

September 9th, 2026

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 Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, with the following members being present: Cherie Maxwell, Scott Vaske, Shawn Tobin, Pat Fastnacht, Kari Fagerhaug and Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance were Linda Willman, Finance Officer, and Gary Blue City Attorney. Councilman Layton Schimke joined the meeting later

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

Maxwell motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

Representatives from Team Lab met with the Council to discuss the sewer lagoon sludge buildup removal. Fastnacht moved, seconded by Vaske to approve the team lab Bio-Dredge Program to help bring the lagoons into a healthy biological state for an annual cost of \$41,440.00. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Vaske motioned seconded by Maxwell to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 7:34pm. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C Layton Schimke joined the meeting at 8:15 PM Council exited out of executive session at 8:23 PM and entered into regular session.

Wessington Springs seniors class members Kaityln Braun, Holden Jackson, Hayden Boschee, Kendall Kolousek, Alexis Roesler, Teagen Scheel, Tiereny Knipfer and Brooklyn Caffee met with the Council to discuss whitewashing for homecoming week. The Council approved the class to do whitewashing but asked them to speak to the businesses on Main Street.

Katie Jackson and Lilli Steeke representing the Wessington Springs Area Development met with the council to discuss Rib Fest and the pheasant opening weekend. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the closing of a portion of Main Street from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday October 17th, 2026 for the WS FFA breakfast and for the National Pheasant Forever to film "On The Wing" pod cast for opening day in Wessington Springs. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Troy Duxbury, Laura Kieser, Becky Easter and Kristi Hine met with the council to discuss the walking trail and SD Tap grant they would like to apply for sidewalk installation. It was decided that further discussion will be held at the special meeting on September 16th, 2026.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve August 2026 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin to approve the August 2026 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve pay request #4 to Feistner Gravel Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$65,182.91 for the Rural Water Project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve Change Order #3 to in the amount of \$17,074.02 for the Rural Water Project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Tobin motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$16,359.99 for the Rural Water Project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve Change Order #2 for a deduction of \$16,355.61 for the Water Main Project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve Pay Request #4 to Hulstein Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$224,439.86 for the Water Main Project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned seconded by Vaske to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Tank Compliance Services LLC for the Rural Water tank mixer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve Pay Request #1 to Tank Compliance Services LLC in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the Rural Water tank mixer. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Fastnacht, 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>
	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Agtegra		chemical	100.00
Alpena Coop		fuel and diesel	1,426.74
AmKOTA		supplies	295.78
BAKER'S REPAIR INC.		battery, repairs	244.93
Blue Law Firm LLP		professional service	1,000.00
Central Electric		utilities	154.47
CHS		budget billing	570.00
City of Wessington Springs		utilities/ deposit refunds	4,939.32
Code Enforcement Specialist		code enforcement	517.99
Commercial Asphalt Company		hot mix	7,897.14
Connecting Point		offsite back up	114.85
Doll Distributing LLC		Beer-op agreement	11,150.40
EX Business Card		supplies/books/ clothing	1,194.69
Feistner Gravel & Excavation		concrete pad	33,500.00
H.K. Scholz		professional service	5,001.63
Humm Dinger		propane exchange	21.99
Independent Viking Glass		repair to field house window	60.90
J & M Specialties		break & power steering fluid	19.98
Johnson Brothers		Liquor - op agreement	1,228.49
Kolousek, Amber		website	725.00
L & M Sanitation		garbage services	7,934.44
Michael Todd & Company		yellow paint for street	306.06

Mid-Dakota	utilities	46.00
On Sight, LLC	annual support	333.33
Pests B Dead LLC	pest control	235.00
Pitney Boyes	printer lease	179.46
Porter	Beer- Country Club	3,347.72
Quality Brands Distribution	liquor-op agreements	342.96
Road Guy Const. CO.	chip seal	92,471.75
SD Dept of Health	pool water test	20.00
Sanitation Products	street sweeper repairs	238.18
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	Liquor - op agreements	1,669.68
Springs Food Market	supplies	53.98
True Dakotan	publishing	788.99
Venture	utilities	516.57
WESCO	monthly cloud fee	1,183.32
	Fund Total:	179,831.74
Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development	loan repayment	3,051.00
	Fund Total:	3,051.00
Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Feistner Gravel & Excavation	rural water Project	65,182.91
Helms & Associates	Airport Apron	332.10
Hulstein Excavating LLC	water main project	224,439.86
SPN	rural water resident project	13,339.77
	Fund Total:	303,294.64
Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Alpena Coop	fuel and diesel	391.73
AmKota	vinyl tube clear 65 ft	256.55
City of WS	utilities/ deposit refunds	729.00
Hawkins	Chemical	4,042.17
On Sight, LLC	annual support	83.33
SD Dept of Health	water sample testing	16.00
SD One Call Notification	locates	3.36
Springs Food Market	water	6.74
Venture	utilities	146.76
WESCO	monthly cloud fee	18,223.34
	Fund Total:	23,898.98
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Alpena Coop	fuel and diesel	1,426.74
AmKota	propane exchange	68.58
B & S Service	battery-repairs	367.90
Border States Electric Supply	tools	984.24
City of WS	utilities/ deposit refunds	475.34
Connecting Point	offsite back up	27.70
DeWild Grant & Reckert	engineering services	81.00
EX Business Card	supplies/books/ clothing	135.97
Heartland	purchased power	26,277.69
On Sight, LLC	annual support	83.34
SD One Call	locates	3.36
Springs Food Market	water	6.74
Venture	utilities	358.93
WAPA	purchased power	24,850.60
WESCO	monthly cloud fee	3,478.34
	Fund Total:	58,626.47
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Alpena Coop	fuel and diesel	391.74
AmKota	propane exchange	60.07
Central Electric	utilities	70.74
Dakota Pump & Control	professional service	1,128.57

