

April 10, 2025

The Wessington Springs City Council met in regular session at the Office of the Finance Officer on Thursday, April 10th, 2025, with the following members present Kari Fagerhaug, Meg Forrest, Pat Fastnacht, Layton Schimke, Vickie Harmdierks, Eva Voorhees and with Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Finance Officer Linda Willman and City Attorney Gary Blue were present also.

Fastnacht motioned with Schimke seconding to approve the agenda as posted.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

No Conflicts of interest were declared.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced it was time for public comments.

Fagerhaug motioned with Voorhees seconding to approve the March meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Harmdierks motioned with Voorhees seconding to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Pay Request #1 from Dahme Construction for \$50,505.85 for the sewer lagoon project was presented to the Council of approval. Fastnacht moved with Forrest seconding to approve the pay request as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke moved with Fagerhaug seconding and with all Council 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>
			GENERAL FUND	
AmKota			supplies	105.67
B & S Service			supplies	491.46
Banyon.			professional service	195.00
Behrens, Rhonda			mileage	40.60
Blue, Wheeler & Banks LLP			professional service	1,000.00
Brodkorb, Vickie			election worker	200.00
Central Electric			utilities	240.06
CHS/Farmers Alliance			budget billing	370.00
City of WS			utilities	4,822.04
Connecting Point			professional service	65.75
Ellwein Brothers Inc.			op agreement	7,015.55
EX Business Card			training and supplies	1,405.46
Frank, Pam			election worker	200.00
J & M Specialties			supplies	46.42
Jerauld County Sheriff			professional service	30,085.75
Johnson Brothers			op agreement	496.74
L & M Sanitation			professional service	7,795.58

McLeod's		supplies	496.72
Mid-Dakota		utilities	45.00
Northern Truck		supplies	766.51
Northwest Pipe		supplies	222.48
O'Day Equipment, LLC.		supplies	1,503.13
Office Peeps		supplies	439.17
Plainsman		subscription	185.38
Porter		op agreement	663.62
Republic		op agreement	1,609.20
SDDOT-Office of Air, Rail & Trans		windsock	62.50
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		op agreement	285.15
Syn-tech Systems		supplies	197.30
Thompson, Kay		election worker	200.00
Total Oil		supplies	2,199.84
True Dakotan		publishing	1,182.27
Willman, Linda		meals-election workers	33.87
		Fund Total:	64,668.22
	Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development		loan repayment	3,051.00
		Fund Total:	3,051.00
	Fund: 501	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	
Brosz Engineering		professional service	11,125.00
Helms & Associates		airport apron	2,268.38
SPN		rural water	76,100.00
		Fund Total:	89,493.38
	Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
AmKota		supplies	28.81
Carpentier, Mike		CDL Training	345.00
City of WS		utilities	1,869.68
EX Business Card		training and supplies	11.71
Hawkins		supplies	1,799.34
SD Dept of Health		water testing	28.00
SD One Call		professional service	1.49
		Fund Total:	4,084.03
	Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
AmKota		supplies	22.32
Border States		supplies	165.36
City of WS		utilities	1,249.82
East River		professional service	15,137.51
EX Business Card		training and supplies	921.65
Heartland		purchased power	26,338.87
Minnesota Municipal Utilities		training	271.25
SD One Call		professional service	1.49
Security First Bank		generator bond payment	44,321.25
WAPA		purchased power	20,680.95
WESCO		supplies	8,414.42
		Fund Total:	117,524.89
	Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
AmKota		supplies	23.47
Carpentier, Mike		CDL Training	345.00
Dahme Construction Co. Inc.		professional service	50,505.85
SD One Call		professional service	1.50
SPN		lift station engineering	362.50
Wetzel House Moving		professional service	1,177.57
		Fund Total:	52,415.89
	Fund: 701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
City of WS		utilities-from deposit	250.00
		Fund Total:	250.00
		SELF-INSURANCE	
		self-insurance	4669.67
		Fund Total:	4669.67

