

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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 Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with the following members being present: Layton Schimke, Vicki Harmdierks, Meg Forrest, Kari Fagerhaug, Pat Fastnacht, Eva Voorhees 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 Voorhees, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of executive session for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel and cameras at City Hall. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to approve all the December 2024 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

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

BILLS

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
			<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
AmKota			supplies	502.31
B & S Service			v-belt	84.38
Banyan			professional service	229.75
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP			professional service	1,000.00
Connecting Point			professional service	53.75
Ellwein Brothers Inc.			beer-op agreements	6,653.95
EX Business Card			dues - supplies	266.51
Johnson Brothers			liquor op agree.	1,833.97
L & M Sanitation			garbage service	7,937.93
McLeods			supplies	164.03
Mitchell Daily Republic			subscription	280.69
Office Peeps			supplies	1,164.73
People			2025 subscription	40.00
Planning & Dev. District III			dues	2,083.00
Porter			Beer-op agreements	1,158.22
Republic			Liquor-op agreements	3,870.91
South Dakota Magazine			2025 renewal	29.00
South Dakota municipal league			dues	1,211.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD			liquor-op agreement	1,254.85
True Dakotan			publishing	633.58
True North Steel			blade	1,057.61
Venture			phone bills	277.89
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>31,788.06</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND</b>	
USDA Rural Development			loan payment	3,051.00
			<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>3,051.00</b>
	<b>Fund:</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	
Helms & Associates			airport apron	6,180.48

SPN		professional service	17,600.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>23,780.48</b>
	<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
AmKota		supplies	77.46
Banyon		professional service	229.75
Dept of Ag and Natural Resources		dues	750.00
Hawkins		chemical	2,382.53
Horizon Health Care		pre-employment physical	66.00
Milbank WinWater		remote readers	997.70
Northwest Pipe Fittings		supplies	163.76
SD Dept of Health		lab test	332.50
SD One Call		locate	1.12
Total Construction		rock	64.75
USA Blue Book		supplies	49.85
Venture		phone bills	49.76
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>5,165.18</b>
	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
AmKota		supplies	88.73
Banyon		professional service	229.75
Border States Electric Supply		supplies	636.52
Dakota Supply Group		supplies	45.38
SD One Call		locate	1.12
Venture		phone bills	171.95
WESCO		supplies	642.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>5,165.18</b>
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
AmKota		supplies	11.98
Banyon		professional service	229.75
Dept of AG & Natural Resources		testing	60.00
Horizon Health Care		pre-employment physical	66.00
SD Dept of Health		lab test	332.50
SD One Call		locate	1.12
Venture		phone bills	49.75
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>751.10</b>
		<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>66,351.27</b>

Schimke made a motion, seconded by Fagerhaug to authorize the official signatories to sign payroll checks and checks for all other regular monthly bills in a timely manner, prior to board approval, to avoid penalties and to take advantage of discounts. Such prepaid vendors may include liquor suppliers, power and utility bills. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Phil LaBore and Rob Wenzel met with the Council.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the expenses for the annual MSHA training. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on obtaining cameras for City Hall.

City Attorney Gary Blue gave an update.

A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 7:32 PM. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:45 PM.

A list of fuel prices for area airports were reviewed. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fastnacht to set the price for self service LL100 at the Wessington Springs Airport at \$5.75. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Lifeguard applications were reviewed. A motion was made by Schimke seconded by Forrest to offer the lifeguard positions to returning guards Brock Krueger at an hourly rate of \$16.00, Tierney Knipfer at an hourly rate of \$14.50 with an additional \$0.50 for WSI Training, and offer lifeguard positions to Kaitlyn Braun, Ella Kolousek, Kendall Kolousek, Logan Mohling, Brooke Mohling, Wesley Monar, Alexis Roesler, and Remie Roduner at a rate of \$14.00 per hour contingent upon completion of lifeguard training. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the position for head of pool. A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Voorhees to offer the position to Traci Schweitzer for a salary of \$1800 for the pool season. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Applications for the position of Summer Street Help were presented to the Council. A motion was made by Voorhees, seconded by Schimke to offer the position of summer street help to Cade Mohling at a rate of \$17.00 per hour, Cale Mohling at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, and Luke Larson at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the elected positions that will be open for election in 2025. 1<sup>st</sup> Ward - Kari Fagerhaug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Vickie Harmdierks, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward -Eva Voorhees are all open for election for a 2 year term, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward - Layton Schimke for a 1 year term. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Fastnacht to officially set the 2025 election date for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be held at the Jerauld County Ag Building as a joint election with the Wessington Springs School District. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Harmdierks to approve the following wage resolution for 2025.

#### Resolution #2025-1-1

#### 2025 Wage Scale

BE IT RESOLOVED, that the Wessington Springs City Council adopts the following wage scale for Wessington Springs City Board Members and Employees effective for January 2025

#### Salaried Pay Rate

Ryan Knipfer	Mayor	\$1,400 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Kari Fagerhaug,	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Meg Forrest,	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman	\$1,200 Plus \$60 per meeting attended
Vicki Harmdierks,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Layton Schimke,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Pat Fastnacht,	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Eva Voorhees,	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman	\$1,200 plus \$60 per meeting attended
Linda Willman,	Clerk of Council	\$60 per meeting attended
Ryan Knipfer,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Lila Hoffman,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Betsy Schroeder,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Glenn Cooper,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Lloyd Kraft,	Zoning Board Member	\$60 per meeting attended
Linda Willman,	Zoning Administrator	\$60 per meeting attended
Hourly Pay Rate-part-time-seasonal		

Landfill		
Neal Grohs	landfill attendant	\$15.45
Melford Bergeleen	landfill attendant	\$15.45
Curt Ness	landfill attendant	\$15.45;

Library		
Rhonda Behrens	Library Director	\$15.45
Gretchen Burnison	Library Assistant	\$13.90;

Street		
Melford Bergeleen	Seasonal	\$17.50
Curt Ness	Seasonal	\$17.50
Joel Sorben	Seasonal	\$17.50;
Hourly Pay Rate-full-time		
Electric/Street		
Phil Labore	Elect/Street Supt.	\$48.89
Lucas VanEngelenburg	Assistant Electric	\$28.35;
Finance Office		
Allie Diehl	Junior Finance Officer	\$18.00
Bethany Schimke	Dep. Finance Officer	\$18.90
Linda Willman	Finance Officer	\$30.45;
Water/Sewer		
Evan Blaha	Public Works	\$24.00
Robert Wenzel	Public Works	\$22.05;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries of the City Officials and employees are hereby published as part of these minutes as required by SDCL 6-1-10.

Dated at Wessington Springs, South Dakota this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Councilman voting for Resolution: Forrest, Fagerhaug, Fastnacht, Harmdierks, Voorhees,

Councilman Voting against Resolution: none

Councilman Abstaining: Schimke

Motion carried.

Published: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

A motion was made by Fastnacht, seconded by Forrest to approve expenses for the Rib Supper and Municipal Day at the legislature on February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The following list of volunteer firemen are included for workmen's compensation insurance purposes: Jim Vavra, Richard Powell, Michial Brodkorb, Brian Kolousek, Darrick VanDyke, David Ness, Jerry VanDenOever, Kenneth Cudmore, Kevin Mebius, Kim Schultz, Mike Krueger, Mike Mebius, Scott Miller, Curt Ness, Dustin Weber, Jason Hine, Scott Vaske, Craig Heumiller, Jared Bultsma, Jake Krohmer, Ryan Knipfer, Pat Wetzel, Chris Schimke, Cody Barber, Ryan Jungemann, Layton Schimke, Eric Schroeder, Bailey Willman, Blake Willman, Brady Duxbury, Cody Hasty, and Aaron Cashman. A list will be maintained at the Finance Office when a new volunteer fireman is appointed. A list of all library volunteers, summer recreations volunteers and coaches and any other volunteers for the City of Wessington Springs will be held at the Finance Office for workmen's compensation insurance purposes.

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

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

