

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, with the following members being present: Pat Fastnacht, Cherie Maxwell, Layton Schimke, Scott Vaske, Shawn Tobin and with President Kari Fagerhaug presiding. Also, in attendance was Linda Willman, Finance Officer, and Gary Blue City Attorney. Mayor Ryan Knipfer joined later.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

Maxwell motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Conflicts of Interest: none stated

President of the Council Fagerhaug announced this was time for public comment.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve the February 2026 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Maxwell motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the February 2026 treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht, 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	561.55
B & S Service			repair plow truck	124.48
Blue Law Firm LLP			professional service	1,000.00
Border States Electric Supply			supplies	580.79
CHS/Farmers Alliance			gas	120.50
City of WS			utilities	2,690.71
Code Enforcement Specialist			retainer fee	1,500.00
Colopy, Nathan			professional service	801.49
Connecting Point			offsite backup & Microsoft	125.75
Doll Distributing LLC			beer-op agreement	3,154.20
EX Business Card			supplies, postage	464.10
Johnson Brothers			liquor-op agreement	1,219.02
Kelsey Service Agency			professional service	332.50
L & M Sanitation			professional service	7,765.07
Mid-Dakota			water at airport	55.00
Overdrive			dues	600.00
Planning & Dev. Dist. III			dues	2,147.00
Porter			beer-op agreement	1,044.75
Republic			liquor-op agreement	859.50
SD Dept of Revenue			sales tax	544.36
Sanitation Products			street sweeper repairs	19,174.50
SD Airport Management Assoc.			dues	50.00

Sweetgrass		appreciation supper	373.78	
Titan Machinery		blade repairs	8,256.43	
Total Oil		supplies	91.49	
True Dakotan		publishing	713.07	
Venture		phone bills	521.19	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>54,871.23</b>	
	<b>Fund: 212</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND</b>		
USDA Rural Development		loan repayment	3,051.00	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>3,051.00</b>	
	<b>Fund: 501</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>		
Brosz Engineering		professional service	4,905.00	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>4,905.00</b>	
	<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>		
AmKota		supplies	42.74	
CHS/Farmers Alliance		gas	120.50	
City of WS		utilities	621.54	
Core & Main LP		supplies	915.75	
EX Business Card		supplies, postage	5.52	
Hawkins		chemical	2,220.90	
J & M Specialties		supplies	48.72	
S & M Enterprises		Haul lime from pit to dump	675.00	
SD Dept of Health		water testing	32.00	
SD One Call		locates	0.75	
Sweetgrass		appreciation supper	67.96	
US Bank		payments	9,411.56	
USA Blue Book		supplies	58.40	
Venture		phone bills	101.08	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>14,322.42</b>	
	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>		
Amkota		supplies	39.56	
Border States Electric Supply		new sleeves & Testing	1,676.88	
CHS/Farmers Alliance		gas	120.50	
City of WS		utilities	606.85	
DeWild Grant Reckert & Assoc.		professional service	211.00	
EX Business Card		supplies, postage	273.29	
Minnesota Municipal Utilities		dues	285.00	
SD Dept. of Revenue		sales tax	6,264.36	
SD One Call		locates	0.75	
Springs Food Market		supplies	25.14	
Sweetgrass		appreciation supper	67.96	
Venture		phone bills	339.03	
WESCO		supplies	325.01	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>10,235.33</b>	
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>		
AmKota		supplies	17.98	
Benfer Sewer & Drain LLC		sewer cleaning	2,515.00	
CHS/Farmers Alliance		gas	120.50	
Dakota Pump & Control		professional service	569.90	
SD One Call Systems Inc.		locates	0.74	
US Bank		Interest/ Principal	7,094.61	
Veture		phone bills	101.08	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>10,419.81</b>	
	<b>Fund: 701</b>	<b>UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND</b>		
CITY OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS		utilities	392.18	
customer		deposit refund	6.01	
customer		Deposit Refund	101.81	
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
		<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>98,304.79</b>	

