Finance Officer Linda Willman and engineer Jeff McCormick. Engineer Jeff McCormick will look into options to get an update of costs and options for the city.

A discussion was held on the Code Enforcement Contract. It was decided to have the Code Enforcement Officer meet with the Council at the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the elected positions that will be open for election in 2023. 1<sup>st</sup> Ward - Kari Fagerhaug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward - Vickie Harmdierks, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward - Tim Schooler are all open for election for a 2 year term. A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Schooler to officially set the 2023 election date for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to be held at the Jerauld County Ag Building as a joint election with the Wessington Springs School District. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the annual wage resolution. A motion was made by Knipfer to give employees an 8% raise with bonus. Motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Schooler to give the employees a 6% raise with no bonus. Motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Knipfer to give the employees a 7% raise. Motion died for a lack of a second. It was decided to table the annual wage resolution until the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the 2022 annual audit. Knipfer made a motion to contact Schoenfish & Co. Inc of Parkston to do the 2022 annual audit and ask for a price quote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Schooler to approve expenses for the Rib Supper and Municipal Day at Legislature February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Salaries of the City Officials and employees are hereby published as part of these minutes as required by SDCL 6-1-10. Councilman: \$1,200.00 per annum plus \$60.00 per meeting; Mayor: \$1,400.00 per annum plus \$60.00 per meeting, Clerk of Council, \$60.00 per meeting; Zoning Board \$60.00 per meeting; Rhonda Behrens \$14.08 per hour, Melford Bergeleen \$13.00 Landfill, \$17.50 Street, Neal Grohs \$13.00 per hour, Phil LaBore \$39.01, Connie McLaughlin \$12.50 per hour Bethany Schimke \$15.54 per hour, Jim Vavra \$21.81 per hour, Gary Von Eye \$13.00 per hour, Robert Wenzel, \$18.00 per hour, Bailey Willman \$21.72 per hour, Linda Willman \$26.75 per hour, and seasonal street help when needed \$17.50 per hour.

The following list of volunteer firemen are included for workmen's compensation insurance purposes: Jim Vavra, Richard Powell, Michial Brodkorb, Brian Kolousek, Darrick VanDyke, David Ness, Jason Weber, Jerry VanDenOever, Kenneth Cudmore, Kevin Mebius, Kim Schultz, Mike Krueger, Mike Mebius, Scott Miller, Curt Ness, Dustin Weber, Jason Hine, Scott Vaske, Craig Heumiller, Jared Bultsma, Jake Krohmer, Ryan Knipfer, Pat Wetzell, Chris Schimke, Cody Barber, Ryan Jungemann, Layton Schimke, Eric Schroeder, Bailey Willman and Blake Willman. A list will be maintained at the Finance Office when a new volunteer fireman is appointed. A list of all library volunteers and summer recreations volunteers and coaches will be held at the Finance Office for workmen's compensation insurance purposes.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schooler to adjourn. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Brian Bergeleen, Mayor

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

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