

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

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

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

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the April City Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

Pay request #2 for the airport taxilane project was presented to the Council in the amount of \$108,993.60 payable to VanDerPool Dragline. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the pay request as presented and authorize the mayor to sign the pay request. Ayes: 4 Nay: 0

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug, 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>	
Alpena Coop		diesel	1,200.00
Amick, Dennis		travel expense to airport conf	395.30
AmKota		supplies	879.34
Baker's		supplies/repairs	78.89
Banyon		software	195.00
Bender's Sewer & Drain		jet drain in park	565.50
Bergeleen, Brian		lodging airport conference	201.90
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		professional service	1,000.00
Brodkorb, Vickie		election worker	200.00
Central Electric		utilities	158.31
CHS/Farmers Alliance		propane	450.00
City of WS		utilities	9,458.21
Colonial		supplies	80.71
Connecting Point		offsite backup	51.00
Dakota Sunrise Backhoeing LLC		dig up curb stop by pool	894.13
Elan Financial Services		election per diem	40.75

Ellwein Brothers Inc.	beer-op agreement	8,351.05
EX Business Card	supplies	446.06
Follett Software	hosted site renewal	607.82
Frank, Pam	election worker	200.00
Havlik, Katherine	1/2 reimbursement training fee	121.81
Jensen's True Value	filter	7.99
Jerauld County Sheriff	professional service	29,209.50
Johnson Brothers	liquor-op agreement	729.09
L & M Sanitation	garbage	7,935.43
Mid-Dakota Water	utilities	44.00
National Geographic	magazine renewal	54.00
Office Peeps	supplies	166.29
Pepsi	supplies	104.00
Pests B Dead LLC	professional service	220.00
Pitney Bowes Credit Corp	lease	163.02
Porter	beer-op agreement	913.15
Productivity Plus	sensor	523.84
Republic	liquor-op agreement	143.02
SACOTA	mural supplies	500.00
SD Airports Conference	airport conference	300.00
Software Unlimited	annual support	1,112.50
Springs Food Marker	supplies	24.68
Thompson, Kay	election worker	200.00
Time	magazine renewal	72.28
Titan Machinery	supplies	93.79
True Dakotan	publishing	584.55
Venture	phone bills	409.56
Willman, Linda	mileage to heartland meeting	99.97
	<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>69,186.44</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>	
Brosz Engineering	engineering-2nd street	5,495.00
Helms & Associates	engineering-apron design	20,342.17
SPN	engineering college ave	2,700.00
VanDerPol Drag Line	airport taxilane Pay Req	108,993.60
	<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>137,530.77</b>
<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
AmKota	supplies	80.98
City of WS	utilities	4,034.28
Dakota Pump & Control	transducer controller replaced	2,380.82
EX Business Card	postage	21.11
Feaster, Craig	replace doors at water plant	1,350.00
Hawkins	chemicals	2,175.98
J & M Specialties	repairs	23.14
Mississippi Lime	lime	12,872.93
Northwest Pipe	supplies	1,065.50
SD Dept of Health	lab tests	2,077.00
SD One Call	locates	5.97
Software Unlimited	annual support	1,112.50
Springs Food Market	supplies	27.96
US Bank	loan payments	1,725.96
Venture	phone bills	49.19
Westendorf Electric	professional service	602.85
	<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>29,606.17</b>

	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Baker's		trencher repairs	64.75
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	386.34
City of WS		utilities	2,338.78
EX Business Card		supplies	28.50
Labore, Philip		mileage to electrical conf.	172.86
Ramkota		lodging-conference	103.84
SD One Call		locates	5.98
Software Unlimited		annual support	1,112.50
Stuart C. Irby		supplies	147.00
Terex Services		inspection and repairs	8,477.05
Venture		phone bills	234.94
Wesco		meters	5,020.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>18,092.54</b>
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Central Electric		utilities	68.29
EX Business Card		supplies	74.33
J & M Specialties		repairs	23.14
SD One Call		locates	5.97
Software Unlimited		annual support	1,112.50
US Bank		loan payments	4,033.36
Venture		phone bills	49.20
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>5,366.79</b>
		<b>Self Insurance</b>	
		Self insurance	<b>Total: 853.42</b>
		<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>263,687.13</b>

**PAYROLL**

Payroll	Finance Office	3,887.03
Payroll	Street	382.62
Payroll	Landfill	893.32
Payroll	Library	2,105.36
Payroll	Water	2,231.92
Payroll	Electric	7,341.96
Payroll	Sewer	2,231.90
SD Retirement	contributions	5,871.48
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	6,009.00
AFLAC	insurance	422.22
Colonial	insurance	300.64
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	4,323.96
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,031.45
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$38,773.86</b>

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Harmdierks to adjourn as former Council and reconvene with the following members present Kari Fagerhaug, Vickie Harmdierks, Meg, Forrest, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees, and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance were Linda Willman Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney.

The Oath of Office was given to Ryan Knipfer, Meg Forrest, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees by City Attorney Gary Blue.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Library discussion and lifeguard training discussion. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

No conflicts of interest were noted.

A discussion was held on the open position for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Fagerhaug seconded by Forrest to appoint Layton Schimke as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman for a one-year term. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was given to Layton Schimke by City Attorney Gary Blue, and he joined the meeting.

A discussion was held on the president and vice president position. Harmdierks made a motion seconded by Schimke to nominate Kari Fagerhaug for President of the Council and those nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Schimke made a motion seconded by Harmdierks to nominate Pat Fastnacht for Vice-President of the Council and those nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Schimke made a motion seconded by Fastnacht to approve the True Dakotan as the official newspaper, and American Bank and Trust as the official bank for the City of Wessington Springs. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Harmdierks to authorize the Mayor Ryan Knipfer, President of the Council Kari Fagerhaug, and Finance Officer Linda Willman as official signature signers for the City of Wessington Springs for the checking accounts at American Bank and Trust. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Vicki Harmdierks gave an update on the library and informed the Council that Joel Boschee has decided to resign from the library board.

