

January 8th, 2024

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, January 8th, 2024, with the following members being present: Ryan Knipfer, Layton Schimke, Vicki Harmdierks, Natasha Waters, Kari Fagerhaug and with Mayor Brian Bergeleen presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney. Councilman Tim Schooler was absent.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

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

Conflicts of Interest: Knipfer stated he had a conflict with the WS Area revolving loan.

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

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Waters to approve the December 4th, and 28th, 2023 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the December treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

BILLS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND		
AmKota		supplies	150.30	
B & S Service		repairs	345.21	
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		professional service	1,000.00	
Central Electric		utilities	174.49	
Connecting Point		anti virus/backup	51.00	
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	6,610.60	
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	1,354.20	
L & M Sanitation		garbage service	7,805.93	
Mitchell Daily Republic		renewal	269.89	
Overdrive		renewal	600.00	
Planning & Dev. District III		dues	2,021.00	
Porter		beer-op agreement	2,492.13	
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,834.02	
SD Assoc. of Code Enforcement		dues	75.00	
SD Government Finance Officers		dues	40.00	
SD Human Resource Association		dues	40.00	
SD Municipal Street Maint.		dues	35.00	
SD Airport Management Assoc.		dues	50.00	
SDML Worker's Compensation Fund		Worker's Compensation Insurance	3,659.77	
South Dakota Magazine		renewal	29.00	
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreement	1,074.75	
Total Oil		def	21.62	
True Dakotan		publishing	147.80	
Venture		phone bills	414.59	
			Fund Total:	31,296.30
	Fund:	212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development		loan payment	3,051.00	
			Fund Total:	3,051.00
	Fund:	602	WATER FUND	
SD One Call		locates	1.49	

SDML Workers' Compensation Fund	Worker's Compensation Insurance	877.16	
Venture	phone bills	49.34	
	Fund Total:		927.99
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND		
B & S Service	repairs	2,427.14	
SD One Call	locates	1.50	
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund	Worker's Compensation Insurance	2,744.23	
Venture	phone bills	239.68	
WESCO	supplies	387.12	
	Fund Total:		5,799.67
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND		
Central Electric	utilities	61.17	
SD One Call	locates	1.49	
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund	Worker's Compensation Insurance	714.84	
Venture	phone bills	49.33	
	Fund Total:		826.83
	Checking Account Total:		41,901.79

Knipfer made a motion, seconded by Harmdierks 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. Such prepaid vendors include liquor suppliers, power and utility bills. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

John Diatalevi met with the council regarding the 3rd ward Councilman position.

Department Phil LaBore and Public Works employee Rob Wenzel met with the Council.

A discussion was held on the truck that was purchased. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Waters, seconded by Harmdierks to declare the pup trailer that was purchased with the truck as surplus. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Fagerhaug to authorize expense for the annual MSHA training. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the expense for JUTS training. Ayes: 5 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	\$2.53	\$2.6499	\$2.69
Diesel	\$3.11	\$3.2499	\$3.15

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Waters to approve the E-10 quote of \$2.53 and the Diesel Quote of \$3.11 from Agtegra. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A loan from the WS Area Revolving loan fund was presented to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the loan as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Councilman Knipfer abstained.

A letter from Venture Communications was presented to the board stating that there will be an increase in the basic package of \$10 and increase of \$7 in the core package.

Lifeguard applications were reviewed. No action was taken.

It was decided to advertise for the pool supervisor and summer street help.

A discussion was held on utility rates.

A discussion was held on the elected positions that will be open for election in 2024. 1st Ward - Ryan Knipfer, 2nd Ward - Layton Schimke, and 3rd Ward -Natasha Waters and Mayor - Brian Bergeleen are all open for election for a 2 year term, and 3rd Ward - Tim Schooler is open for a 1 year term. A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Waters to officially set the 2024 election date for April 9th, 2024, to be held at the Jerauld County Ag Building as a joint election with the Wessington Springs School District. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on repairs for City Hall.

A motion was made by Schimke, Waters to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 8:43 PM. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:19 PM.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to approve the following wage resolution for 2024.

Resolution #2024-1-1

2024 Wage Scale

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wessington Springs City Council adopts the following wage scale for Wessington Springs City Board Members and Employees effective for January 2024

Salaried Pay Rate

Brian Bergeleen	Mayor	\$1,400 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Kari Fagerhaug,	1 st Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Ryan Knipfer,	1 st Ward Councilman	\$1,200 Plus \$60 per meeting attended
Vicki Harmdierks,	2 nd Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Layton Schimke,	2 nd Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Tim Schooler,	3 rd Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Natasha Waters,	3 rd Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Linda Willman,	Clerk of Council	\$60 per meeting attended
Ryan Knipfer,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Lila Hoffman,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Betsy Schroeder,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Glenn Cooper,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Lloyd Kraft,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Linda Willman,	Zoning Administrator	\$60 per meeting attended

Hourly Pay Rate-part-time-seasonal

Landfill

Neal Grohs	landfill attendant	\$15.00
Melford Bergeleen	landfill attendant	\$15.00
Curt Ness	landfill attendant	\$15.00

Library

Rhonda Behrens	Library Director	\$15.00
Gretchen Burnison	Library Assistant	\$13.00 - July 2024 \$13.50

Street

Melford Bergeleen	Seasonal	\$17.50
Curt Ness	Seasonal	\$17.50
Joel Sorben	Seasonal	\$17.50

Hourly Pay Rate-full-time

Electric

Phil Labore	Elect/Street Supt.	\$46.57
Lucas VanEngelenburg	Assistant Electric	\$26.00 - Sept 2024 \$27.00;

Finance Office

Bethany Schimke	Dep. Finance Officer	\$18.00
Linda Willman	Finance Officer	\$29.00;

Water/Sewer

Robert Wenzel	Public Works	\$21.00;
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries of the City Officials and employees are hereby published as part of these minutes as required by SDCL 6-1-10.

Dated at Wessington Springs, South Dakota this 8th day of January 2024

Councilman voting for Resolution: Knipfer, Fagerhaug, Harmdierks, Waters, Schimke

Councilman Voting against Resolution: none

Motion carried.

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Brian Bergeleen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

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, 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 Wetzal, Chris Schimke, Cody Barber, Ryan Jungemann, Layton Schimke, Eric Schroeder, Bailey Willman, Blake Willman and Brady Duxbury. A list will be maintained at the Finance Office when a new volunteer fireman is appointed. A list of all library volunteers, summer recreations volunteers and coaches and any other volunteers for the City of Wessington Springs will be held at the Finance Office for workmen's compensation insurance purposes.

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

Brian Bergeleen, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer