

City of Alcester  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 18th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle, Darla Reppe, Brian Johnson, Kerry Hedden, and Nick Wieseler

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Lonnie Johnson, Kristi Burke, Landon Nygard, Chestiney Triebwasser, Tom Van Rooyen, Tyler Tordsen – Sioux Metro Growth Alliance, Joshua Chase, and Kevin Kuphal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for consideration for the open Ward I seat.

D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve meeting minutes from Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Public Input Tom Van Rooyen addressed council inquiring if the city had a community fund or other fund community members could donate to for different projects around town. Discussion surrounding the state guidelines and how a fund of this type would work were briefly discussed. Tyler Tordsen from Sioux Metro Growth Alliance briefly explained this would be similar to the Community Foundation and how that works. No other public input at this time.

No Legal Updates at this time.

K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 6:06pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:33pm. For motion was made at this time.

Mayor Hodgson then brought forth Ordinance 2025-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1.02, SECTION 1.0202 REGULAR MEETINGS. After reading ordinance B Johnson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then introduces Tyler Tordsen from Sioux Metro Growth Alliance. Tyler briefly gave background on what the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance is, how they could provide assistance to the City, as well as businesses and chamber of commerce. They would bring marketing capabilities for residential and industrial growth, assist with finding grants or other funding opportunities for a wide range of projects in the community. They also offer educational and networking seminars and economic development round tables. Mayor Hodgson asked what an SMGA membership would cost the city. Tyler explained their membership is based on population and Alcester fee would be \$2,200. Tyler was then asked for examples of what the SMGA has done for other communities and explained they have been able to assist Beresford and Canton with residential and industrial growth as well as Salem with economic development committee formation. Council had no other questions and Kevin Kuphal asked to address council. He explained with all the projects the City has going on and potential for future growth coming he encouraged council to consider a membership with SMGA to leverage their capabilities to enhance the growth and improvement of the City. Mayor Hodgson thanked Tyler and Kevin for their input. No action taken at this time.

D Reppe then moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the purchase a 1998 International 4900 dump truck in the amount of \$18,500 from funds received from the auction of surplus inventory. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the WasteWater Treatment Plant, K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44491 in the amount of \$6,436.20 for work completed through January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Sanitary Sewer Collection System D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying Banner Associated invoice #44495 in the amount of \$1,428.00 for work completed through January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe then moved and B Johnson seconded to approve change order #2 as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous. B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve paying pay request #2 (final) to Empire Pipe Services in the amount of \$8,117.30. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Water Facility Plan Amendment K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44572 in the amount of \$2,475.50 for work completed from Oct 2024 through Jan 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve bid from Seal Pros for new asphalt on all Beck Dr in the amount of \$67,500.12. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve bid from Seal Pros for downtown seal coat in the amount of \$30,343.32. This will provide a new seal coat on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Highway 11 to Broad St and from 1<sup>st</sup> St to 3<sup>rd</sup> St on Iowa St as well as include all new striping for parking. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then read Notice of Hearing – Equalization Board which will be held in conjunction with council meeting on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Mayor Hodgson then read a letter from the Alcester/Alcester-Hudson All School Reunion Committee. An All School Reunion will be held in conjunction with homecoming this fall on October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

B Johnson then moved and K Hedden seconded to approve February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Records Destruction List. Finance officer Hodgson addressed council to thank Kristi Burke for all her assistance in completing this monumental task of cleaning and organizing the city office. This could not have been done without her help. Being no further discussion, motion carried. Unanimous.

For reminders, Mayor Hodgson reminded all that nomination petitions for open mayoral and alder(wo)man seats are still available at the City Office and are required to be filed no later than 5pm on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm. Municipal election will be held on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the City Office with polls open 7am until 7pm. Finally, a reminder of the Herb Anderson Memorial Park fundraiser on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>, at Morningside Event Center.

Being no further business K Hedden moved D Reppe seconded to adjourn city council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned at 7:21pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer