

September 3rd, 2025

The Wessington Springs City Council met in regular session at the Office of the Finance Officer on Monday, September 3rd, 2025, with the following members present, Pat Fastnacht, Layton Schimke, Cherie Maxwell, Shawn Tobin, and with President Kari Fagerhaug presiding. Finance Officer Linda Willman and City Attorney Gary Blue were present also. Councilman Meg Forrest was absent. Mayor Ryan Knipfer joined the meeting later.

Tobin moved with Schimke seconding to approve the agenda with the additional of executive session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

No Conflicts of interest were declared.

Fastnacht moved with Schimke seconding to approve the August meeting minutes. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Tobin moved with Maxwell seconding to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Mayor Ryan Knipfer joined the meeting.

Pay Request #5 from H & W for \$75,512.46 for the 2nd Street project was presented to the Council of approval. Fastnacht moved with Schimke seconding to approve the pay request as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Fastnacht moved with Fagerhaug seconding and with all Council voting aye to approve the following bills for payment.

BILLS

Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
Agtegra		supplies	206.54
Alpena Coop		gas & diesel	1,061.80
AmKota		supplies	168.72
Avera Occupational Medicine - SF		DOT Testing	18.85
Baker's Repair		repairs	92.53
Bartons Heating & Cooling LLC		A/C charge	734.22
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP		professional service	1,000.00
CHS/Farmers Alliance		propane	450.00
Commercial Asphalt		hot mix	3,306.90
Connecting Point		cloud backup/software	215.70
Dakota Supply Group		hydrant	3,411.00
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		beer-op agreement	6,808.38
EX Business Card		office supplies	86.43
J & M Specialties		supplies	20.13
Jerauld County Sheriff		4th qtr countywide law	30,085.75
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreements	1,262.26
Kolousek, Amber		website fee	725.00
Konechne Heating & Cooling		HVAC-City Hall	26,765.35

L & M Sanitation	garbage service	7,764.66
Mohling, Brooke	training reimbursement	477.27
Mohling, Logan	training reimbursement	477.27
Office Peeps	toners	278.69
On Sight, LLC	annual support	250.00
Pitney Bowes	lease	163.02
Porter	beer-op agreements	1,248.84
Republic	liquor-op agreements	2,360.90
Road Guy	chip seal	87,445.00
SD Dept of Health	lab tests-pool	20.00
SD LTAP	training	125.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	liquor-op agreements	940.30
Springs Food Market	supplies	116.37
Total Oil	def	17.19
Van Diest Supply	chemical	2,118.00
Venture	phone bills	418.18
	Fund Total:	180,640.25
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, INC	engineering - 2nd street	68,492.50
H&W Contracting LLC	Pay Request #5 2nd Street	75,512.46
	Fund Total:	144,004.96
Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Alpena Coop	gas & diesel	239.40
AmKota	supplies	22.96
Avera Occupational Medicine - SF	dot drug testing	18.85
Core & Main LP	hydrant repairs	4,477.49
EX Business Card	postage	12.60
Hawkins	chemicals	2,259.78
On Sight, LLC	annual support	125.00
SD Dept of Health	lab tests-water	72.00
SD One Call	locates	11.57
SD Assoc. of Rural Water	dues	525.00
US Bank	bond Payment	1,725.96
Venture	phone bills	48.82
	Fund Total:	9,539.43
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Alpena Coop	gas & diesel	822.40
AmKota	lumber	23.44
Avera Occupational Medicine - SF	DOT TESTING	18.85
DeWild Grant & Reckart	WAPA Transformer replacement review	211.00
Minnesota Municipal Utilities	training	271.25
On Sight, LLC	annual support	125.00
SD One Call	locates	11.58
Venture	phone bills	547.97
WESCO	supplies	468.70
	Fund Total:	2,500.19
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Alpena Coop	gas & diesel	239.40
Avera Occupational Medicine - SF	dot drug testing	18.85
Bender Sewer & Drain	clean manhole	1,390.00
Hydro Klean	monoform manholes	42,943.00
Nothwest Pipe	clamps	626.81
SD One Call	locates	11.57
US Bank	bond Payment	4,033.36

