

July 7th, 2025

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, July 7th, 2025, with the following members being present: Layton Schimke, Meg Forrest, Kari Fagerhaug, Pat Fastnacht, Shawn Tobin, Cherie Maxwell and Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer. Attorney Gary Blue was absent.

Meeting was opened with a pledge of allegiance.

Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve the agenda with the addition of the water plant. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the June City Council meeting minutes with the correction of spelling for Cherie. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

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

Pay request #3 for the 2nd Street Project was presented to the Council in the amount of \$177,401.77 payable to H & W Construction. Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the pay request as presented and authorize the mayor to sign the pay request for payment and form to be submitted for funding reimbursement. 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	supplies	400.93
AmKota	supplies	355.51
B & S Service	maintenance	202.90
Baker's	supplies	370.87
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP	professional service	1,000.00
CHS/Farmer Alliance	supplies	641.89
City of Wessington Springs	utilities	1,565.61
Connecting Point	supplies	205.50
Ellwein Brothers Inc.	op agreement	11,038.10
EX Business Card	supplies/postage	406.08
Follett	Equipment	323.24
Hawkins	supplies	808.50
J & M Specialties	supplies	208.22
Jerauld County Sheriff	professional service	30,085.75
Johnson Brothers	op agreement	1,772.55
Krohmer Plumbing	repairs	144.58
L & M Sanitation	professional service	8,199.43
Midwest Fire	Professional service/maint.	336.73
Motor Clinic	supplies	203.95
Office Peeps	supplies	319.88
Porter	op agreement	3,550.20
Ramkota Inn	lodging	238.00
Republic	op agreement	3,368.47

SD Dept of Health	professional service	15.00
SD Library Association	yearly dues	40.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	op agreements	914.08
Springs Food Market	supplies	22.17
Syn-tech Systems	professional service	544.00
Titan	equipment repairs	3,100.55
Todd Brueske Construction	professional service	5,715.71
Total Oil	supplies	22.05
True Dakotan	publishing	1,495.22
True North Steel	supplies	340.00
Venture	utilities	389.18
Waters, Natasha	Milage	163.48
Willman, Linda	mileage	145.60
	Fund Total:	78,653.93
Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
H&W Contracting LLC	2nd street project	177,401.77
SPN	professional service	3,650.00
	Fund Total:	181,051.77
Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
AmKota	supplies	75.76
City of WS	utilities	424.96
EX Business Card	supplies/postage	42.61
Hawkins	Supplies	2,362.16
Mid-America	chemical	3,755.68
Midwest Fire Safety	Professional service/Maint.	42.09
SD Dept of Health	professional testing	25.00
SD One Call	professional service	4.88
USA Blue Book	supplies	462.37
Venture	utilities	64.99
	Fund Total:	7,260.50
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
AmKota	supplies	10.30
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	100.55
City of WS	utilities	275.05
Midwest Fire & Safety	Professional service/maint.	42.09
SD One Call	professional service	4.88
Venture	utilities	297.75
WESCO	supplies	29,904.00
	Fund Total:	30,634.62
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Dakota Pump & Control	professional service	510.21
Midwest Fire & Safety	Professional service/maint.	42.09
SD One Call	professional service	4.88
Venture	utilities	24.21
Wetzel House Moving	professional service	380.00
	Fund Total:	961.39
Fund: 701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS	utilities	152.40
Customer	utility refund	97.60
	Fund Total:	250.00
	Checking Account Total:	298,812.21
	PREPAIDS	
Fund: 101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric	utilities	136.24
Ellwein Brothers Inc.	op agreement	10,761.70
Johnson Brothers	op agreement	3,239.28
Mid-Dakota Rural Water	utilities	45.00

Philadelphia Insurance Company	Insurance	596.00	
Porter	op agreement	1,138.34	
Republic	op agreement	686.70	
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	524.67	
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD	op agreement	665.40	
	Fund Total:	17,793.33	
Fund: 602	WATER FUND		
Department of AG & Nat Resources	Storm water Construction fee	450.00	
	Fund Total:	450.00	
Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND		
Heartland	purchased power	13,515.02	
SD Dept of Revenue	sales tax	3,994.44	
WAPA	purchased power	21,473.75	
	Fund Total:	38,983.21	
Fund: 604	SEWER FUND		
Central Electri	utilities	65.00	
	Fund Total:	65.00	
	Checking Account Total:	57,291.54	

