

November 6th, 2023

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, November 6th, 2023, with the following members being present: Layton Schimke-via phone, Vicki Harmdierks, Kari Fagerhaug, Tim Schooler, Ryan Knipfer and with Mayor Brian Bergeleen presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney.

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: none stated.

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

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

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

BILLS

<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Agtegra		supplies	9.45
AmKota		supplies	639.24
Baker's		repairs-snow plow	349.07
Behrens, Rhonda		mileage to Mitchell	69.43
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		professional service	1,000.00
Central Electric		utilities	136.19
CHS		propane	900.00
City of Wessington Springs		utility bills	3,198.96
Connecting Point		computers	3,664.95
Consumer Reports		magazine	27.61
Cummins Plumbing		repairs-campground bathroom/pool	595.68
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	9,179.25
EX Business Card		supplies	308.11
Hawkins		chemicals	1,621.88
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	2,792.30
Keep it Safe		backup	230.11
Krohmer Insurance		insurance	94.00
L & M Sanitation		professional service	7,917.43
McLeods		meter sheets	38.48
Office Peeps		supplies	1,462.25
Pepsi		supplies	107.56
Pests B Dead LLC		professional service	150.00

Porter		beer-op agreements	2,631.94
Republic		liquor-op agreement	5,584.09
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreements	2,393.11
Springs Food Market		supplies	52.73
Total Oil		def	18.28
True Dakotan		publishing	362.65
Venture		phone bills	411.98
Willman, Linda		mileage to conference	333.79
		Fund Total:	46,280.52
	Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development		loan payment	3,051.00
		Fund Total:	3,051.00
	Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Helms & Associates		engineering	1,911.60
True Dakotan		bid notice	214.70
		Fund Total:	2,126.30
	Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Amkota		supplies	152.17
City of WS		utility bills	786.08
Dakota Pump & Control		service call-water plant repairs	1,718.37
EX Business Card		supplies	203.54
McLeods		meter sheets	38.48
Meierhenry Sargent LLP		bond counsel- projects	7,920.75
Northwest Pipe		supplies	1,435.25
SD Dept of Health		lab test	28.00
SD One Call		locates	5.60
Springs Food Market		supplies	22.61
True Dakotan		publishing	141.60
US Bank		loan payments	1,725.96
Venture		phone bills	49.31
		Fund Total:	14,227.72
	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
AmKota		supplies	3.47
Avera Occupational Medicine - MI		DOT Testing	88.00
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	2,578.30
City of WS		utility bills	524.48
Connecting Point		computers	1,165.00
DGR		professional service	110.00
MeLeods		meter sheets	38.49
Minnesota Municipal Utilities		dues	520.00
S.D. One Call		locates	5.60
Stuart C Irby		supplies	710.00
Venture		phone bills	237.12
		Fund Total:	5,980.46
	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric		utilities	212.05
EX Business Card		supplies	21.90
Hydro Klean		lining-sewer mains	19,024.56
McLeods		meter sheets	38.49
Meierhenry Sargent LLP		bond Counsel-projects	4,180.00
S.D. One Call		locates	5.60
US Bank		loan payments	4,051.36
Venture		phone bills	49.29
		Fund Total:	27,583.25

Fund:	701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS		Customer utility bills	832.90
Customer Deposit returned		deposit refund	31.38
		Fund Total:	864.28
		Checking Account Total:	100,113.53

PREPAIDS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
Agtegra		supplies	654.85
Central Electric		utilities	61.45
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreements	16,191.75
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreements	7,337.96
Porter		beer-op agreements	3,281.41
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,626.96
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	529.40
SD Unemployment Ins Div		unemployment insurance	7.05
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreements	2,530.73
		Fund Total:	33,221.56

Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland		power	24,610.14
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	4,246.31
SD Unemployment Ins Div		unemployment insurance	0.83
WAPA		power	20,873.78
		Fund Total:	49,731.06

Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric		utilities	131.10
		Fund Total:	131.10
		Checking Account Total:	83,083.72

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	2,666.82
Payroll	Street	620.93
Payroll	Landfill	758.81
Payroll	Library	2,092.78
Payroll	Water	1,648.39
Payroll	Electric	7,197.10
Payroll	Sewer	1,648.20
SD Retirement	contributions	5,404.86
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	5,682.28
AFLAC	insurance	290.10
Colonial	insurance	300.64
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	3,788.12
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	1,550.86
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$34,390.89

Brad Lawrence representing Brosz Engineering met with the Council to present and review the bids received for the 2nd Street Project with the Council.

2nd Street Project Bids

Contractor	Surfacing Alternate A	Surfacing Alternate B
H&W Contracting	\$1,779,850.50	\$1,402,993.00
First Rate Excavate	\$2,125,934.00	\$1,799,958.00
Menning Excavation	\$1,836,332.40	\$1,472,964.40

Olsen Construction	\$1,847,030.00	No Bid
Crow River Construction	\$2,540,701.75	\$2,072,926.75
Dahme Construction	\$2,097,831.19	\$1,597,743.49

Following the discussion, it was decided to table the award at this time.

Jeff McCormick representing SPN Engineering met with the Council to present and review the bids received for the College Ave Project.

Contractor	College Ave Project Bids		
	Alternate A	Alternate B	Alternate C (deduct for 2 projects)
Menning Excavation	\$952,261.70	\$1,042,331.20	0
H&W Contracting	\$1,057,393.00	\$1,148,884.75	0
Olsen Construction	\$1,202,204.18	\$1,180,378.80	0
Dahme Construction	\$1,329,598.70	\$1,374,418.60	0
First Rate Excavate	\$1,437,842.00	\$1,522,764.45	(\$10,000.00)
Crow River Construction	\$1,584,558.50	\$1,614,668.50	0

Following the discussion, a motion was made by Schooler, seconded by Knipfer to award Bid Schedule A and Bid Alternate 2, Asphalt Surfacing of the College Avenue Utility and Street Improvement Project to Menning Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,042,331.20 contingent on funding agency approval, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Phil LaBore and Robert Wenzel met with the council.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schooler to approve the repairs to the roof of the pump house to not exceed \$1600 to Even Construction from Huron, SD. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the PFAS Cost Recovery Program. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Harmdierks to have the raw water to be tested to see if we qualify for the program. Ayes: 5 Nays:

A discussion was held on the lead pipe survey.

A discussion was held on the study that SPN and Mid-Dakota are doing to compare costs for new water plant/repairs or the option of Mid-Dakota. SPN will have their finding on the costs for the water plant ready for the December meeting.

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update on the status on code enforcement from the code enforcement officer report.

A discussion was held on the annual liquor license renewals. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the mayor to sign the annual liquor license renewals for the following establishments: Humm Dinger, Springs Inn, Springs Country Club, Pin Twisters, Sweet Grass, Prairie Lounge, Springs Food Market, Dollar General and Slippery's. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the compensation for Phil LaBore as acting Street Superintendent the last 2.5 years. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to approve a payment of \$10,000 out of the street budget now and an additional \$5.00 per hour raise effective January 1st, 2024 and he will hold the title of Electrical and Street Superintendent. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the water department position. A motion was made by Schooler, seconded by Harmdierks to give Robert Wenzel an additional \$1.00 per hour effective for the current payroll ending 11-10-23 with a 6-month probation. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The notice to proceed for the taxiway/taxilane improvements for the airport were presented to the Council. A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Schooler to authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the ski lift building. The building is finished and should be delivered this week.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Schimke to advertise for a Deputy Finance Officer to be trained to take over the Finance Officers position when current Finance Officer retires. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Knipfer to approve expenses to the Heartland Winter conference. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the 2023 budget ordinance. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Knipfer to approve the 1st reading of ordinance #825 entitled "2023 Budget Supplement Ordinance". Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

These minutes were published once at a cost of \$