Checking Account Total: 336,157.08

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Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
A-OX Welding		contract	210.95
Central Electric		utilities	299.90
Ellwein Brothers Inc.		op agree-beer	6,056.55
Johnson Brothers		op agreement-liquor	4,577.37
Mid-Dakota Water		utilities	45.00
Porter		op agreement	1,279.32
Republic		op agreement-liquor	4,182.65
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	493.36
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		op agreement	1,615.36
		Fund Total:	18,760.46
Fund:	602	WATER FUND	
US Bank		srf loan payment	1,725.96
		Fund Total:	1,725.96
Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
HEARTLAND CONSUMERS POWER		purchased power	46,900.92
S.D. DEPT. OF REVENUE		sales tax	7,061.20
WAPA-DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY		purchased power	24,494.10
		Fund Total:	78,456.22
Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
US Bank		srf loan payment	4,033.36
		Fund Total:	4,033.36
		Checking Account Total:	102,976.00

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	4,948.48
Payroll	Street	434.91
Payroll	Landfill	778.98
Payroll	Library	2,379.34
Payroll	Water	3,593.60
Payroll	Electric	8,077.04
Payroll	Sewer	3,593.68
SD Retirement	contributions	6,587.82
SD Office of Child Support	contributions	1,405.88
Wellmark	insurance	7,351.10
AFLAC	insurance	406.54
Colonial	insurance	433.66
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	5,342.66
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,237.65
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	Total:	\$47,681.34

Sheriff Jason Weber met with the Council to discuss the countywide law enforcement agreement. Sheriff Weber asked that the mayor appoint a Councilmember to act as a liaison with the Sheriff's department.

Joyce Krueger and Terri Mebius representing the Park Improvement Committee met with the Council to discuss projects in the park, pool and planting a tree for Arbor Day. A check for \$2,000.00 was presented to the Council from Build Springs for a donation for the Wessington Springs City Pool.

Voorhees motioned with Fastnacht seconding to approve to not charge an admission fee for swimming but charge for swimming lessons for the 2025 season with daily records to be taken for attendance. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Pamela Akkerman met with the Council regarding city water, medication, flooding, minutes, census, water mains, surcharges, communication to residents, city website, financial reports, audits, and agendas.

Even Blaha and Phil LaBore met with the Council.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer stated this was the time and place to open bids for the street department. Street Superintendent Phil LaBore was present during the bid opening.

GRAVEL

1" Crushed Gravel

Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLP	\$12.00 per ton delivered-Eagle Pit
Argo Excavating	\$14.00 per ton delivered-Colony Pit
Argo Excavating	\$13.25 per ton delivered-Arhart Pit

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Screened Gravel

Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLP	\$9.00 per ton delivered-Eagle Pit
Argo Excavating	\$11.50 per ton delivered-Colony Pit

Base Course

Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLP	\$12.00 per ton delivered-Eagle Pit
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Pink Quartz Chips

Argo Excavating	\$33.50 per ton delivered Spencer Quarries
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A motion was made by Schimke, seconded by Fagerhaug to award the 1" Crushed Gravel, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Screened Gravel and Base Course to Feistner Gravel & Excavation LLP, and the Pink Quartz Chips to Argo Excavating. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CHIP SEAL

Bituminous	Option 1. \$4.20 PER SQ. YD.
Ortonville,MN	Option 2. \$3.60 PER SQ. YD.

The Road Guy	Option 1. \$2.50 PER SQ. YD.
Yankton, SD	Option 2. \$2.10 PER SQ. YD.

A motion was made by Fagerhaug, seconded by Forrest to award the bid to The Road Guy for chip seal for Option #1 at \$2.50 per square yard. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

	Gas/Diesel quotes			
	Agtegra	Alpena	CHS	Total Oil
E-10	\$2.966	\$2.90	did not quote	\$2.89
Diesel	\$2.79	\$2.75	did not quote	\$2.67

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Forrest, to accept the quote of \$2.89 for E-10 and the quote of \$2.67 for diesel from Total Oil. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Forrest to hire Damien Knippling for summer street help at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Harmdierks motioned seconded by Schimke to approve a \$1.00 raise for Lucas VanEngelenburg for completing the first book in the Merchant Program. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

A discussion was held on manhole repairs. It was decided to get quotes from Hydro Kleen for 4 manholes repairs.