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	3,955.56
Payroll	Street	412.94
Payroll	Landfill	920.32
Payroll	Pool	7,199.54
Payroll	Park-summer help	9,038.07
Payroll	Library	2,329.47
Payroll	Water	3,987.92
Payroll	Electric	8,065.08
Payroll	Sewer	3,987.95
SD Retirement	contributions	6,510.46
Wellmark	insurance	6,214.70
AFLAC	insurance	704.82
Colonial	insurance	302.52
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	7,885.06
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,877.70
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$64,502.11

Brad Lawrence representing Brosz Engineering, met with the Council regarding the 2nd Street project and change order. It was decided that to have a special meeting when the change order costs are available.

Leo & Val Channel, Bryon Reff, Ashley Reff and Donna Wagner met with the council regarding a bill for sewer line repair. It was decided to table to review the bill and will meet again at the next meeting.

Phil LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

Terri Mebius and Patty Keeton met with the Council to give and update on the Park and Rec committee. Schimke motioned seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the placement of a statue in the park as a memorial. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The engineering contract from SPN for the Lagoon project for the amount of \$141,000 was presented to the Council. Forrest motioned with Fastnacht seconding to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on the legislative changes for the election for municipalities which will affect the terms of the Council.

Mayor Knipfer announced it was the time and place for the public hearing for Pin Twisters for the special events Malt Beverage license for July 12th, 2025 for the Son's of American Legion Poker run. Fastnacht motioned seconded by Forrest to approve the malt beverage special event for Pin Twisters for July 12th, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Mayor Knipfer announced this was the time and place for the public hearing on the lease of the land around the lagoon for the purpose of hay harvest for the next three years, and the six parcels of farm ground around the airport for the next three years. Several interested parties were in attendance. A formal bidding process was used to determine the highest bid with Councilman Layton Schimke conducting the auction.

The following individuals were the high bidders from the formal auction.

Lagoon Land for hay purposes – Shane Mentzer for an annual amount of \$130.00.

Land surrounding the airport

Parcel A – Ryan Knipfer \$100 per acre

Parcel B – Ryan Knipfer \$95 per acre

Parcel C – Firesteel Ranch \$155 per acre

Parcel D – Gary Grieve \$75 per acre

Parcel E – Phil LaBore \$150 per acre

Parcel F – Ryan Knipfer \$90 per acre

Fagerhaug motion, seconded by Tobin to accept the high bids for the lagoon land for hay purposes and all bids for parcels A, B, C, D, E, F surrounding the airport. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on repairs for the airport. It was decided to check with a contractor for costs on the repairs.

The 2026 annual agreement in the amount of \$2,147.00 for the Planning and Development District III membership was presented to the board. Fagerhaug, motioned with Forrest seconding to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for the services of District III for 2026. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

A discussion was held on the cat clinic that Prairie View Clinic is having to spay and neuter cats.

The special events malt beverage license for the WSADC for the August 2nd, 2025 Foothills Days was presented to the Council. Fagerhaug, motioned seconded by Forrest to approve the special events malt beverage license. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on the 2026 budget. A special meeting will be held for the budget.

A discussion was held on the front footage assessment resolution for the 2026 budget. Forrest motioned with Fastnacht seconding to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #7-2025-1

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 per parcel number.

Dated this 7th day of July 2025

CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Councilman voting for resolution: Fagerhaug, Forrest, Fastnacht, Maxwell, Schimke

Councilman voting against resolution: Tobin Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the water plant and the possibility of getting help to run the plant on the weekends.

Schimke motioned seconded by Forrest to approve the expenses for the Election Officials Workshop in Pierre on July 16th & 17th, 2025 in Pierre, and the Heartland Summer Conference in Madison on July 15th, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Forrest motioned seconded by Maxwell to adjourn.

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer