

April 8th, 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 Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, with the following members being present: Pat Fastnacht, Cherie Maxwell, Scott Vaske, Shawn Tobin and Mayor Ryan Knipfer presiding. Also, in attendance were Linda Willman, Finance Officer, and Gary Blue City Attorney. Councilman Layton Schimke and Kari Fagerhaug were absent.

Meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance.

Vaske motioned, seconded by Fastnacht 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.

Maxwell motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve both March 2nd & 16th, 2026 Council meeting minutes. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

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

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

BILLS

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	101	GENERAL FUND	
Alpena Coop		supplies	81.14
Amkota		supplies	170.93
B & S Service		professional service	1,184.65
Banyon		support	48.75
Behrens, Rhonda		travel	84.10
Blue Law Firm LLP		professional service	1,000.00
Central Electric		utilities	277.69
CHS/Farmers Alliance		propane at airport	1,690.00
City of WS		utilities	14.28
Cole's Petroleum		supplies	8,930.00
Connecting Point		offsite backup	270.70
Dale's Auto Body		professional service	110.00
Doll Distributing LLC		op agreement	7,978.21
EX Business Card		supplies and training	593.60
Jerauld County Sheriff		professional service	30,085.75
Johnson Brothers		op agreement	3,482.80
Knipfer, Ryan		mileage	150.80
L & M Sanitation		professional service	7,883.82
Mid-Dakota		utilities	46.00
On Sight, LLC		professional service	1,212.81
Pheastland Industries		golf cart permits	76.00
Porter		op agreement	2,991.63
Republic		op agreement	1,515.50

South Dakota Municipal League	district 5 meeting	90.00
Syn-tech Systems	tech support	738.00
Time Management Systems, Inc	time clock system	999.99
Total	supplies	19.66
True Dakotan	subscription/publishing	1,575.15
Venture	utilities	455.82
WESCO	cloud services	1,183.33
WS Area Development	funding	20,000.00
Westendorf Electric	repairs/main.	110.12

Fund Total: 95,051.23

Fund: 212	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX - 2ND	
USDA Rural Development	loan repayment	3,051.00

Fund Total: 3,051.00

Fund: 602	WATER FUND	
Amkota	repairs	113.19
B & S Service	professional service	19.52
Banyon	support	48.75
City of WS	utilities	23.52
Eurofins Drinking Water	water testing	199.00
EX Business Card	supplies and training	62.06
Hawkins	chemicals	3,224.36
Ramkota	lodging	225.00
SD Dept of Health	water testing	36.00
SD One Call	locates	2.24
Time Management Systems, Inc	time clock system	166.67
Venture	utilities	132.84
WESCO	cloud services, meter supplies	24,583.33

Fund Total: 28,836.48

Fund: 603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Amkota	supplies	29.19
B & S Service	professional service	462.52
Banyon	support	48.75
Border States Electric Supply	supplies	303.63
City of WS	utilities	10.92
East River Electric	2026 retainer	16,036.04
EX Business Card	supplies and training	225.04
S.D. MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASS'N	meeting	200.00
SD ONE CALL SYSTEMS, INC.	locates	2.25
Security First Bank	repayment	43,316.25
Time Management Systems, Inc	time clock system	166.67
VanEngelenburg, Lucas	mileage	148.40
Venture	utilities	343.28
WAPA	purchased power	21,965.20
WESCO	cloud services	1,183.34

Fund Total: 84,441.48

Fund: 604	SEWER FUND	
Amkota	repairs	30.09
B & S Service	professional service	19.52
Banyon	support	48.75
Central Electric	utilities	75.40
EX Business Card	supplies and training	62.03
Ramkota Inn	lodging	225.00
SD One Call	locates	2.23
Time Management Systems, Inc	time clock system	166.67
Venture	utilities	132.84

Fund Total: 762.53

City of WS	Fund:	701	UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	
			utilities	250.00
			Fund Total:	250.00
			Checking Account Total:	212,392.72
			PREPAIDS	
	Fund:	101	GENERAL FUND	
Central Electric			utilities	339.63
Doll Distributing LLC			op agreement	5,106.80
Johnson Brothers			op agreement	2,007.36
Mid-Dakota			utilities	46.00
Porter			op agreement	1,449.83
Republic			op agreement	474.05
SD Municipal League			registrations	90.00
Southern Wines & Spirits of SD			op agreement	1,000.23
			Fund Total:	10,513.90
	Fund:	603	ELECTRIC FUND	
Heartland			purchased power	26,438.10
SD Municipal League			electric conference	200.00
WAPA			purchased power	26,046.04
			Fund Total:	52,684.14
	Fund:	604	SEWER FUND	
Central Electric			utilities	78.00
			Fund Total:	78.00
			Checking Account Total:	63,276.04

	PAYROLL	
Payroll	Finance Office	5,004.68
Payroll	Street	859.51
Payroll	Landfill	1,081.90
Payroll	Library	3,736.86
Payroll	Water	4,811.56
Payroll	Electric	14,636.93
Payroll	Sewer	4,811.56
SD Retirement	contributions	10,185.78
Wellmark	insurance	10,620.54
Accounts Management	payment	765.54
AFLAC	insurance	1,057.23
Colonial	insurance	526.05
Division of OASI	social security/Medicare	7,728.12
Federal Tax Payment	withholding	3,498.51
Flex Account	contributions	165.00
	Total:	\$69,489.77

Eric Prunty, representing Brosz Engineering met with the Council to discuss the 2nd Street Project. A discussion was held on the risers needed for two fire hydrants. Fastnacht motioned seconded by Maxwell to approve the change order to add 2 risers for the 2 fire hydrants at a cost of \$1,285.00 for each riser. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Tom Dean met with the Council to discuss Arbor Day and Tree City USA. Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation and authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation for Arbor Day in Wessington Springs. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Philip LaBore and Brett Lambert met with the Council. A discussion was held on the lawnmowers for the city. It was decided to table the lawnmower discussion until the next meeting.

