

December 2nd, 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 Monday, December 2nd, 2024, with the following members being present: Vickie Harmdierks, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees, Layton Schimke, Kari Fagerhaug, Meg Forrest and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer 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 Fastnacht, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of executive session for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Voorhees to approve the November 2024 City Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the November 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Voorhees, 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	
AmKota		supplies	564.31
B & S Service		filters & tires	691.97
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP		professional services	1,000.00
City of Wessington Springs		op agreements	1,486.12
Code Enforcement Specialist		professional service	685.96
Connecting Point		professional service	53.75
Elan		software protection service	212.39
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	5,635.25
EX Business Card		supplies	13.58
J & M Specialties		supplies	49.86
Jerauld County Sheriff		professional service	29,209.50
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	4,791.85
L & M SANITATION		professional service	8,119.93
Office Peeps		supplies	174.99
Pitney Bowes		machine rental	163.02
Porter		beer-op agreement	1,598.26
Republic		liquor-op agreement	1,720.23
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreement	1,109.45
Total Oil		supplies	921.05
True Dakotan		Publishing	610.26
Venture		phone service	420.77
Willman, Linda		mileage-Heartland Meeting	70.71

WS Fire Department		year end close out	7,267.92	
				Fund Total: 66,571.13
	Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND		
USDA Rural Development		loan payment	3,051.00	
				Fund Total: 3,051.00
	Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		
Brosz Engineering		professional service	1,230.00	
Helms & Associates		airport taxiway engineering	4,969.21	
SPN		Water Engineering	2,450.00	
				Fund Total: 8,649.21
	Fund: 602	WATER FUND		
AmKota		supplies	53.24	
EX Business Card		apple	48.51	
Hawkins		chemical	1,418.02	
Mississippi Lime		supplies	12,758.05	
SD Dept of Health		Water test	498.00	
SD One Call		professional services	8.96	
Venture		phone service	49.75	
				Fund Total: 14,834.53
	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND		
AmKota		supplies	10.98	
B & S Service		batteries	740.80	
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	486.06	
SD One Call		professional services	8.96	
Venture		phone service	552.48	
WESCO		supplies	180.08	
				Fund Total: 1,979.36
	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND		
Elan		supplies	148.62	
SPN		engineering-lagoon	2,311.48	
SD One Call		professional services	8.96	
Venture		phone service	49.76	
				Fund Total: 2,518.82
				Checking Account Total: 97,604.05
				PREPAID
	Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND		
Central Electric		utilities	157.23	
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	7,493.20	
EX Business Card		books/postage	446.33	
Johnson		liquor-op agreement	293.70	
Porter		beer-op agreement	2,612.21	
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,957.01	
Reserve Account		postage	250.00	
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	526.25	
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		liquor-op agreement	917.33	
				Fund Total: 15,653.26
	Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		
VanDerPool Dragline		TAXIWAY / TAXILANE	50,647.83	
				Fund Total: 50,647.83
	Fund: 602	WATER FUND		
Reserve Account		postage	250.00	
				Fund Total: 250.00
	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND		
AFLAC		premium check reissued	337.77	
EX Business Card		supplies	106.80	
Heartland		power	19,429.23	
Reserve Account		postage	250.00	
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	3,363.20	
WAPA		power	15,153.87	
				Fund Total: 38,640.87
	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND		

Central Electric	utilities	63.45
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
	Fund Total:	313.45
	Checking Account Total:	105,505.41

PAYROLL

Payroll	Council/Zoning Board	8,060.38
Payroll	Clerk of Council	702.33
Payroll	Mayor	1,643.83
Payroll	Finance Office	4,767.17
Payroll	Street	385.24
Payroll	Landfill	614.52
Payroll	Library	2,131.09
Payroll	Water	2,629.59
Payroll	Electric	7,441.36
Payroll	Sewer	2,629.49
SD Retirement	contributions	6,606.16
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	1,138.20
Wellmark	insurance	8,709.92
AFLAC	insurance	455.74
Colonial	insurance	406.68
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	6,462.42
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,056.25
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$56,950.37

Mayor Ryan Knipfer stated it was the time and place for public comment.