The list of committee members was presented to the Council. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Forrest to approve the committee list. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Committees (May 2024 to April 2025)

Electric	Head: Layton Schimke Pat Fastnacht
Water-Sewer	Head: Layton Schimke Vicki Harmdierks

Pool	Head: Meg Forrest Vicki Harmdierks Kari Fagerhaug
Street-Landfill-Park	Head: Pat Fastnacht Vicki Harmdierks Meg Forrest
Finance Office-Library-Safety	Head: Pat Fastnacht Kari Fagerhaug
House/Properties	Head: Kari Fagerhaug Eva Voorhees
Personnel	Entire Council

The appointment term for the Wessington Springs Zoning Board is 2 years.

Zoning:	Lloyd Kraft	term ending April 2025
	Lila Hoffman	term ending April 2025
	Betsy Schroeder	term ending April 2026
	Glen Cooper	term ending April 2026
	Ryan Knipfer	term ending April 2026

The appointment term for the Wessington Springs Airport Board is 2 years.

Airport:	Kari Fagerhaug	term ending April 2025
	Bernie Maxwell	term ending April 2025
	Dennis Amick	term ending April 2025
	Wayne Grohs	term ending April 2026
	Kirk Luymes	term ending April 2026

Library Board:	Eileen Thomas Rebecca Heumiller Vickie Brodkorb Mike Easter
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Park & Recreation	Joyce Krueger Terri Mebius Kathy Voorhees Gwen Fastnacht Eva Voorhees
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Library Board:	Eva Voorhees
District 3:	Ryan Knipfer
Tri-County Landfill:	Eva Voorhees
Revolving Loan Fund:	Kari Fagerhaug
Development Board Liaison:	Meg Forrest

Mayor: Ryan Knipfer  
Finance Officer: Linda Willman  
Electric Superintendent: Phil LaBore  
Water/Sewer Superintendent: Vacant  
Street/Park Superintendent: Phil LaBore  
City Attorney: Gary Blue  
Airport Manager: Brian Bergeleen  
Zoning Administrator: Linda Willman

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time for public comment.

Sons of American Legion representatives Scott Vaske and Blake Willman met with the Council to discuss the Poker Run that they are having on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for a fund raiser. They would like to block off a portion of Main Street for the poker run and the free will supper. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Voorhees to approve the request to block off a portion of Main Street. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Department Head Phil LaBore and public works employee Rob Wenzel met with the Council.

A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the purchase of the water meter for the water plant from Dakota Pump & Control for \$7,650.00, and the chlorine residual analyzer for the water plant from Sioux Valley Environmental at a cost of \$4,000.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to authorize expenses for Robert Wenzel to go on the Mid Dakota Bus ride on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update of the ordinances and the letters sent out by the Code Enforcement officer.

Mayor Knipfer stated this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on the temporary Malt Beverage License for the Wessington Springs Fire Department for the Rodeo July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the Fun Fest on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. No interested parties were in attendance. A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the temporary licenses as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Kristi Hine met with the Council and gave them an updated pamphlet on the open meeting law prepared by the Attorney General.

A discussion was held on repairs to the signage on the nature trail. It was decided to let the Park and Rec board discuss the repairs.

A discussion was held on the fees charged for the Wessington Springs swimming pool. It was decided that the fees would remain the same \$50 for a family pass, \$30 for a single pass, \$20 for swimming lessons with pass or \$25 for swimming lessons without a pass.

A discussion was held on plat change for Tract 1 of Vinderslev Addition to the City of Wessington Springs. Following a discussion, a motion was made Fagerhaug, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the following resolution.

Resolution 5-2024 #1

WHEREAS, it appears from an examination of the plat of Tract 1 of Vinderslev Addition to the City of Wessington Springs in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 18, T 107 N, R 64 W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. Jerauld County, South Dakota, as prepared by Jeremy A. Wolbrink, a duly licensed Land Surveyor in and for the State of South Dakota, that said plat is in accordance with the existing streets and alleys in the City of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, and that such plat has been prepared according to law;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, that the plat of Tract of 1 of Vinderslev Addition to the City of Wessington Springs in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, T 107 N, R 64 W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. Jerauld County, South Dakota, prepared by Jeremy A. Wolbrink, be and the same is hereby approved and the description set forth therein and the accompanying surveyor's certificate shall prevail.

The undersigned does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the City of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, at a meeting held the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2024.

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Linda Willman, Finance Officer of City of Wessington Springs

Councilman voting for the resolution: Fagerhaug, Harmdierks, Fastnacht, Voorhees, Forrest, and Schimke

Councilman voting against resolution: none

Motion carried.

A request was made to close a portion of Dakota Avenue off in front of the location where the Heritage Center will be built on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for an event. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the request to close a portion of Dakota Avenue on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The 2024 annual Malt Beverage renewals were presented to the Council from Humm Dinger, Starlight Bowling dba Pin Twisters, Slippery's, Baker's, and Dollar General. A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the applications renewals and authorize the Mayor to sign the forms to be forwarded to SD Department of Revenue for final approval. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to approve expenses for the Human Resources and Finance Officer School in Spearfish on June 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Forrest to approve expenses for the Budget Training Workshop in Sioux Falls on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the lifeguard training expenses.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Fagerhaug to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

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

These minutes were published once at an estimated cost of \$.



