

October 2nd, 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, October 2nd, 2023, with the following members being present: Tim Schooler-via phone , Vicki Harmdierks, Kari Fagerhaug, Natasha Waters, and with Mayor Brian Bergeleen presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer and Gary Blue City Attorney. Ryan Knipfer joined the meeting later.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

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

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

A motion was made by Waters seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the September Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the September 2023 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harmdierks, seconded by Fagerhaug, 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	
Alpena Coop		gas- diesel	388.13
AmKota		supplies	315.89
Behrens, Rhonda		mileage	337.98
Blue Haeder & Banks Law Office		professional service	1,000.00
CHS		propane	450.00
Code Enforcement Specialist		professional service	385.84
Colonial Life		insurance	53.82
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	6,068.50
EX Business Card		repairs & supplies	1,082.02
Feistner Gravel & Excavation		gravel	1,150.00
Jensen's True Value		supplies	99.43
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	1,454.32
L & M Sanitation		garbage service	7,737.93
Merchants JT & S		training	550.00
Michaels Fence		fence	1,507.98
Mid Dakota		utilities	43.00
Office Peeps		paper	112.74
Porter		beer-op agreement	2,284.06
Premier Equipment		supplies	68.75

Ramkota	lodging	182.00
Republic	liquor-op agreement	4,459.03
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	liquor-op agreement	3,094.63
Springs Food Market	supplies	22.37
True Dakotan	minutes	759.31
Venture	phone bills	407.90

Fund Total: 34,015.63

Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development	loan payment	3,051.00
	Fund Total:	3,051.00

Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Alpena Coop	gas- diesel	388.13
AmKota	supplies	669.94
Avera Occupational Medicine - MI	dot drug testing	43.50
Colonial Life	insurance	35.75
EX Business Card	repairs & supplies	714.00
Hawkins	chemical	1,542.70
Jensen's True Value	supplies	5.49
SD Dept of Health	lab tests	43.00
Springs Food Market	supplies	24.83
USA Blue Book	supplies	700.16
Venture	phone bills	48.98

Fund Total: 4,216.48

Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Alpena Coop	gas- diesel	1,260.37
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	1,746.99
Colonial Life	insurance	67.18
DeWild Grant Reckert & Assoc.	engineering	728.00
Jensen's True Value	supplies	404.24
Security First Bank	bond payment	45,828.75
Venture	phone bills	234.19
WAPA	meter charge	500.00
WESCO	supplies	1,200.23

Fund Total: 51,969.95

Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Alpena Coop	gas- diesel	388.12
Avera Occupational Medicine - MI	dot drug testing	43.50
Colonial Life	insurance	35.75
EX Business Card	repairs & supplies	61.45
Mid-American	supplies	3,636.35
SD Dept of Health	lab tests	110.00
Venture	phone bills	48.98

Fund Total: 4,324.15

Checking Account Total: 97,577.21

PREPAIDS

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric	utilities	126.89
Ellwein Brothers Inc.	beer-op agreement	5,333.85
Johnson Brothers	liquor-op agreement	4,247.30
Porter	beer-op agreement	392.00
Republic	liquor-op agreement	991.20
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	578.16
SD Municipal League	conference fee	225.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	liquor-op agreement	1,234.72
	Fund Total:	13,129.12

	Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland			power	37,247.93
SD Dept of Revenue			sales tax	5,402.16
WAPA			power	21,785.62
			Fund Total:	64,435.71

Checking	1	Fund:	604 SEWER FUND	
Central Electric			utilities	61.45
			Fund Total:	61.45
			Checking Account Total:	77,626.28

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	4,006.26
Payroll	Street	1,057.03
Payroll	Landfill	1,161.01
Payroll	Library	3,307.12
Payroll	Water	5,761.10
Payroll	Electric	9,401.68
Payroll	Sewer	5,760.82
SD Retirement	contributions	7,972.66
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	631.00
Wellmark	insurance	6,540.88
AFLAC	insurance	290.10
Colonial	insurance	300.64
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	6,750.84
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	3,689.77
Flex Account	contributions	180.00
	Total:	\$56,810.94

Ryan Knipfer joined the meeting at this time.

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

A discussion was held on the 2nd Street and College Avenue Projects. The projects have gone to bid with the bids due on October 25th, 2023.

Phil LaBore and Robert Wenzel met with the council.

A discussion was held on the proposal received from DGR for Engineering Services for the Electrical Department. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the Consultant agreement with DGR. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A fire siren on the north end of town needs to be replaced.

The Restricted Use Site follow up report was presented to the Council for review.

A discussion was held on the Lead Pipe Survey that needs to be completed.

A discussion was held of the repairs for the water plant. A consultant with Dakota Pump and Control will be coming on Tuesday, October 3rd to look at the controls for needed repairs.

A discussion was held on the repairs for the bathhouse and the fieldhouse. It was decided to table.

A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Waters to approve Kenny Cudmore to do the landscaping at by the new lifeguard building for a cost of \$4,533.90. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Attorney Gary Blue gave an update on the code enforcement.

A discussion was held on the hours, benefits, and pay for the librarian as asked by the library board.

A discussion was held on volunteers that are helping with the city. All volunteers need to check into City Hall so that they can be added to the list for Workman Compensation.

A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Harmdierks to hire Curt Ness for the position of rubble site attendant as needed for an hourly wage of \$13.52 for the City of Wessington Springs. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on white washing on Main Street. Several interested parties were in attendance. It was decided that the senior class would need to come and visit with the council at the August of September Council meeting to discuss white washing within the City of Wessington Springs.

A discussion was held on employee compensation but was tabled until the next meeting.

A commitment letter for the City of Wessington Springs to join the Hazard Mitigation Plan update with Jerauld County was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Knipfer to authorize the mayor to sign the letter to be sent to District III in Yankton who will be doing the update. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the proposal from Career Connections. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the proposal with Career Connections. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A request to use the Field House for a Wine Walk in January was discussed. A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the request to be noted that there would not be water or bathroom facilities in the Field house at that time.

There will be a public hearing for the liquor license later. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The 2024 Employee Health Insurance renewal was presented to the Council. A motion was made by Knipfer, seconded by Waters to approve the annual renewal with Wellmark for employee insurance with self-insurance with \$750.00 deductible and co-insurance of \$750.00. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Knipfer to approve expense for the Heartland Winter Conference in Madison on November 9th, 2023. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

Brian Bergeleen, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

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