Rhonda Behrens, city librarian met with the Council and gave them an update on the library and reviewed the new library policies.

Pamela and Pieter Akkerman met with the Council to discuss the culvert by their property.

Phil Labore and Robert Wenzel met with the Council.

The following fuel quotes were received.

	Alpena Coop	Total Oil
#1 Red Diesel	\$2.95	\$2.89
10% Ethanol	\$2.639	\$2.64

A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Forrest to approve the quote of \$2.89 for red diesel from Total Oil and the quote of \$2.639 for 10% ethanol from Alpena Coop. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Attorney Gary Blue gave an update on the codification of the ordinances.

A discussion was held on the Tree City USA Application. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Voorhees, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the application and authorize the mayor to sign. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The 2024 Budget Supplement Ordinance was presented to the Council for the second reading.

Ordinance # 829

"A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024
OF THE CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Section 1. That by reason of failure to provide by the annual appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 2024 sufficient funds to enable the City of Wessington Springs, South Dakota to conduct the indispensable function of the General Fund, Capital Project Fund, Water, and Sewer Fund of the City and to discharge lawful duties of the Municipality requiring the incurring of liabilities or expenditure of funds for which no provisions were made in the annual appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year 2024. The following liabilities of the City of Wessington Springs, South Dakota are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year 2024 to wit:

General Fund	\$ 37,890.00
Capital Project Fund	\$ 2,590,598.06
Water Fund	\$ 30,000.00

Section 2. Means of financing is monies on hand in the General Fund. Means of financing for the Water Fund is monies from cash on hand and means of financing for the Capital Project Fund is monies from cash on hand, grants and loan proceeds.

Motion by Harmdierks, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the second reading of this Ordinance and that the same be and is hereby passed, approved, and adopted.

Council voting for ordinance:

Council voting against ordinance:

First Reading: November 4th, 2023

Second Reading & Adoption: December 2nd, 2024

Published: December: December 11th, 2024

Dated this 2nd Day of December 2024.

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

A discussion was held on the SRF depreciation and surplus project accounts required by the SRF loan resolutions for the College Avenue project and the 2nd Street Project for the Water and Sewer funds. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Voorhees to authorize the Finance Officer to set up the

four accounts and that \$250 will be deposited in each account every month starting in January of 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Terri Mebius gave a report on the Park and Recreation committee.

A discussion was held on the Water Distribution project. Following the discussion a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the following resolution for the SRF application for funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024 #1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Wessington Springs (the "City") has determined it is necessary to upgrade its water distribution system by replacing water meters along with cast or asbestos concrete waterlines and appurtances;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application (the "Application") for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed **\$2,000,000** to the Board for the Project.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the Board, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application.
3. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at a properly noticed meeting at which a quorum was present in the offices of the City of Wessington Springs, this 2nd day of December 2024

CERTIFIED AS ADOPTED:

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Council voting for resolution: Schimke, Fagerhaug, Forrest, Fastnacht, Voorhees, Harmdierks

Council voting against resolution: none

Motion passed

A discussion was held on the Wastewater Collection project. Following the discussion a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the following resolution for the SRF application for funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024 #2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Wessington Springs (the "City") has determined it is necessary to upgrade its wastewater collection and treatment systems;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application (the "Application") for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000** to the Board for the Project.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the Board, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application.
3. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest: _____

Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Council voting for resolution: Schimke, Fagerhaug, Forrest, Fastnacht, Voorhees, Harmdierks

Council voting against resolution: none

Motion passed

A discussion was held on summer help for the pool and street. It was decided to advertise to review applications in January.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Harmdierks to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel at 8:37 PM. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The council reconvened into regular session at 9:05 PM.

The Final yearend meeting will be held Monday, December 30th, 2024 at noon.

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

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