Venture		phone bills	48.81	
				Fund Total:49,311.80
	Fund:	701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
City of WS			Customer Deposit to account	250.00
City of WS			customer bill	51.34
			Deposit refund	198.66
				Fund Total: 500.00
			Checking Account Total:	389,547.63
			PREPAIDS	
	Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric			utilities	147.16
Ellwein Brothers Inc.			beer-op agreements	6,684.85
Johnson Brothers			liquor-op agreements	1,841.22
Mid-Dakota			utilities-airport	45.00
Porter			beer-op agreements	1,736.31
Republic			liquor-op agreements	592.50
Reserve Account			prepaid postage	500.00
SD Dept of Revenue			sales & Excise Tax	721.86
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD			liquor-op agreement	786.07
				Fund Total:13,054.97
	Fund:	602	WATER FUND	
Elan			postage- supplies	32.37
Reserve Account			prepaid postage	500.00
SD Dept of Revenue			sales & Excise Tax	9.28
				Fund Total: 541.65
	Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland			power	36,529.83
Reserve Account			prepaid postage	500.00
SD Dept of Revenue			sales & Excise Tax	5,454.96
WAPA			power	22,806.18
				Fund Total:65,290.97
	Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric			utilities	65.00
Reserve Account			prepaid postage	500.00
SD Dept of Revenue			sales & Excise Tax	22.91
				Fund Total: 587.91
	Fund:	701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
City of WS			Customer utilty bill	67.94
			Deposit Refund	182.06
				Fund Total: 250.00
			Checking Account Total:	79,725.50

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	3,904.94
Payroll	Street	503.58
Payroll	Landfill	897.57
Payroll	Pool	9,009.35
Payroll	Park-summer help	6,033.65
Payroll	Library	2,354.41
Payroll	Water	3,183.91
Payroll	Electric	8,822.97
Payroll	Sewer	3,183.88
SD Retirement	contributions	6,619.54
Wellmark	insurance	6,214.70
AFLAC	insurance	704.82
Colonial	insurance	302.52

Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	7,536.68
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,722.78
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
Total:		\$62,105.30

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced it was time for public comment.

Brad Lawrence, representing Brosz Engineering met with the Council to discuss the 2nd Street Project.

Phil LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

The following fuel quotes for the month were presented to the council.

Gas/Diesel quotes				
	Agtegra	Alpena	CHS	Total Oil
E-10	\$2.716	\$2.66	\$2.67	\$2.75
Diesel	\$2.88	\$2.65	\$2.69	\$2.69

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug, to accept the quote of \$2.66 for E-10 and the quote of \$2.65for diesel from Alpena. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the expenses for the Local Road Conference in Sioux Falls on October 20th-22nd, 2025. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

The Surface Water Discharge Permit renewal was presented to the Council. Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Schimke to authorize the Mayor to sign the permit renewal to be submitted to the State for final approval. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on the water tank reseal project. It was decided to check with other companies for quotes.

Attorney Gary Blue met with the Council and discussed options for a company to finalize the codifying of the ordinances.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Maxwell to let bids for the rural water connection project. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

The 2026 annual budget was presented to the Council. Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Fastnacht at approve the first reading of the 2026 budget Ordinance. Seconded reading will be held at the special meeting on Monday September 29th, 2025 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Tobin to approve the Special Events Malt Beverage License for the Wessington Springs Fire Department for the event at the Rodeo Grounds on September 6th, 2025. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

The 2026 Pre-Application for the upcoming airport project was presented to the Council. Maxwell motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pre-Application to be then submitted to the FAA. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on the electrical service at the grade school.

A discussion was held on the playground equipment for the park

Terri Mebius met with the Council and presented the Park & Rec Committee report.

Tobin motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to hire Mike Mebius as a part-time public works employee at an hourly rate of \$15.45. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht, to approve the expenses for the Safety Conference in Pierre on November 13th & 14th, 2025. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 9:05 PM. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Council reconvened into regular session at 9:28 PM.

Maxwell motioned, seconded by Tobin to offer Jeremy Trittien the position of a full time public works employee at an hourly rate of \$25.00. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

Tobin motioned, seconded by Schimke to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 M/C

_____ Ryan Knipfer, Mayor	ATTEST: _____ Linda Willman, Finance Officer
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