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.

CHIP SEAL

Bituminous	Option 1.	\$3.86 PER SQ. YD.
Ortonville,MN	Option 2.	\$3.19 PER SQ. YD
The Road Guy	Option 1.	\$2.65 PER SQ. YD.
Yankton, SD	Option 2.	\$2.20 PER SQ. YD
Midwest Coating	Option 1.	\$3.48 PER SQ YD
Modale, IA	Option 2	\$2.60 PER SQ YD

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Maxwell to award the bid to The Road Guy for chip seal for Option #1 at \$2.65 per square yard. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

GRAVEL

1" Crushed Gravel

Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLP \$12.50 per ton delivered-Eagle Pit

1 ¼" Screened Gravel

Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLP \$9.50 per ton delivered-Eagle Pit

Base Course

Feistner Gravel & Excavation, LLP \$14.5 per ton delivered-Schlegal Pit

Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin to award the 1" Crushed Gravel, 1 ¼" Screened Gravel and Base Course to Feistner Gravel & Excavation LLP. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Pink Quartz Chips

Spencer Quarries \$30.60 per ton delivered Spencer Quarries

Mitchell Quarry \$28.27 per ton delivered

Vaske motioned seconded by Fastnacht to accept the bids for the Pink Quartz Chips but not award them due to using option #1 for chip sealing with the pink quartz chips included in bid. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

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

	Agtegra	CHS	Cole's
avgas	did not quote	did not quote	\$4.75

Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin, to accept the quote of \$4.75 for avgas from Cole's Petroleum of Madison. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

The 2025 annual water report was presented to the council for review and discussion.

Gary Blue, city attorney gave an update to the Council.

Mayor Ryan Kniper announced this was the time and place for the public hearing on the assessment roll for the 2024 College Avenue project. Gail Arnott was in attendance. Following a review of the assessment roll a motion was made by Vaske, seconded by Tobin to approve the following resolution

4-2026-1
**2024 College Avenue Project
Special Assessment Roll**

Whereas, the City of Wessington Springs has determined that the 2024 College Avenue Curb & gutter, sidewalks and street improvements have been completed; and

Whereas, the City of Wessington Springs had established a Resolution of Necessity to assess the lots that are fronting and abutting such improvement;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Wessington Springs will certify the 2024 Curb & Gutter Assessment Roll on file in City Hall;

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Wessington Springs will be collecting the special assessment under Plan two;

And Be It Further Resolved that the City of Wessington Springs will divide the assessment into Five (5) equal annual payments with the rate of interest to be 0% per annum, and first annual installment payment due January 1, 2027, but payments may be paid prior to due date, and each January 1st thereafter until fully paid;

And Be It Further Resolved that the special assessment shall become delinquent May 1, 2027 and shall draw a penalty of 10% and shall be certified to the County Auditor's Office for collection so September 30th;

And Be It Further Resolved the Finance Officer of the City of Wessington Springs shall notify all fronting and abutting landowners of said special assessment.

Dated this 8th day of April 2026.

Signed: _____

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

Attest: _____

Linda Willman, Finance Officer

Councilman voting for resolution: Vaske, Tobin, Maxwell, Fastnacht

Councilman voting against resolution: none Motion carried.

Fred Krohmer met with the Council for access using the alley and an address of 111 South Point Drive for his new house that is being built. Following a discussion, Vaske motioned, seconded by Tobin to approve the alley between Motor Clinic and Dollar General to be called South Point Drive. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

A discussion was held on the airport apron reconstruction project. The project is grant eligible for 95% Federal, 2.5% State and 2.5% local share. Maxwell motioned, seconded by Tobin to let bids for the airport apron reconstruction project. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

A discussion was held on the Airport Capital Improvement plan.

A discussion was held on the WAPA report.

A discussion was held on a dumpster blocking the sidewalk. It was decided to talk to the individuals.

Mayor Ryan Knipfer announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing for the Starlight Bowling LLC dba Pin Twisters on-sale liquor license application. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Tobin, seconded by Vaske to approve the on-sale liquor license application. Ayes: Tobin, Vaske, Fastnacht Nays: Maxwell M/C.

A discussion was held on 4th Street improvements. Vaske motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to table until the next meeting. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

A letter was received from ROCS for the transit program for matching funds. Following a discussion, Vaske motioned, seconded by Maxwell to approve the requested \$6000.00. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Maxwell motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve expense for the annual airport conference. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Vaske motioned, seconded by Fastnacht to approve expenses for the Heartland Lunch and Learn meeting April 23, 2026 in Sioux Falls. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Tobin motioned, seconded by Vaske to approve expenses for the Human Resources and Finance Officer School held in Oacoma June 9th to 12th, 2026. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C.

Fastnacht motioned, seconded by Tobin to adjourn. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 M/C

Ryan Knipfer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Linda Willman, Finance Officer