City Attorney Gary Blue met with the Council.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time and place for the public hearing for the Special Event Liquor License for the Pour House dba Slippery's for a poke run to be held on Saturday May 3rd, 2025. No interested parties were in attendance. Fastnacht motioned seconded by Forrest to approve the Special Events License as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Discussion was held on annual insurance quotes. It was decided to have a special meeting on Thursday, April 24th, 2025, at 5:00PM to meet with the agents to present their quotes.

A discussion was held on culverts in city limits.

A discussion was held on the library,

The funding package for the main water replacement project and sewer lagoon were presented to the Council. Fastnacht motioned seconded by Voorhees to move forward with the water main replacement project that was awarded with 80.3% loan principal forgiveness and ask the Engineer to come to the next meeting to meet with council to discuss the options for the lagoon project that was awarded with all loan proceeds. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time to canvass the votes from the April 8th, 2025, City Election.

Harmdierks motioned seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the canvass of the April 8th, 2025, Municipal Election for the 2nd Ward Councilman for both the one year and two-year term. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Councilman Schimke abstained. M/C.

OFFICIAL CANVASS SHEET

DATE OF ELECTION: April 8th, 2025

TYPE OF ELECTION: MUNICIPAL

JURISDICTION: CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS

	2 nd Ward - 1 year	
	Layton Schimke	Beth Magistro
Votes	43	21
	2 nd Ward - 2 year	
	Cherie Maxwell	Jonathan Jooste
Votes	33	28

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF JERAULD)

We, Vickie Harmdierks, Kari Fagerhaug, Pat Fastnacht, Meg Forrest and Eva Voorhees appointed as the Board of Canvassers because of our positions on the governing board in the jurisdiction of Wessington Springs for the Municipal election held on the 8th day of April 2025, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the votes cast in the jurisdiction of Wessington Springs at the election as shown by the returns certified to the person in charge of the election.

Vickie Harmdierks

Kari Fagerhaug

Pat Fastnacht

Meg Forrest

Eva Voorhees

Sworn to me this 10th day of April 2025.

Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Fastnacht to approve the canvass of the April 8th, 2025, Municipal Election for the 3rd Ward Councilman. Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Councilman Voorhees abstained. Motion carried.

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	3 rd WARD		
	Shawn Tobin	Eva Voorhees	Kim Christensen
Votes	33	30	20

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Kari Fagerhaug

Pat Fastnacht

Meg Forrest

Sworn to me this 10th day of April 2025.

Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Forrest to approve the following Resolution declaring the official results of the annual municipal election.

Resolution No. 2025 - 4 -1
RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF ANNUAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, that at the annual municipal election duly called and held in the City on April 8th, 2025 the results were as follows:

Councilman, Ward 2 - 1 Year: having received a majority of all votes cast for the office Layton Schimke is hereby declared elected to the office of Ward 2 Councilman for a term of one year.

Councilman, Ward 2: having received a majority of all votes cast for the office Cherie Maxwell is hereby declared elected to the office of Ward 2 Councilman for a term of two years.

Councilman, Ward 3: having received a majority of all votes cast for the office Shawn Tobin is hereby declared elected to the office of Ward 3 Councilman for a term of two years.

Dated this 10th day of April 2025

APPROVED:

_____ Ryan Knipfer, Mayor	ATTEST: _____ Linda Willman, Finance Officer
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Councilman voting for resolution: Schimke, Harmdierks, Voorhees, Fagerhaug, Forrest, Fastnacht

Councilman voting against resolution: none M/C

A discussion was held on abating the front footage assessment on parcel #4208 legally described as Outlot 5 Exc. Lots 1 & 2 & Exc. E 33' Third Rural Addition to the City of Wessington Springs. Harmdierks motion seconded by Voorhees to approve the abatement of the front footage on parcel #4208. Ayes; 5 Nays: 0 Councilman Fagerhaug abstained. M/C

Voorhees motioned seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the request for Bethany Schimke to go from 40 hours a week to 20 hours in the City Finance Office. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Councilman Schimke abstained. M/C

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Forrest to set the Spring Cleanup Day pickup for Monday, May 12th, 2025. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Discussion was held on public works position. A committee will conduct interviews.

Fagerhaug motioned seconded by Forrest to adjourn. Ayes; 6 Nays: 0 M/C

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