

August 3rd, 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 Monday, August 3rd, 2026, with the following members being present: Cherie Maxwell, Scott Vaske, Layton Schimke, Shawn Tobin and Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance were Linda Willman, Finance Officer, and Gary Blue City Attorney.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was time for public comment.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve July 2026 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve the July 2026 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve pay request #3 to Feistner Gravel & Excavation in the amount of \$57,849.44 for the Rural Water Project. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin to approve pay request #3 to Hulstein Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$115,818.84 for the Watermain Project. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Maxwell, and with all Council members voting aye to approve the following bills for payment.

BILLS		
Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND		
AmKota	garbage bags	455.69
B & S Service	supplies	159.95
Blue Law Firm LLP	professional service	1,000.00
CHS/Farmers Alliance	propane	510.00
City of WS	utilities	5,152.35
Code Enforcement Specialist	code enforcement	853.32
Colonial	garbage bags	181.20
Connecting Point	offsite backup	110.12
Doll Distributing LLC	Beer-op agreement	6,459.70
EX Business Card	postage	4,138.32
Feistner Gravel & Excavation	gravel	510.48
Hawkins	chemical (pool)	402.71
Johnson Brothers	Liquor-op agreement	2,222.12
Knipfer, Ryan	lifeguard renewal	160.00
L & M Sanitation	garbage service	7,643.57
Mid-Dakota	utilities	52.05
National Geographic Magazine	magazine renewal	92.74
People	magazine subscription	68.00
Porter	beer-op agreement	2,484.95
Quality Brands Distribution	Liquor-op agreement	277.50
Readers Digest	subscription renewal	31.86

Reserve Account	postage	250.00
SD Dept of Health	lab tests	20.00
SD Library Association	2026 library conference	210.00
Software Unlimited	annual software fee	1,212.50
Southern Wines & Spirits	Liquor-op agreement	179.32
Springs Food Market	supplies	165.85
Time	magazine renewal	72.28
Titan	coupling	124.10
Total Oil	gas/diesel/def	1,460.77
True Dakotan	publishing	495.52
Van Diest Supply	chemical	3,330.00
Venture	phone bill	497.72
	Fund Total:	40,984.69
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	Water Main Project	57,849.44
Helms & Associates	airport apron	13,108.96
Hulstein Excavating LLC	water main project	115,818.84
Mead & Hunt	professional service	5,000.00
SPN	Engineer - water main	34,652.26
	Fund Total:	226,429.50
Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Amkota	submersible pump/supplies	273.40
City of WS	utilities	1,020.42
EX Business Card	dues/supplies	69.00
Hawkins	chemical	3,246.19
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
SD Dept of Health	lab tests	36.00
SD One Call	locates	8.59
Software Unlimited	annual software fee	1,212.50
Total Oil	gas/diesel	720.85
US Bank	SRF Loan Payments	9,411.56
Venture	phone bill	126.94
	Fund Total:	16,375.45
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
AmKota	fastner-bits	104.16
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	486.93
City of WS	utilities	751.23
Connecting Point	offsite backup	25.23
Dakota Supply Group	Relay for fire whistle	65.29
DGR	engineer service	243.00
EX Business Card	postage	58.15
Minnesota Municipal Utilities	training	285.00
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
SD One Call	locates	8.59
Security First Bank	bond payments	80,637.50
Software Unlimited	annual software fee	1,212.50
Springs Food Market	supplies	(18.78)
Stuart C Irby	Switchgear-busing	57,551.50
Total Oil	gas/diesel	720.85
Venture	phone bill	315.45
WESCO	insulators	1,024.50
	Fund Total:	143,721.10
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
EX Business Card	dues/supplies	488.48
Feistner Gravel & Excavation	sanitary repair	6,500.00
Reserve Account	postage	250.00
SD One Call	locates	8.58
Software Unlimited	annual software fee	1,212.50
Total Oil	gas/diesel	720.85
US Bank	SRF Loan Payments	7,727.28
Venture	phone bill	126.94
	Fund Total:	17,034.63
	Checking Account Total:	447,596.37
	PREPAIDS	
Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric	utilities	191.96
Doll Distributing LLC	op agreement	4,761.19
EX Business Card	supplies/shipping	33.82

Johnson Brothers	op agreement	1,528.55
Mid-Dakota	utilities	46.00
Porter	op agreement	1,541.41
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	300.97
SD Unemployment insurance	unemployment insurance	66.87
Southern Wines & Spirits	op agreement	1,355.76
	Fund Total:	9,826.53
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
EX Business Card	supplies/shipping	18.78
Heartland	purchased power	30,468.13
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	4,207.15
WAPA	purchased power	21,033.60
	Fund Total:	55,727.66
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric	utilities	212.42
	Fund Total:	212.42
Fund: 701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
City of WS	utility deposit	138.69
	Fund Total:	138.69
	Checking Account Total:	65,905.30
PAYROLL		
Payroll	Finance Office	4,001.97
Payroll	Street	632.85
Payroll	Landfill	850.51
Payroll	Pool	8,259.35
Payroll	Summer street	8,444.94
Payroll	Library	2,249.48
Payroll	Water	3,301.38
Payroll	Electric	10,167.17
Payroll	Sewer	3,301.43
SD Retirement	contributions	7,313.64
Wellmark	insurance	7,080.36
AFLAC	insurance	704.96
Colonial	insurance	350.70
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	8,235.72
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	3,105.38
	Total:	\$67,999.84

Eric Prunty of Brosz Engineering met with the Council to discuss the 2nd Street Project. Maxwell motioned seconded by Schimke to have H & W repair street and maintain until warranty and include the additional riprap repair with cement for a total cost of \$5,446.00
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Department heads Phil LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

A discussion was held on the bundled REC's from WAPA that the city has that are administered by Heartland. The REC's are now eligible to be sold at an estimated total rate of \$3640.00 for the 2024 and 2025 REC's with 2026 undetermined at this time. Schimke motioned seconded by Tobin to authorize Heartland to sell the REC's bundled with the other electric communities. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

The following fuel quotes were presented to the council.

	CHS	Total	Alpena
Gas	\$3.61	\$3.52	\$3.54

Diesel \$4.10 \$3.70 \$3.79

Vaske motioned, seconded by Schimke, to accept the quote of \$3.52 for gas and \$3.70 for diesel from Total Oil. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

The following quotes were received from Feistner Gravel & Excavation- Excavate culvert near the Golf Course-install geotextile fabric rock and reset culvert for \$2,500.00 and removal of merry-go-round, slide and swing set from park for \$1,500.00. Schimke motioned seconded by Tobin to accept the two quotes from Feistner Gravel & Excavation. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned seconded by Tobin to authorize expenses for the Rhonda Beherens to attend the library conference. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

City attorney gave an update of the letters sent out from the code enforcement officer and gave the Council dates for the hearing on the liquor license.

The open meeting law pamphlet was presented to the council for the annual review and discussion.

Camden Hofer, from SPN sent an update of the rural water project and watermain projects. A discussion was held on the engineering expenses for the projects and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The airport grant agreement 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. Schimke motioned seconded by Tobin to approve the grant agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The 2027 annual budget was discussed. First reading of the budget will be held on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026.

A discussion was held on the front footage assessment. Schimke motioned seconded by Maxwell to approve the following resolution to keep the amounts the same as last year.

RESOLUTION #8-2026-1
A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL MAINTENANCE FEE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING OR REPAIRING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Wessington Springs maintains and repairs street surfaces within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-43-138 allows for an annual levy of a special maintenance fee upon the lots fronting and abutting any improvements within the city that are maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, said special maintenance fee will be used for the annual maintenance and repair of street surfaces within the city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA:

That a special maintenance fee will be established as follows:

1. Prior to the assessment of real property, the lot or portion of lots against which the special maintenance fee is to be levied and the amount of special maintenance fee against each lot(s) or portions of lots constituting a single contiguous parcel for such purposes will be designated.
2. The county treasurer will be notified to add the fee assessed to the general assessment against the property and certify the fee assessed together with the regular assessment to the county auditor to be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes are collected for general purposes.
3. The special maintenance fee assessed is subject to review and equalization the same as assessments or taxes for general purposes.
4. The special maintenance fee will be assessed at the rate of \$0.80 cents per front foot with a cop of \$265.00 per parcel number.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2026.

CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Councilman voting for resolution: Fagerhaug, Maxwell, Schimke

Councilman voting against resolution: Tobin Motion carried.

Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin to accept the Wellmark annual renewal for employee health insurance with deductible and co-insurance to each remain \$750.00 for employees.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

A letter was received from ROCS asking for funding for fiscal year 2027. It was decided to put \$6000 in the 2027 budget for both the food service and transportation service.

A discussion was held regarding the closing of City Hall during the week of September 1st to the 4th. If City Hall has to be closed notice will be given to the public.

Schimke motioned with Vaske seconding to adjourn. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

