

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with the following members being present: Ryan Knipfer, Layton Schimke, Vicki Harmdierks, Tim Schooler, and with President Kari Fagerhaug presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney. Mayor Brian Bergeleen was absent and Councilman Natasha Waters joined the meeting later.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Schimke to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: Knipfer stated he had a conflict with the hiring of lifeguards.

President of the Council Kari Fagerhaug announced this was time for public comment.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Waters to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

Pay request #1 in the amount of \$25,873.16 payable to VanDerPool Dragline for the airport taxilane project. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to approve the pay request as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schooler, seconded by Harmdierks, and with all Council members voting aye to approve the following bills for payment.

**BILLS**

<b>Fund:</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Agtegra		diesel/fuel	1,348.44
AmKota		supplies	164.35
B & S Service		tires	1,384.85
Baker's		repair-snowplow	863.83
Banyon Data Service		annual support	229.75
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		professional service	1,000.00
Butler		supplies	46.13
City of WS		utility bills	2,588.62
Connecting Point		computer installation	1,896.37
Doug's Custom Paint & Body, Inc.		blade	25.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	7,635.00
EX Business Card		supplies/postage/equipment	575.18
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	1,419.11
Kelsey Service Agency		tax forms filed	346.50
Krohmer Plumbing		repairs	463.61
L & M Sanitation		garbage service	7,614.93
Mid-Dakota		utilities	43.00
People		magazine renewal	40.00
Porter		beer-op agreement	2,248.74
Prairie Lounge		appreciation supper	370.44

Republic		liquor-op agreement	218.78
SD Unemployment Ins Div		unemployment insurance	1.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreement	435.77
Total Oil		def	16.10
True Dakotan		Publishing/newspaper renewal	642.70
Venture		phone bills	409.52
Willman, Linda		utilities	53.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>32,080.72</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-airport project	3,780.63
VanDerPol Dragline		Pay Request #1taxilane project	25,873.16
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>29,653.79</b>
	<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
Agtegra		diesel/fuel	92.85
AmKota		supplies	389.36
Banyan Data Service		annual support	229.75
City of WS		utility bills	383.80
EX Business Card		supplies/postage/equipment	151.74
Northwest Pipe		valve	1,376.60
SD Dept of Health		lab tests	678.00
SPN		engineering-water plant	10,827.50
US Bank		SRF Loan Payment	1,725.96
USA Blue Book		supplies	262.66
Venture		phone bills	49.31
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>16,167.53</b>
	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Agtegra		diesel/fuel	215.86
Banyan Data Service		annual support	229.75
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	222.11
City of WS		utility bills	648.43
Connecting Point		computer installation	386.13
EX Business Card		supplies/postage/equipment	85.49
Graybar Electric Company Inc		supplies	89.11
Prairie Lounge		appreciation supper	61.74
SD Unemployment Ins. Div		unemployment insurance	2.17
Venture		phone bills	235.05
Wesco		Route manager	3,500.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>5,675.84</b>
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Agtegra		diesel/fuel	92.85
Banyon Data System		annual support	229.75
SD Dept. of Health		lab tests	70.00
US Bank		SRF Loan Payment	4,033.36
Venture		phone bills	49.30
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>4,475.26</b>
	<b>Fund: 701</b>	<b>UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND</b>	
City of WS		utility bills	162.26
		deposit refund	337.74
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>500.00</b>
	<b>Fund: 753</b>	<b>CAFETERIA COMPENSATION FUND</b>	
		flex	15.00
		flex	1,275.68
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>1,290.68</b>
		<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>92,894.82</b>

**PREPAIDS**

	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Ellwein Brothers Inc.			beer-op agreement	3,035.05
Johnson Brothers			liquor-op agreement	3,293.61
Porter			beer-op agreement	265.50
Republic			liquor-op agreement	1,404.86
SD Dept of Revenue			sales tax	637.96
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD			liquor-op agreement	121.40
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>8,758.38</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
Department of DANR			permit fee	375.00
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>375.00</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Heartland			power	25,877.04
SD Dept of Revenue			sales tax	6,014.69
WAPA			power	21,056.43
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>52,948.16</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Department of DANR			permit fee	375.00
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>375.00</b>
			<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>62,456.54</b>

**PAYROLL- January 2024**

Payroll	Finance	3,186.99
Payroll	Street	280.02
Payroll	Landfill	371.62
Payroll	Library	1,793.19
Payroll	Water	2,672.58
Payroll	Electric	7,973.45
Payroll	Sewer	2,650.26
SD Retirement	contributions	5,895.32
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	6,009.00
AFLAC	insurance	290.10
Colonial	insurance	300.64
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	4,281.88
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	1,990.61
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$38,436.66</b>

Councilman Natasha Waters joined the meeting.

Becky Brusing representing SD Public Assurance Alliance met with the Council to discuss their products and services. Following the presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to obtain quotes for the City's insurance renewal for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Department head Phil LaBore and public works employee Robert Wenzel met with the Council.

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Knipfer to let bids for the street department. Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

*Gas/Diesel quotes*

	<b>Agtegra</b>	<b>Alpena</b>	<b>CHS</b>	<b>Total Oil</b>
E-10	\$2.495	\$2.6999	\$2.30	\$2.75
Diesel	\$3.01	\$3.0999	\$3.13	\$3.01

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Schooler to accept the quote of \$2.30 for E-10 from

CHS and the quote of \$3.01 from Total Oil. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Lifeguard applications were reviewed. A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Waters to offer the lifeguard positions to returning guards Kate Havlik, Mariah Messmer, Brandon Flowers, Avery Orth, and Brock Krueger at an hourly rate of \$15.00 with an additional \$0.50 for WSI Training and needed recertification for Brock and Brandon, and offer lifeguard positions to Sam Poncelow, Richard Cardona, and Tierney Knipfer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour contingent upon completion of lifeguard training. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Councilman Knipfer abstained from vote.

A discussion was held on the position for head of pool. No applications were received. Councilman Ryan Knipfer volunteered to oversee the pool as he did last year.

Applications for the position of summer street help were presented to the Council. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to offer the position of summer street help to Dylan Schimke and Cade Mohling at a rate of \$16.00 per hour and to Robbie Hine and Karter Mebius at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City attorney gave updates and stated the Mayor asked for a special meeting to discuss the Mid Dakota and water plant proposals. A special meeting was set by council for Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

A letter from the Jerauld County Auditor was presented to the Council for the increase to the 2024 law enforcement contract. The 2024 annual law enforcement contract is \$116,839.00 to be paid to Jerauld County.

A discussion was held on the 2023 audit. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Harmdierks to authorize the Finance Officer to get an engagement letter from Schoenfish & Co to send to the SD Dept of Legislative Audit for final approval. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the water and sewer surcharges due to the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and College Ave Projects. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance # 826 entitled "an ordinance to increase utility rates within the City of Wessington Springs". Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Knipfer to adjourn. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Kari Fagerhaug, President of the Council

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