PREPAIDS

	<b>Fund: 101</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Central Electric		utility bills	475.74
Doll Distributing LLC		beer-op agreement	6,136.86
Johnson Brothers		liquor-op agreement	4,822.04
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc		annual agreement service fee	125.00
On Sight, LLC		security camera & installation	5,125.98
Porter		beer-op agreement	1,355.02
Republic		liquor-op agreement	2,314.99
SD Dept of Revenue		sales tax	494.66
SD Unemployment Ins.		unemployment insurance	1.18
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD		op agreement	2,117.05
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>22,968.52</b>
	<b>Fund: 501</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	
Department of AG & Natural Res.		stormwater fees	200.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>200.00</b>
	<b>Fund: 602</b>	<b>WATER FUND</b>	
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc		annual agreement service fee	125.00
SD Unemployment Ins. Div		unemployment insurance	0.49
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>125.49</b>
	<b>Fund: 603</b>	<b>ELECTRIC FUND</b>	
Heartland		purchased power	51,888.97
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc		annual agreement service fee	125.00
SD Dept. of Revenue		sales tax	6,074.36
WAPA		purchased power	24,485.20
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>82,573.53</b>
	<b>Fund: 604</b>	<b>SEWER FUND</b>	
Central Electric		utility bills	103.20
DANR		Testing fee	60.00
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc		annual agreement service fee	125.00
SD Unemployment Ins. Div		unemployment insurance	0.49
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>288.69</b>
	<b>Fund: 701</b>	<b>UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND</b>	
City of WS		deposit to account	250.00
		<b>Fund Total:</b>	<b>250.00</b>
		<b>Checking Account Total:</b>	<b>106,406.23</b>

PAYROLL

Payroll	Finance Office	3,739.39
Payroll	Street	547.34
Payroll	Landfill	550.80
Payroll	Library	2,318.86
Payroll	Water	3,288.26
Payroll	Electric	9,602.68
Payroll	Sewer	2,798.59
SD Retirement	contributions	6,751.68
Wellmark	insurance	7,080.36
Accounts Management	payment	489.18
AFLAC	insurance	704.82
Colonial	insurance	302.52
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	5,075.44
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	2,360.21
Flex Account	contributions	110.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$45,720.13</b>

Philip LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council.

Schimke motioned seconded by Vaske to set the rate to flush a private water line at \$30.00. Ayes: 6 Nay: 0 M/C.

Vaske motioned, seconded by Schimke to hire the following for summer street/park help - Karter Mebius at \$15.00 per hour, Robbie Hine at \$15.00 per hour and Luke Larson at \$14.50 per hour. Ayes: Vaske, Schimke, Fastnacht, Fagerhaug, Tobin Nays: Maxwell

Vaske motioned, seconded by Fagerhaug to hire the following for lifeguards and pool supervisor. Brock Krueger with WSI at \$16.50 per hour, Tierney Knipfer at \$15.00 per hour with renewal certification, Alexis Roesler at \$14.50 per hour, Remie Roduner at \$14.50 per hour, Kaitlyn Braun at \$14.50 per hour, Logan Mohling at \$14.50 per hour, and Kendall Kolousek at \$14.50 per hour. An additional \$0.50 will be added if WSI (water safety instructor) training is completed and Traci Schweitzer as pool supervisor for a rate of \$1850 for the season. Ayes: Vaske, Fagerhaug, Schimke, Fastnacht, Tobin Nays: Maxwell

Mayor Ryan Knipfer joined the meeting at this time.

The following fuel quotes were received.

Total Oil	CHS	Agtegra
\$2.29	\$2.34	\$2.54

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the quote of \$2.29 from Total Oil for E-10. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Schimke motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve the expenses for the Electrical Superintendent Conference April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Flandreau. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

City Attorney gave an update on the upcoming zoning meeting.

A proposed combined election agreement with the Wessington Springs School District was presented to the council for review.

A discussion was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project.

Change order #1 for the Rural Water Project for a deduction in the amount of \$12,500.00 was presented to the Council. Vaske motioned seconded by Fastnacht to approve the Change Order #1 with a deduct of \$12,500.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Change order #1 for the Water Main Replacement for an addition in the amount of \$30,305.00 was presented to the Council. Schimke motioned seconded by Fagerhaug to approve the Change Order #1 in the amount of \$30,305.00. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

A discussion was held on 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced that this was time and place for the public hearing for the liquor license transfer from Pin Twisters to Springs Country Club. No interested parties were in attendance. Fagerhaug motioned, seconded by Schimke to approve the liquor license transfer and authorize the Mayor to sign the license transfer to be submitted to Pierre for final approval. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing for the special events liquor license for Pin Twisters on March 28th, 2026. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C.

The 2024 assessment roll for the College Avenue project was presented to the Council. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Maxwell, seconded by Vaske to approve the 2024 College Avenue Project Assessment roll with no interest, and set a public hearing on the assessment roll for Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8:00 PM. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

Fastnacht motioned seconded by Schimke to approve expenses for the District 5 meeting in Pierre on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

The equalization meeting for the City of Wessington Springs will be held on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 PM

The April City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Schimke motioned, seconded by Tobin to adjourn. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 M/C

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Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Willman, Finance Officer