SD One Call	locates	3.36
SPRINGS FOOD MARKET	water	6.74
Team Labs	sonar testing	1,500.00
Venture	utilities	42.82
Wetzel House Moving	cleaning sewers	350.00

Fund Total: 3,554.04

Fund:	701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
City Customer		Deposit Refund	116.32
City Customer		deposit refund	250.00
City of WS		utilities paid with deposit	468.48
City Customer		Deposit Refund	58.18
City Customer		Deposit refund	250.00
City Customer		Deposit Refund	107.02
City Customer		Deposit refund	250.00

Fund Total: 1,500.00

Checking Account Total: 573,756.87

PREPAIDS

Checking	1	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric			utilities	157.37
Doll Distributing LLC			beer-op agreement	11,152.69
EX Business Card			office supplies/ cold mix	181.72
Johnson Brothers			liquor-op agreement	5,295.50
Porter			beer-op agreement	1,289.16
Quality Brands Distribution			liquor-op agreement	277.50
SD Dept of Revenue			sales tax	1,020.65
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD			liquor-op agreements	159.09

Fund Total: 19,533.68

Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland		purchased power	41,428.51
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	5,501.08
WAPA		purchased power	23,953.00

Fund Total: 70,882.59

Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric		utilities	70.96
DANR		wastewater treatment testing	60.00

Fund Total: 130.96

Checking Account Total: 90,547.23

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	3,888.72
Payroll	Street	623.31
Payroll	Landfill	844.77
Payroll	Pool	10,019.97
Payroll	Summer street	7,465.53
Payroll	Library	2,192.83
Payroll	Water	3,257.64
Payroll	Electric	9,981.50
Payroll	Sewer	3,257.69
SD Retirement	contributions	7,241.24
Wellmark	insurance	7,080.36
AFLAC	insurance	704.96
Colonial	insurance	350.70
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	8,270.20
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	3,027.22

Total: 68,206.64

Phil LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

The following fuel quotes were presented to the council.

	Agtegra	Total Oil	Alpena
Gas	\$3.99	\$3.90	\$3.85
Diesel	\$5.07	\$4.62	\$4.60

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Tobin to accept the quote of \$3.85 for gas from Alpena Coop and \$4.60 for diesel from Alpena Coop. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update.

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Vaske to approve the Special Events Liquor License for the Springs Country Club for Pheasants Forever Banquet October 16th, 2026 at the Wessington Springs School. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The SPN Engineering contracts amendments for the main water project and the rural water project were presented to the Council. Fastnacht motioned seconded by Tobin to approve the \$32,000 amendment for the watermain project and \$10,500 amendment for the rural water main project. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

An SPN project update was presented to the Council.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time and place for public hearing on the special events malt beverage license for Sunday September 13th, 2026, bull riding event at the rodeo grounds. No interested parties were in attendance. Vaske motioned seconded by Schimke to approve the special events malt beverage license. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time and place to the public hearing on the transfer of the liquor license and the malt beverage license for the Humm Dinger. No interested parties were in attendance. Schimke motioned seconded by Vaske to approve the license transfers and authorize the mayor to sign and forward applications onto SD Department of Revenue for final approval. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The airport grant agreement for project no. 3-46-0080-19-2026 phase 2 from the South Dakota Division of Aviation for the apron project was presented to the board. The State of SD and city share of the project is 2.5% each and 95% federal. Tobin motioned seconded by Vaske to approve the grant agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

SD Public Assurance Alliance did an insurance appraisal for city property and printout was presented to the council with their valuations. It was decided that we would have a representative at the next meeting to explain the results.

Fastnacht motioned seconded by Vaske to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 9:29pm. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C Council exited out of executive session at 10:16 PM and entered into regular session.

Tobin motioned seconded by Maxwell to hire Brian Kolousek as public works employee at an hourly rate of \$28.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Schimke motioned seconded by Maxwell to change Brett Lambert's hourly wage to \$28.00 per hour. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The 2026 annual budget was presented to the Council. Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the first reading of the 2027 budget Ordinance. Second reading will be held at the special meeting on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve expenses for the SDML Conference in Aberdeen October 6th to the 9th, 2026. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Tobin to adjourn.

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

